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## Third Supplemental Trust Deed

DS Smith Plc

as Issuer

and

### Citicorp Trustee Company Limited

as Trustee

further modifying the provisions of the Principal Trust Deed dated 10 March 2015 relating to a €5,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme

28 January 2020

#### THIS THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST DEED is made on 28 January 2020

#### **BETWEEN:**

- (1) DS SMITH PLC, a company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales with company number 01377658, whose registered office is at 7th Floor, 350 Euston Road, London, NW1 3AX (the "Issuer"); and
- (2) **CITICORP TRUSTEE COMPANY LIMITED**, a company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales with company number 0235914, whose registered office is at Citigroup Centre, Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5LB (the **"Trustee"**, which expression shall, wherever the context so admits, include such company and all other persons or companies for the time being the trustee or trustees of this Trust Deed) as trustee for the Noteholders and the Couponholders.

#### WHEREAS:

- (A) This Third Supplemental Trust Deed is supplemental to and modifies the provisions of the trust deed dated 10 March 2015 (the "Principal Trust Deed") as supplemented by a first supplemental trust deed dated 19 April 2016 (the "First Supplemental Trust Deed") and a second supplemental trust deed dated 14 July 2017 (the "Second Supplemental Trust Deed"), each made between the Issuer and the Trustee relating to the €5,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme (the "Programme") established by the Issuer.
- (B) On 28 January 2020, the Issuer published a modified and updated Prospectus relating to the Programme.
- (C) The Issuer and the Trustee have agreed to enter into this Third Supplemental Trust Deed to effect changes to the Conditions of the Notes as set out in Schedule 3 of the Principal Trust Deed.

NOW THIS THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST DEED WITNESSES AND IT IS AGREED AND DECLARED as follows:

#### 1. **DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

All words and expressions defined in the Principal Trust Deed shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meanings in this Third Supplemental Trust Deed.

#### 2. SUPPLEMENT TO PRINCIPAL TRUST DEED

- 2.1 The provisions of the Principal Trust Deed, as amended by the First Supplemental Trust Deed and the Second Supplemental Trust Deed, are hereby modified in relation to all Series of Notes issued on or after the date of this Third Supplemental Trust Deed (other than any such Notes issued so as to be consolidated and form a single Series with any Notes issued prior to the date of this Third Supplemental Trust Deed) by the deletion of the Conditions set out in Schedule 3 of the Principal Trust Deed, as amended, and the substitution thereof with the terms and conditions set out in Schedule 1 hereto.
- 2.2 The provisions of the Principal Trust Deed as modified by this Third Supplemental Trust Deed shall be valid and binding obligations of each of the Issuer and the Trustee.
- 2.3 The Principal Trust Deed, the First Supplemental Trust Deed, the Second Supplemental Trust Deed and this Third Supplemental Trust Deed shall henceforth be read and construed together as one trust deed.
- 2.4 A memorandum of this Third Supplemental Trust Deed shall be endorsed by the Trustee on the original of the Principal Trust Deed and by the Issuer on their respective duplicates thereof.

#### 3. MISCELLANEOUS

The provisions of Clauses 25 (*Notices*), 26 (*Governing Law*), 27 (*Contracts (Rights Of Third Parties) Act 1999*) and 28 (*Counterparts*) of the Principal Trust Deed shall apply *mutatis mutandis* as if the same were incorporated herein, save that any reference therein to "this Trust Deed" shall be deemed to be a reference to this Third Supplemental Trust Deed.

**IN WITNESS** whereof this Third Supplemental Trust Deed has been executed as a deed by the Issuer and the Trustee and delivered on the date first stated on page 1.

#### **SCHEDULE 1**

#### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES**

This Note is one of a Series (as defined below) of Notes issued by DS Smith Plc (the "**Issuer**") constituted by, having the benefit of and subject to a trust deed (such trust deed as modified and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the "**Trust Deed**") dated 10 March 2015 made between the Issuer and Citicorp Trustee Company Limited (the "**Trustee**", which expression shall include any successor as Trustee).

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

- (a) in relation to any Notes represented by a global Note (a "**Global Note**"), units of each Specified Denomination in the Specified Currency;
- (b) any Global Note;
- (c) any definitive Notes in bearer form ("**Bearer Notes**") issued in exchange for a Global Note in bearer form; and
- (d) any definitive Notes in registered form ("**Registered Notes**") (whether or not issued in exchange for a Global Note in registered form).

The Notes and the Coupons (as defined below) have the benefit of an agency agreement (such Agency Agreement as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the "Agency Agreement") dated 10 March 2015 and made between the Issuer, the Trustee, Citibank, N.A., London Branch as issuing and principal paying agent (the "Principal Paying Agent", which expression shall include any successor principal paying agent) and the other paying agents named therein (together with the Principal Paying Agent, the "Paying Agents", which expression shall include any additional or successor paying agents), Citigroup Global Markets Europe AG as registrar (the "Registrar" which expression shall include any successor registrar) and the other transfer agents named therein (together with the Registrar, the "Transfer Agents", which expression shall include any additional or successor transfer agents and the Paying Agents, the Registrar and the Transfer Agents being together, the "Agents").

Interest bearing definitive Bearer Notes have interest coupons ("**Coupons**") and, in the case of such Notes which, when issued in definitive form, have more than 27 interest payments remaining, talons for further Coupons ("**Talons**") attached on issue. Any reference herein to Coupons or coupons shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to include a reference to Talons or talons. Global Notes do not have Coupons or Talons attached on issue.

The final terms for this Note (or the relevant provisions thereof) are set out in Part A of the Final Terms attached to or endorsed on this Note which complete these Terms and Conditions (the "**Conditions**"). References to the "**applicable Final Terms**" are to Part A of the Final Terms (or the relevant provisions thereof) attached to or endorsed on this Note.

The Trustee acts for the benefit of the holders for the time being of the Notes (the "**Noteholders**", which expression shall, in relation to any Notes represented by a Global Note, be construed as provided below) and the holders of the Coupons (the "**Couponholders**", which expression shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include the holders of the Talons) in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Trust Deed.

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 (a) expressed to be consolidated and form a single series and (b) identical in all respects (including as to listing and admission to trading) save for the amount, the issue price and the date of the first payment of interest thereon.

Copies of the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement are available for inspection during normal business hours at the registered office for the time being of the Trustee being at Citigroup Centre, Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5LB, United Kingdom and at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent. If the Notes are to be admitted to trading on the regulated market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, the applicable Final Terms will be published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (<u>www.bourse.lu</u>). The Noteholders and the Couponholders are deemed to have notice of, and are entitled to the benefit of, all the provisions of the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement and the applicable Final Terms which are applicable to them. The statements in the Conditions include summaries of, and are subject to, the detailed provisions of the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement.

Words and expressions defined in the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement or used in the applicable Final Terms shall have the same meanings where used in the Conditions unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise stated and provided that, in the event of inconsistency between the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement, the Trust Deed will prevail and, in the event of inconsistency between the Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement and the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms will prevail.

In the Conditions, "**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.

#### 1. FORM, DENOMINATION AND TITLE

The Notes are in bearer form or in registered form and, in the case of definitive Notes, serially numbered, in the currency (the **"Specified Currency**") and the denominations (the **"Specified Denomination(s)**") specified in the applicable Final Terms. Notes of one Specified Denomination may not be exchanged for Notes of another Specified Denomination.

The Notes will be issued in such denominations as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer, save that the minimum denomination of each Note will be such amount as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant Specified Currency, and save that the minimum denomination of each Note will be  $\leq 100,000$  (or, if the Notes are denominated in a currency other than euro, the equivalent amount in such currency).

This Note may be a Fixed Rate Note, a Floating Rate Note or a Zero Coupon Note, or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending upon the Interest Basis shown in the applicable Final Terms.

Bearer Notes in definitive form ("**Definitive Bearer Notes**") are serially numbered and are issued with Coupons attached, unless they are Zero Coupon Notes in which case references to Coupons and Couponholders in the Conditions are not applicable.

Subject as set out below, title to Bearer Notes, Coupons and Talons will pass by delivery. Title to the Registered Notes will pass by registration in the register that the Issuer shall procure to be kept by the Registrar in accordance with the provisions of the Agency Agreement. The Issuer, any Agent and the Trustee will (except as otherwise required by law) deem and treat the bearer of any Bearer Note or Coupon and the registered holder of any Registered Note as the absolute owner thereof (whether or not overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing thereon or notice of any previous loss or theft thereof) for all purposes and shall incur no liability for so doing and, in the case of any Global Note, without prejudice to the provisions set out in the next paragraph.

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, S.A. ("Clearstream, **Luxembourg**"), each person (other than Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg) who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear or of Clearstream, Luxembourg as the holder of a particular nominal amount of such Notes (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as to the nominal amount of such Notes standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer, the Agents and the Trustee as the holder of such nominal amount of such Notes for all purposes other than with respect to the payment of principal or interest on such nominal amount of such Notes, for which purpose the bearer of the relevant Bearer Global Note or the registered holder of the relevant Registered Global Note shall be treated by the Issuer, any Agent and the Trustee as the holder of such nominal amount of such Notes in accordance with and subject to the terms of the relevant Global Note and the expressions "Noteholder", "holder of Notes" and "**holder**" and related expressions shall be construed accordingly. In determining whether a particular person is entitled to a particular nominal amount of Notes as aforesaid, the Trustee may rely on such evidence and/or information and/or certification as it shall, in its absolute discretion, think fit and, if it does so rely, such evidence and/or information and/or certification shall, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive and binding on all concerned.

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 Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be. References to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system specified in Part B of the applicable Final Terms.

#### 2. TRANSFERS OF REGISTERED NOTES

#### 2.1 Transfers of interests in Registered Global Notes

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

#### 2.2 Registered Notes in definitive form

Subject as provided in Condition 2.6 (*Closed Periods*) below, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Agency Agreement, a Registered Note in definitive form (a "**Definitive Registered Note**") may be transferred in whole or in part (in the Specified Denomination(s) set out in the applicable Final Terms). In order to effect any such transfer, (a) the holder or holders must (i) surrender the Registered Note for registration of the transfer of the Registered Note (or the relevant part of the Registered Note) at the specified office of the Registrar or any Transfer Agent, with the form of transfer thereon duly executed by the holder or holders thereof or his or their attorney or attorneys duly authorised in writing (and, if applicable, a certified copy of the instrument duly authorising such attorney or attorneys) and (ii) complete and deposit such other certifications as may be required by

the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent and (b) the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent must, after due and careful enquiry, be satisfied with the documents of title and the identity of the person making the request. Any such transfer will be subject to such reasonable regulations as the Issuer and the Registrar may from time to time prescribe (the initial such regulations being set out in schedule 4 to the Agency Agreement). Subject as provided above, the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent will, within three business days (being, for this purpose, a day on which banks are open for business in the city where the specified office of the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent is located) of the request (or such longer period as may be required to comply with any applicable fiscal or other laws or regulations), authenticate and deliver, or procure the authentication and delivery of, at its specified office to the transferee or (at the risk of the transferee) send by regular uninsured mail, to such address as the transferee may request, a new Definitive Registered Note of a like aggregate nominal amount to the Registered Note (or the relevant part of the Registered Note) transferred. In the case of the transfer of part only of a Definitive Registered Note, a new Definitive Registered Note in respect of the balance of the Registered Note not transferred will be so authenticated and delivered or (at the risk of the transferor) sent to the transferor.

#### 2.3 Registration of transfer upon partial redemption

In the event of a partial redemption of Notes under Condition 7 (*Redemption and Purchase*), the Issuer shall not be required to register the transfer of any Registered Note, or part of a Registered Note, called for partial redemption.

#### 2.4 Costs of registration

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

#### 2.5 Exchanges and transfers of Registered Notes generally

Holders of Definitive Registered Notes may exchange such Notes for interests in a Registered Global Note of the same type at any time.

#### 2.6 Closed Periods

No Noteholder may require the transfer of a Registered Note to be registered (i) during the period of 15 days ending on the date for redemption of that Note, (ii) during the period of 15 days prior to any date on which Notes may be called for redemption by the Issuer at its option pursuant to Condition 7.3 (*Redemption at the option of the Issuer (Issuer Call*)) or Condition 7.4 (*Redemption at par at the option of the Issuer (Issuer Call*)), (iii) after any such Note has been called for redemption or (iv) during the period of seven days ending on (and including) any Record Date.

#### 3. STATUS OF THE NOTES

(a) The Notes and any relative Coupons are direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and (subject to the provisions of Condition 4 (*Negative Pledge*)) unsecured obligations of the Issuer and rank *pari passu* among themselves and (save for certain obligations required to be preferred by law) equally with all other unsecured obligations (other than subordinated obligations, if any) of the Issuer from time to time outstanding.

- (b) If, after the first Tranche of the Notes comprising a Series is issued and as long as any Note comprising such Series remains outstanding, (i) any of the Issuer's Subsidiaries that is not a Guarantor provides a Guarantee under any Financing and (ii) it is lawful for such Subsidiary to do so, the Issuer shall so notify the Trustee in writing and shall enter into, and shall procure that any such Subsidiary enters into, a supplemental trust deed to the Trust Deed (in form and substance satisfactory to the Trustee) pursuant to which such Subsidiary shall become party to the Trust Deed as a guarantor and irrevocably and unconditionally guarantee, on a pari passu basis with such Subsidiary's obligations as guarantor under such Financing, the due and punctual payment of all sums from time to time payable by the Issuer in respect of the Notes, the Coupons and the Trust Deed and execute all such other documents as the Trustee may require to give effect to such guarantee. The Issuer shall promptly give notice to the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar (in the case of Registered Notes) and the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*) of the accession of any such new Guarantor.
- (c) If any Guarantor ceases to be a guarantor under the Financings and shall have been fully and unconditionally released from all of its obligations and liabilities under Guarantees under all such Financings, such Guarantor (a "Released Guarantor") shall, upon receipt of the notice described in this Condition 3(c), be discharged from all of its obligations and liabilities under its Guarantee of the Notes without any further action required on the part of the Trustee, any Noteholder or any Couponholder. With respect to any such Guarantor that ceases to be a guarantor under the Financings, the Issuer will deliver a notice signed by two Directors notifying the Trustee that such Guarantor has been fully and unconditionally released from all of its obligations and liabilities under Guarantees of all such Financings and such notice will contain a certification that, as at the date of such notice, no Event of Default or a Potential Event of Default is continuing or will result from the release of that Guarantor from its obligations as guarantor of the Notes and Coupons. Such notice may be relied upon by the Trustee without liability and without further enquiry or evidence, and if relied upon by the Trustee, shall, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive and binding on all parties. Any Guarantor not so released shall remain irrevocably and unconditionally liable for its obligations under the Guarantee of the Notes. The Issuer shall promptly give notice to the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar (in the case of Registered Notes) and the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (Notices) following any such release of a Guarantor. If a Released Guarantor issues a Guarantee under any of the Financings at any time subsequent to the date on which it is released from the Guarantee of the Notes as described above, it will be required to provide a guarantee as described in, and subject to the provisions of, Condition 3(b) above.
- (d) The Issuer and the Principal Paying Agent shall maintain an updated list of Guarantors, which shall be available for inspection at their respective registered offices upon request. The Trustee shall be under no obligation to ascertain whether a Subsidiary of the Issuer should become a Guarantor pursuant to Condition 3(b) and until it shall have received express notice thereof pursuant to this Condition to the contrary, it shall be entitled to assume that no Subsidiary of the Issuer is required to become a Guarantor pursuant to Condition 3(b).
- (e) In this Condition:

#### "Financing" means:

- the £800,000,000 revolving credit facility dated 20 May 2014 (as amended and restated from time to time) between, amongst others, the Issuer and The Royal Bank of Scotland plc as facility agent;
- (ii) the €300,000,000 term loan facility dated 20 May 2014 (as amended and restated from time to time) between, amongst others, the Issuer and The Royal Bank of Scotland plc as facility agent; and
- (iii) the Private Placement Notes,

or any refinancing, renewal or substitution thereof (however many times), whether entered into by the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries.

"**Guarantee**" means, in relation to any Indebtedness for Borrowed Money of any person, any obligation of another person to pay such Indebtedness for Borrowed Money, including, without limitation:

- (iv) any obligation to purchase such Indebtedness for Borrowed Money;
- (v) any obligation to lend money, purchase or subscribe shares or other securities or purchase assets or services in order to provide funds for the payment of such Indebtedness for Borrowed Money;
- (vi) any indemnity against the consequences of a default in the payment of such Indebtedness for Borrowed Money; and
- (vii) any other agreement to be responsible for such Indebtedness for Borrowed Money;

"**Guarantor**" means any of the Issuer's Subsidiaries which becomes a guarantor pursuant to Condition 3(b) but excluding any Released Guarantor which has ceased to be a guarantor pursuant to Condition 3(c);

**"Indebtedness for Borrowed Money**" means any indebtedness for or in respect of:

- (viii) moneys borrowed; or
- (i) any derivative transaction protecting against or benefiting from fluctuations in any rate or price (and, except for non-payment of an amount, the then mark-to-market value of the derivative transaction will be used to calculate its amount);

#### "Private Placement Notes" means:

- (ix) the Issuer's €59,000,000 4.83% Senior Notes due August 2020; and
- the Issuer's U.S.\$10,000,000 4.28% Series C Senior Notes due 6 August 2020, U.S.\$30,000,000 4.47% Series D Senior Notes due 6 August 2021 and the U.S.\$268,000,000 4.65% Series E Senior Notes due 2022,

in each case, as amended and restated from time to time; and

"**Subsidiary**" means, in relation to any entity, any company which is for the time being a subsidiary (within the meaning of Section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006) of such entity.

#### 4. **NEGATIVE PLEDGE**

So long as any Note or Coupon remains outstanding (as defined in the Trust Deed), the Issuer will not, and will ensure that none of its Subsidiaries will, create, assume or permit to subsist any mortgage, charge, lien, pledge or other security interest (a "**Security Interest**"), upon the whole or any part of its present or future undertaking, assets or revenues (including any uncalled capital) to secure any Relevant Indebtedness or to secure any guarantee or indemnity in respect of any Relevant Indebtedness, without at the same time or prior thereto according to the Notes and the Coupons the same security as is created, assumed or subsisting to secure any such Relevant Indebtedness, guarantee or indemnity or such other security as either (i) the Trustee shall in its absolute discretion deem not materially less beneficial to the interest of the Noteholders or (ii) shall be approved by an Extraordinary Resolution (as defined in the Trust Deed) of the Noteholders, save that the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries may create or have outstanding (without any obligation to secure any Note or Coupon) a Permitted Security Interest. In this Condition:

"**Permitted Security Interest**" means a Security Interest on the undertaking or assets of a company acquired by the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries after the Issue Date, provided that such Security Interest was not created in contemplation of such acquisition and the principal amount secured by such Security Interest has not been increased in contemplation of or since such acquisition; and

"**Relevant Indebtedness**" means any indebtedness of any person which is in the form of, or represented or evidenced by, bonds, notes, debentures, depositary receipts, loan stock or other securities which for the time being are or are capable of being quoted, listed or dealt in or traded on any stock exchange or over-the-counter or other securities market.

#### 5. INTEREST

The applicable Final Terms will indicate whether the Notes are Fixed Rate Notes, Floating Rate Notes or Zero Coupon Notes.

#### 5.1 Interest on Fixed Rate Notes

Each Fixed Rate Note bears interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date at the rate(s) per annum equal to the Rate(s) of Interest. Interest will be payable in arrear on the Interest Payment Date(s) in each year up to (and including) the Maturity Date.

If the Notes are in definitive form, except as provided in the applicable Final Terms, the amount of interest payable 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. Payment of any Broken Amount will, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, be made on the Interest Payment Date(s) specified in the applicable Final Terms.

As used in these 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 in definitive form 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:

- (a) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes which are represented by a Global Note, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Fixed Rate Notes represented by such Global Note; or
- (b) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes in definitive form, the Calculation Amount as specified in the applicable Final Terms;

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.

**"Day Count Fraction**" means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest in accordance with this Condition 5.1 (*Interest on Fixed Rate Notes*):

- (c) if "Actual/Actual (ICMA)" is specified in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (xi) 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 (I) the number of days in such Determination Period and (II) the number of Determination Dates (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) that would occur in one calendar year; or
  - (xii) 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; and
- (d) if "30/360" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (such number of days being calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months) divided by 360.

In these 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.

#### 5.2 Interest on Floating Rate Notes

#### (a) Interest Payment Dates

Each Floating Rate Note bears interest 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. In these Conditions, "**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.

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

- (A) in any case where Specified Periods are specified in accordance with Condition 5.2(a)(ii) above, the Floating Rate Convention, such Interest Payment Date (a) in the case of (x) above, shall be the last day that is a Business Day in the relevant month and the provisions of (ii) below shall apply *mutatis mutandis* or (b) 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 (i) such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day and (ii) 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
- (B) the Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day; or
- (C) 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

(D) the Preceding Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.

In these Conditions, "Business Day" means a day which is both:

- (a) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in London and each Additional Business Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (b) either (i) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (which if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars shall be Sydney and Auckland, respectively) or (ii) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System (the TARGET2 System) is open.

#### (b) Rate of Interest on Floating Rate Notes

The Rate of Interest payable from time to time in respect of Floating Rate 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 subparagraph (i), **ISDA Rate** for an Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the Principal Paying Agent under an interest rate swap transaction if the Principal Paying Agent were acting as Calculation Agent for that swap transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions, as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. and as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes (the "**ISDA Definitions**") and under which:

- (A) the Floating Rate Option is as specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- (B) the Designated Maturity is a period specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (C) the relevant Reset Date is the day specified in the applicable Final Terms.

For the purposes of this subparagraph (i), "Floating Rate", "Calculation Agent", "Floating Rate Option", "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 Rate of Interest shall be deemed to be zero.

- (ii) Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes
  - (A) Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be either:
    - (1) the offered quotation; or
    - (2) the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations,

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

The Agency Agreement contains provisions for determining the Rate of Interest in the event that the Relevant Screen Page is not available or if, in the case of (1) above, no such offered quotation appears or, in the case of (2) above, fewer than three such offered quotations appear, in each case as at the time specified in the preceding paragraph.

For this purpose:

"EURIBOR" means the Euro-zone inter-bank offered rates; and

"LIBOR" means the London inter-bank offered rates.

(B) Reference Rate Replacement:

If:

- (1) Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined; and
- (2) the Issuer determines (in consultation with the Principal Paying Agent, the Calculation Agent and/or the Determination Agent, as applicable) that a Benchmark Event (as defined below) has occurred when any Rate of Interest

(or relevant component part thereof) remains to be determined by reference to LIBOR or EURIBOR,

then the following provisions shall apply to the relevant Notes:

- (a) the Issuer shall, as soon as is reasonably practicable, use all reasonable efforts to appoint an Independent Adviser to determine (in each case in consultation with the Issuer) a Successor Rate, failing which an Alternative Reference Rate and in either case, an Adjustment Spread (if any) (each as defined and as further described below) (in any such case, acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner) for the purposes of determining the Rate of Interest applicable to the Notes for all future Interest Periods (subject to the subsequent operation of this subparagraph (B)(2) during any other future Interest Period(s)).
- (b) Subject to sub-paragraph (B)(2)(c), if:
  - the Independent Adviser acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner (in consultation with the Issuer), no later than five Business Days prior to the Interest Determination Date relating to the next succeeding Interest Period (the "IA Determination Cut-off Date"), determines that:

(1) there is a Successor Rate, then such Successor Rate (as adjusted by the applicable Adjustment Spread) shall subsequently be used in place of the Original Reference Rate to determine the Rate of Interest (or the relevant component part thereof) for all future payments of interest on the Notes (subject to the subsequent operation of this sub-paragraph (B)(2) during any other future Interest Period(s)); or

(2) there is no Successor Rate but that there is an Alternative Reference Rate, then such Alternative Reference Rate (as adjusted by the applicable Adjustment Spread) shall subsequently be used in place of the Original Reference Rate to determine the Rate of Interest (or the relevant component part thereof) for all future payments of interest on the Notes (subject to the subsequent operation of this sub-paragraph (B)(2) during any other future Interest Period(s)); or

- the Issuer is unable to appoint an (ii) Independent Adviser, or if the Independent Adviser appointed by the Issuer in accordance with sub-paragraph (B)(2)(a)fails to determine a Successor Rate or, failing which, an Alternative Reference Rate and in either case, an Adjustment Spread (if any) prior to the relevant IA Determination Cut-off Date, the Issuer (acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner), no later than three Business Days prior to the Interest Determination Date relating to the Period (the "Issuer next Interest Determination Cut-off Date"), determines a Successor Rate or, failing which, an Alternative Reference Rate and in either case, an Adjustment Spread (if any) for the purposes of determining the Rate of Interest applicable to the Notes for all future Interest Periods (subject to the subsequent operation of this sub-paragraph (B)(2) during any other future Interest Period(s)),
- such Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate shall be the Reference Rate for all future Interest Periods (subject to the subsequent operation of this sub-paragraph (B)(2) during any other future Interest Period(s)).

Without prejudice to the definition thereof, for the purposes of determining an Alternative Reference Rate, the Independent Adviser or the Issuer (as applicable) will take into account relevant and applicable market precedents, as well as any published guidance from relevant associations involved in the establishment of market standards and/or protocols in the international debt capital markets and such other materials as the Independent Adviser or the Issuer (as applicable), in its sole discretion, considers appropriate; and

(B) such Adjustment Spread (which may be expressed as a specified quantum or a formula or methodology for determining the applicable Adjustment Spread (and, for the avoidance of doubt, an Adjustment Spread may be positive, negative or zero)) shall be applied to such Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate (as the case may be) for all future Interest Periods (subject to the subsequent operation of this sub-paragraph (B)(2)). Without prejudice to the definition thereof, for the purposes of determining an

then:

Adjustment Spread, the Independent Adviser or the Issuer (as applicable) will take into account relevant and applicable market precedents, as well as any published guidance from relevant associations involved in the establishment of market standards and/or protocols in the international debt capital markets and such other materials as the Independent Adviser or the Issuer, in its sole discretion (as applicable), considers appropriate.

- (c) Notwithstanding the sub-paragraphs of Condition 5.2(b)(ii) above, if:
  - (i) the Independent Adviser appointed by the Issuer in accordance with sub-paragraph (B)(2)(a) notifies the Issuer prior to the IA Determination Cut-off Date that it has determined that no Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate exists;
  - (ii) the Independent Adviser appointed by the Issuer in accordance with sub-paragraph (B)(2)(a) fails to determine a Successor Rate or, failing which, an Alternative Reference Rate prior to the relevant IA Determination Cut-off Date, without notifying the Issuer as contemplated in sub-paragraph (B)(2)(b)(i), and the Issuer (acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner) determines prior to the Issuer Determination Cut-off Date that no Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate exists; or
  - (iii) no Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate and/or applicable Adjustment Spread is otherwise determined in accordance with sub-paragraph (B)(2)(b) prior to the Issuer Determination Cut-off Date,

the relevant Rate of Interest shall be determined as at the last preceding Interest Determination Date (though substituting, where a different Margin is to be applied to the relevant Interest Period from that which applied to the last preceding Interest Period, the Margin relating to the relevant Interest Period in place of the Margin relating to that last preceding Interest Period).

This sub-paragraph (B)(2)(c) shall apply to the relevant Interest Period only. Any subsequent Interest Period(s) shall be subject to the operation of this sub-paragraph (B)(2).

(d) Promptly following the determination of any Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate as described in this subparagraph (B)(2), the Issuer shall give notice thereof and of any Adjustment Spread (and the effective date(s) thereof) and any Floating Rate Calculation Changes (defined below) to the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent, any Calculation Agent, any Determination Agent and, in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*), the Noteholders, provided that failure to provide such notice will have no impact on the effectiveness of, or otherwise invalidate, any such determination.

- (e) The Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent shall, at the direction of the Issuer (following consultation with the Principal Paying Agent, the Calculation Agent and/or the Determination Agent, as applicable), effect such waivers and consequential amendments (the "Floating Rate Calculation Changes") to the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement, these Terms and Conditions and any other document as may be required to give effect to any application of this sub-paragraph (B)(2), including, but not limited to:
  - changes to these Terms and Conditions which the (i) Independent Adviser (in consultation with the Issuer) or the Issuer (as applicable) determines may be required in order to follow market practice (determined according to factors including, but not limited to, public statements, opinions and publications of industry bodies and organisations) in relation to such Successor Rate, Alternative Reference Rate and/or (in either case) Adjustment Spread, including, but not limited to (A) the relevant Business Centre(s), Business Day, Business Day Convention, Day Count Fraction, and/or Interest Determination Date applicable to the Notes and (B) the method for determining the fallback to the Rate of Interest in relation to the Notes if such Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate is not available; and
  - (ii) any other changes which the Independent Adviser (in consultation with the Issuer) or the Issuer (as applicable) determines are reasonably necessary to ensure the proper operation and comparability to the relevant Reference Rate of such Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate.

Prior to any Floating Rate Calculation Changes taking effect, the Issuer shall provide a certificate signed by two authorised signatories of the Issuer to the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent and, where applicable, the Calculation Agent or the Determination Agent, which (i) provides details of the Floating Rate Calculation Changes and (ii) certifies that the Floating Rate Calculation Changes are required to give effect to any application of this sub-paragraph (B)(2), and the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent and, where applicable, the Calculation Agent or the Determination Agent shall be entitled to rely on such certificate without further enquiry or liability to any person. For the avoidance of doubt, the Trustee shall not be liable to the Noteholders or any other person for so acting or relying, irrespective of whether any such modification is or may be materially prejudicial to the interests of any such person. Such changes shall apply to the Notes for all future Interest Periods (subject to the subsequent operation of this sub-paragraph (B)(2)).

The Trustee shall not be obliged to agree to any Floating Rate Calculation Changes if in the sole opinion of the Trustee doing so would impose more onerous obligations upon it or expose it to any additional duties, responsibilities or liabilities or reduce rights and/or the protective provisions afforded to the Trustee in these Terms and Conditions or the Trust Deed.

No consent of the Noteholders shall be required in connection with effecting the relevant Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate as described in this sub-paragraph (B)(2) or such other relevant adjustments pursuant to this subparagraph (B)(2), or any Adjustment Spread, including for the execution of, or amendment to, any documents or the taking of other steps by the Issuer or any of the parties to the Trust Deed and/or the Agency Agreement (if required).

(f) For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (B)(2):

"Adjustment Spread" means a spread (which may be positive, negative or zero) or formula or methodology for calculating a spread, which is required to be applied to the Successor Rate or the Alternative Reference Rate and is the spread, formula or methodology which:

- (a) is formally recommended in relation to the replacement of the Reference Rate specified in the applicable Final Terms with such Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate by any Relevant Nominating Body; or,
- (b) if no such formal recommendation has been made, the Independent Adviser (in consultation with the Issuer) or, failing which, the Issuer, determines is recognised or acknowledged as being in customary market usage in international debt capital markets transactions which reference the relevant Reference Rate, where such rate has been replaced by the Successor Rate or the Alternative Reference Rate (as the case may be); or
- (c) if neither (a) nor (b) above applies, the Independent Adviser in its discretion (in consultation with the Issuer), or failing which, the Issuer in its discretion, determines (acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner) to be appropriate

in order to reduce or eliminate, to the extent reasonably practicable in the circumstances, any economic prejudice or benefit (as applicable) to Noteholders as a result of the replacement of the relevant Reference Rate with such Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable);

"Alternative Reference Rate" means the rate that has replaced the relevant Reference Rate in customary market usage in the international debt capital markets for the purposes of determining floating rates of interest (or the relevant component part thereof) in respect of notes denominated in the Specified Currency and with an interest period of a comparable duration to the relevant Interest Periods, or, if the Independent Adviser (in consultation with the Issuer) or, failing which, the Issuer (in consultation with the Principal Paying Agent, the Calculation Agent and/or the Determination Agent, as applicable, and acting in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner) determines that there is no such rate, such other rate as the Independent Adviser (in consultation with the Issuer) or, failing which, the Issuer (in consultation with the Principal Paying Agent, the Calculation Agent and/or the Determination Agent, as applicable, and acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner) determines in the Independent Advisor's or the Issuer's sole discretion is most comparable to the relevant Reference Rate;

#### "Benchmark Event" means:

- the relevant Original Reference Rate has ceased to be published for at least five Business Days on the Relevant Screen Page as a result of such benchmark ceasing to be calculated or administered; or
- a public statement by the administrator of the relevant Original Reference Rate that it will, by a specified date within the following 6 months, cease publishing such Original Reference Rate permanently or indefinitely (in circumstances where no successor administrator has been appointed that will continue publication of such Original Reference Rate); or
- (iii) a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the relevant Original Reference Rate that such Original Reference Rate has been or will be, by a specified date within the following 6 months, permanently or indefinitely discontinued; or
- (iv) a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the relevant Original Reference Rate that means that such Original Reference Rate will be prohibited from being used or that its use will be subject to restrictions or adverse consequences, in each case by a specified date within the following 6 months; or
- (v) a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the relevant Original Reference Rate announcing that such Original

Reference Rate is no longer representative or may no longer be used; or

(vi) it has or will on or prior to a specified date within the following 6 months become unlawful for the Principal Paying Agent or the Issuer to calculate any payments due to be made to any Noteholder using the relevant Original Reference Rate (including, without limitation, under the Benchmarks Regulation, if applicable).

"**Independent Adviser**" means an independent financial institution of international repute or other independent financial adviser experienced in the international debt capital markets, in each case appointed by the Issuer at the Issuer's expense; and

"**Original Reference Rate**" means the Reference Rate originally specified for the purpose of determining the relevant Rate of Interest (or any relevant component part(s) thereof) applicable to the Notes (or, if applicable, any Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate (or component part thereof)) determined and applicable to the Notes pursuant to the earlier operation of Condition 5.2(b).

"**Relevant Nominating Body**" means, in respect of the Reference Rate specified in the applicable Final Terms:

- the central bank for the currency to which such Reference Rate relates, or any central bank or other supervisory authority which is responsible for supervising the administrator of such Reference Rate; or
- (ii) any working group or committee sponsored by, chaired or co-chaired by or constituted at the request of (a) the central bank for the currency to which such Reference Rate relates, (b) any central bank or other supervisory authority which is responsible for supervising the administrator of such Reference Rate, (c) a group of the aforementioned central banks or other supervisory authorities, or (d) the Financial Stability Board or any part thereof.

"Successor Rate" means a successor to or replacement of the Original Reference Rate, which is formally recommended by any Relevant Nominating Body.

#### (c) Minimum Rate of Interest and/or Maximum Rate of Interest

If the applicable Final Terms specifies a Minimum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) above is less than such Minimum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Minimum Rate of Interest.

If the applicable Final Terms specifies a Maximum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) above is greater than such Maximum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Maximum Rate of Interest.

#### (d) Determination of Rate of Interest and calculation of Interest Amounts

The Principal Paying Agent 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. The Principal Paying Agent will calculate the amount of interest (the Interest Amount) payable on the Floating Rate Notes for the relevant Interest Period by applying the Rate of Interest to:

- (A) in the case of Floating Rate 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
- (B) in the case of Floating Rate Notes in definitive form, 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 Floating Rate 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.

**"Day Count Fraction**" means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest in accordance with this Condition 5.2 (*Interest on Floating Rate Notes*):

- (ii) 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 (I) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (II) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (iii) if "Actual/365 (Fixed)" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365;
- (iv) 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;
- (v) if "Actual/360" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360;
- (vi) 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:

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

where:

" $Y_1$ " is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

" $Y_2$ " is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

 $M_1''$  is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

" $M_2$ " is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

" $D_1$ " is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number is 31, in which case  $D_1$  will be 30; and

" $D_2$ " 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  $D_1$  is greater than 29, in which case  $D_2$  will be 30;

(vii) 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:

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

where:

" $Y_1$ " is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

" $Y_2$ " is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

 $M_1$  is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

 $M_2''$  is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

" $D_1$ " is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D1 will be 30; and

" $D_2$ " 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 D2 will be 30;

(viii) 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:

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

where:

" $Y_1$ " is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

" $Y_2$ " is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

 $M_1''$  is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

" $M_2$ " is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

" $D_1$ " 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 D1 will be 30; and

" $D_2$ " 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 D2 will be 30.

#### (e) Linear Interpolation

Where Linear Interpolation is specified as applicable in respect of an Interest Period in the applicable Final Terms, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be calculated by the Principal Paying Agent by straight line linear interpolation by reference to two rates based on the relevant Reference Rate (where Screen Rate Determination is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms) or the relevant Floating Rate Option (where ISDA Determination is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms), one of which shall be determined as if the Designated Maturity were the period of time for which rates are available next shorter than the length of the relevant Interest Period and the other of which shall be determined as if the Designated Maturity were the period of time for which rates are available next longer than the length of the relevant Interest Period, provided however that if there is no rate available for a period of time next shorter or, as the case may be, next longer, then the Principal Paying Agent shall determine such rate at such time and by reference to such sources as it determines appropriate.

In this Condition, "**Designated Maturity**" means, in relation to Screen Rate Determination, the period of time designated in the Reference Rate and, in relation to ISDA Determination, as so specified in the applicable Final Terms.

#### (f) Notification of Rate of Interest and Interest Amounts

The Principal Paying Agent will cause the Rate of Interest and each Interest Amount for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date to be notified to the Issuer, the Trustee, the Registrar (in the case of Registered Notes) and any stock exchange on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes are for the time being listed (by no later than the first day of each Interest Period) 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 promptly be notified to the Issuer, the Trustee, the Registrar in the case of Registered Notes and each stock exchange on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes are for the time being listed and to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*). For the purposes of this paragraph, 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.

#### (g) 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 5.2 (*Interest on Floating Rate Notes*) by the Principal Paying Agent shall (in the absence of wilful default, bad faith or manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent, the other Paying Agents, the Registrar and all Noteholders and Couponholders and (in the absence of wilful default or bad faith) no liability to the Issuer, the Noteholders or the Couponholders shall attach to the Principal Paying Agent or the Trustee in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions pursuant to such provisions.

#### 5.3 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 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
- (b) five 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 notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*), except to the extent that there is default in the subsequent payment thereof in accordance with the Conditions to the Noteholders or Couponholders (as the case may be).

#### 5.4 Adjustment of Rate of Interest for Fixed Rate Notes and Floating Rate Notes

If a Step Up Rating Change and/or Step Down Rating Change is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the following terms relating to the Rate of Interest for the Notes shall apply:

- (a) The Rate of Interest payable on the Notes will be subject to adjustment from time to time in the event of a Step Up Rating Change and/or a Step Down Rating Change, as the case may be.
- (b) Subject to Condition 5.4(d) and 5.4(h) below, from and including the first Interest Payment Date following the date of a Step Up Rating Change, the Rate of Interest (in the case of Fixed Rate Notes) or the Margin (in the case of Floating Rate Notes) payable on the Notes shall be increased by the Step Up Margin.
- (c) Subject to Condition 5.4(d) and 5.4(h) below, in the event of a Step Down Rating Change following a Step Up Rating Change, with effect from and including the first Interest Payment Date following the date of such Step Down Rating Change, the

Rate of Interest (in the case of Fixed Rate Notes) or the Margin (in the case of Floating Rate Notes) payable on the Notes shall be decreased by the Step Up Margin back to the initial Rate of Interest (in the case of Fixed Rate Notes) or the initial Margin (in the case of Floating Rate Notes).

- (d) If a Step Up Rating Change and, subsequently, a Step Down Rating Change occur during the same Fixed Interest Period (in the case of Fixed Rate Notes) or the same Interest Period (in the case of Floating Rate Notes), the Rate of Interest (in the case of Fixed Rate Notes) or the Margin (in the case of Floating Rate Notes) on the Notes shall be neither increased nor decreased as a result of either such event.
- (e) The Issuer shall use all reasonable efforts to maintain credit ratings for its senior unsecured long-term debt from S&P and, if an additional Rating Agency is appointed to rate the Issuer's senior unsecured long-term debt by or with the consent of the Issuer, such additional Rating Agency. If, notwithstanding such reasonable efforts, any Rating Agency fails or ceases to assign a credit rating to the Issuer's senior unsecured long-term debt, the Issuer shall use all reasonable efforts to obtain a credit rating of its senior unsecured long-term debt from a Substitute Rating Agency approved (other than in the case of Moody's or Fitch) by the Trustee (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), and references herein to such Rating Agency or the credit ratings thereof, shall be to such Substitute Rating Agency or, as the case may be, the equivalent credit ratings thereof as specified in or determined in accordance with the remainder of this Condition 5.4.
- (f) The Issuer will cause the occurrence of a Step Up Rating Change or a Step Down Rating Change giving rise to an adjustment to the Rate of Interest payable on the Notes pursuant to this Condition 5.4 to be notified to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent and notice thereof to be published in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*) as soon as reasonably practicable after the occurrence of such Step Up Rating Change or Step Down Rating Change, but in no event later than the fifth London Business Day thereafter.
- (g) If the rating designations employed by any Rating Agency are changed from those which are described in this Condition or if a rating is procured from a Substitute Rating Agency other than Moody's or Fitch, the Issuer shall determine, with the prior approval of the Trustee (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), the rating designations of such Substitute Rating Agency as are most equivalent to the prior rating designations of the existing Rating Agency (or Rating Agencies, as the case may be).
- (h) Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, there shall be no limit on the number of times that the Rate of Interest may be adjusted pursuant hereto during the term of the Notes provided that at no time during the term of the Notes will the Rate of Interest be (i) less than the initial Rate of Interest or (ii) more than the initial Rate of Interest plus the Step Up Margin specified hereon.

#### Where:

"Rating Agency, Fitch, Moody's, S&P and Substitute Rating Agency" have the meanings given to such terms in Condition 7.6 (*Redemption at the option of the Noteholders upon a change of control (Change of Control Put)*);

"Step Down Rating Change" means the first public announcement by S&P and, if applicable, each other Rating Agency appointed by or with the consent of the Issuer,

after a Step Up Rating Change, that the credit rating of the Issuer's senior unsecured long-term debt is at least BBB- in the case of S&P and, if applicable, at least Baa3 in the case of Moody's and at least BBB- in the case of Fitch. For the avoidance of doubt, any further increase in the credit rating of the Issuer's senior unsecured long-term debt above BBB- in the case of S&P and, if applicable, at least Baa3 in the case of Moody's and at least BBB- in the case of Fitch shall not constitute a further Step Down Rating Change;

 $`` {\bf Step } \mbox{ Up Margin}''$  means the rate per annum specified in the applicable Final Terms; and

"**Step Up Rating Change**" means the first public announcement by S&P or, if applicable, any other Rating Agency appointed by or with the consent of the Issuer of a decrease in the credit rating of the Issuer's senior unsecured long-term debt to below BBB- in the case of S&P or, if applicable, below Baa3 in the case of Moody's or below BBB- in the case of Fitch. For the avoidance of doubt, any further decrease in the credit rating of the Issuer's senior unsecured long-term debt below BBB- in the case of S&P or, if applicable, below Baa3 in the case of BBB- in the case of Fitch. For the avoidance of doubt, any further decrease in the credit rating of the Issuer's senior unsecured long-term debt below BBB- in the case of S&P or, if applicable, below Baa3 in the case of Moody's or below BBB- in the case of Fitch shall not constitute a further Step Up Rating Change.

#### 6. PAYMENTS

#### 6.1 Method of payment

Subject as provided below:

- (a) payments in a Specified Currency other than euro will be made by credit or transfer to an account in the relevant Specified Currency maintained by the payee with, or, at the option of the payee, by a cheque in such Specified Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Sydney and Auckland, respectively); and
- (b) payments in euro will be made by credit or transfer to a euro account (or any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque.

Payments will be subject in all cases to (i) any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 8 (*Taxation*) and (ii) any withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "**Code**") or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder, any official interpretations thereof, or (without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 8 (*Taxation*)) any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto.

#### 6.2 Presentation of Definitive Bearer Notes and Coupons

Payments of principal in respect of Definitive Bearer Notes will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in Condition 6.1 (*Method of payment*) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of Definitive Bearer Notes, and payments of interest in respect of Definitive Bearer Notes will (subject as provided below) be made as aforesaid only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of Coupons, in each case at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States (which

expression, as used herein, means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia and its possessions)).

Fixed Rate Notes which are Definitive Bearer Notes (other than Fixed Rate Notes in respect of which Condition 5.4 (*Adjustment of Rate of Interest for Fixed Rate Notes and Floating Rate Notes*) applies and Long Maturity Notes (as defined below) as provided in the circumstances in the following paragraphs of this Condition 6.2) should be presented for payment together with all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto (which expression shall for this purpose include Coupons falling to be issued on exchange of matured Talons), failing which the amount of any missing unmatured Coupon (or, in the case of payment not being made in full, the same proportion of the amount of such missing unmatured Coupon as the sum so paid bears to the sum due) will be deducted from the sum due for payment. Each amount of principal so deducted will be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of the relative missing Coupon at any time before the expiry of 10 years after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 8 (*Taxation*)) in respect of such principal (whether or not such Coupon would otherwise have become void under Condition 9 (*Prescription*)) or, if later, five years from the date on which such Coupon would otherwise have become due, but in no event thereafter.

Upon any Fixed Rate Note which is a Definitive Bearer Note becoming due and repayable prior to its Maturity Date, all unmatured Talons (if any) appertaining thereto will become void and no further Coupons will be issued in respect thereof.

Upon the date on which any Fixed Rate Note in respect of which Condition 5.4 (*Adjustment* of Rate of Interest for Fixed Rate Notes and Floating Rate Notes) applies, Floating Rate Note or Long Maturity Note which is a Definitive Bearer Note becomes due and repayable, unmatured Coupons and Talons (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment or, as the case may be, exchange for further Coupons shall be made in respect thereof. A "**Long Maturity Note**" is a Fixed Rate Note (other than a Fixed Rate Note which on issue had a Talon attached) whose nominal amount on issue is less than the aggregate interest payable thereon, provided that such Note shall cease to be a Long Maturity Note on the Interest Payment Date on which the aggregate amount of interest remaining to be paid after that date is less than the nominal amount of such Note.

If the due date for redemption of any Definitive Bearer Note is not an Interest Payment Date, interest (if any) accrued in respect of such Definitive Bearer Note from (and including) the preceding Interest Payment Date or, as the case may be, the Interest Commencement Date shall be payable only against surrender of the relevant Definitive Bearer Note.

#### 6.3 Payments in respect of Bearer Notes in Global Form

Payments of principal and interest (if any) in respect of Notes represented by any bearer Global Note will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner specified above in relation to Definitive Bearer Notes or otherwise in the manner specified in the relevant bearer Global Note, where applicable against presentation or surrender, as the case may be, of such bearer Global Note at the specified office of any Principal Paying Agent outside the United States. A record of each payment made, distinguishing between any payment of principal and any payment of interest, will be made either on such bearer Global Note by the Principal Paying Agent to which it was presented or in the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable.

#### 6.4 Payments in respect of Registered Notes

Payments of principal in respect of each Registered Note (whether or not in global form) will be made against presentation and surrender of the Registered Note at the specified office of

the Registrar or any of the Paying Agents. Such payments will be made by transfer to the Designated Account (as defined below) of the holder (or the first named of joint holders) of the Registered Note appearing in the register of holders of the Registered Notes maintained by the Registrar (the "Register") (i) where in global form, at the close of the business day (being for this purpose a day on which Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg are open for business) before the relevant due date, and (ii) where in definitive form, at the close of business on the third business day (being for this purpose a day on which banks are open for business in the city where the specified office of the Registrar is located) before the relevant due date. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, if (i) a holder does not have a Designated Account or (ii) the nominal amount of the Notes held by a holder is less than U.S.\$250,000 (or its approximate equivalent in any other Specified Currency), payment will instead be made by cheque in the Specified Currency drawn on a Designated Bank (as defined below). For these purposes, Designated Account means the account (which, in the case of a payment in Japanese Yen to a non-resident of Japan, shall be a non- resident account) maintained by a holder with a Designated Bank and identified as such in the Register and "Designated Bank" means (in the case of payment in a Specified Currency other than euro) a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Sydney and Auckland, respectively) and (in the case of a payment in euro) any bank which processes payments in euro.

Payments of interest in respect of each Registered Note will be made by a cheque in the Specified Currency drawn on a Designated Bank and mailed by uninsured mail on the business day in the city where the specified office of the Registrar is located immediately preceding the relevant due date to the holder (or the first named of joint holders) of the Registered Note appearing in the Register (i) where in global form, at the close of the business day (being for this purpose a day on which Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg are open for business) before the relevant due date, and (ii) where in definitive form, at the close of business on the fifteenth day (whether or not such fifteenth day is a business day) before the relevant due date (the "**Record Date**") at his address shown in the Register on the Record Date and at his risk.

Upon application of the holder to the specified office of the Registrar not less than three business days in the city where the specified office of the Registrar is located before the due date for any payment of interest in respect of a Registered Note, the payment may be made by transfer on the due date in the manner provided in the preceding paragraph. Any such application for transfer shall be deemed to relate to all future payments of interest (other than interest due on redemption) in respect of the Registered Notes which become payable to the holder who has made the initial application until such time as the Registrar is notified in writing to the contrary by such holder. Payment of the interest due in respect of each Registered Note on redemption will be made in the same manner as payment of the nominal amount of such Registered Note as set out in the first sentence of this Condition 6.4.

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

None of the Issuer or the Agents will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to, or payments made on account of, beneficial ownership interests in the Registered Global Notes or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

#### 6.5 General provisions applicable to payments

The holder of a Global Note shall be the only person entitled to receive payments in respect of Notes represented by such Global Note and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global Note in respect of each amount so paid. Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as the beneficial holder of a particular nominal amount of Notes represented by such Global Note must look solely to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, for his share of each payment so made by the Issuer to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global Note.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Condition, if any amount of principal and/or interest in respect of Bearer Notes is payable in U.S. dollars, such U.S. dollar payments of principal and/or interest in respect of such Bearer Notes will be made at the specified office of a Paying Agent in the United States if:

- (a) the Issuer has appointed Paying Agents with specified offices outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents would be able to make payment in U.S. dollars at such specified offices outside the United States of the full amount of principal and interest on the Notes in the manner provided above when due;
- (b) payment of the full amount of such principal and interest at all such specified offices outside the United States is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions on the full payment or receipt of principal and interest in U.S. dollars; and
- (c) such payment is then permitted under United States law without involving, in the opinion of the Issuer, adverse tax consequences to the Issuer.

#### 6.6 Payment Day

If the date for payment of any amount in respect of any Note or Coupon is not a Payment Day, the holder thereof shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day in the relevant place and shall not be entitled to further interest or other payment in respect of such delay. For these purposes, "**Payment Day**" means any day which (subject to Condition 9 (*Prescription*)) is:

- (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:
  - (i) in the case of Notes in definitive form only, the relevant place of presentation; and
  - (ii) each Additional Financial Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (b) either (A) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (which if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars shall be Sydney and Auckland, respectively) or (B) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the TARGET2 System is open.

#### 6.7 Interpretation of principal and interest

Any reference in the 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 8 (*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) in relation to Zero Coupon Notes, the Amortised Face Amount (as defined in Condition 7.8 (*Early Redemption Amounts*)); and
- (f) 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 the 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 8 (*Taxation*).

#### 7. **REDEMPTION AND PURCHASE**

#### 7.1 Redemption at maturity

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled as specified below, each Note will be redeemed by the Issuer at its Final Redemption Amount specified in the applicable Final Terms in the relevant Specified Currency on the Maturity Date specified in the applicable Final Terms.

#### 7.2 Redemption for tax reasons

Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part, at any time (if this Note is not a Floating Rate Note) or on any Interest Payment Date (if this Note is a Floating Rate Note), on giving not less than the minimum period and not more than the maximum period of notice specified in the applicable Final Terms to the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent (and, in the case of Registered Notes, the Registrar) and, in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*), the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), if:

- (a) on the occasion of the next payment due under the Notes, the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay additional amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 8 (*Taxation*) as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of a Tax Jurisdiction (as defined in Condition 8 (*Taxation*)) or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change or amendment becomes effective on or after the date on which agreement is reached to issue the first Tranche of the Notes; and
- (b) such obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer taking reasonable measures available to it,

provided that (a) no such notice of redemption shall be given earlier than 90 days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obliged to pay such additional amounts were

a payment in respect of the Notes then due; and (b) prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition, the Issuer shall have delivered to the Trustee (i) a certificate signed by two Directors of the Issuer stating that the Issuer is entitled to effect such redemption and setting forth a statement of facts showing that the conditions precedent to the right of the Issuer so to redeem have occurred and (ii) an opinion of independent legal advisers of recognised standing addressed to the Trustee to the effect that the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay such additional amounts as a result of such change or amendment.

Notes redeemed pursuant to this Condition 7.2 (*Redemption for tax reasons*) will be redeemed at their Early Redemption Amount referred to in Condition 7.7 (*Early Redemption Amounts*) below together (if appropriate) with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption.

#### 7.3 Redemption at the option of the Issuer (Issuer Call)

If Issuer Call is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may, having given not less than the minimum period nor more than the maximum period of notice specified in applicable Final Terms to the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent (and, in the case of Registered Notes, the Registrar) and the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*) (which notice 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 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 not more than the Maximum Redemption Amount, in each case as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Optional Redemption Amount will either be the specified percentage of the nominal amount of the Notes stated in the applicable Final Terms or, if either Spens Amount or Make Whole Redemption Amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms, will be:

- (a) if Spens Amount is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the higher of (i) 100 per cent. of the nominal amount outstanding of the Notes to be redeemed and (ii) the nominal amount outstanding of the Notes to be redeemed multiplied by the price, as reported to the Issuer and the Trustee by the Determination Agent, at which the Gross Redemption Yield on such Notes on the Reference Date is equal to the Gross Redemption Yield (determined by reference to the middle market price) at the Quotation Time on the Reference Date of the Reference Bond, plus the Redemption Margin; or
- (b) if Make Whole Redemption Amount is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the higher of (i) 100 per cent. of the nominal amount outstanding of the Notes to be redeemed and (ii) the sum of the present values of the nominal amount outstanding of the Notes to be redeemed and the Remaining Term Interest on such Notes (exclusive of interest accrued to the date of redemption) and such present values shall be calculated by discounting such amounts to the date of redemption on an annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months or, in the case of an incomplete month, the number of days elapsed) at the Reference Bond Rate, plus the Redemption Margin,

all as determined by the Determination Agent.

In this Condition:

"**DA Selected Bond**" means a government security or securities selected by the Determination Agent as having an actual or interpolated maturity comparable with the remaining term of the Notes, that would be utilised, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities denominated in the Specified Currency and of a comparable maturity to the remaining term of the Notes;

"**Determination Agent**" means an investment bank or financial institution of international standing selected by the Issuer after consultation with the Trustee;

"Gross Redemption Yield" means, with respect to a security, the gross redemption yield on such security, expressed as a percentage and calculated by the Determination Agent on the basis set out by the United Kingdom Debt Management Office in the paper "Formulae for Calculating Gilt Prices from Yields", page 4, Section One: Price/Yield Formulae "Conventional Gilts"; "Double dated and Undated Gilts with Assumed (or Actual) Redemption on a Quasi-Coupon Date" (published 8 June 1998, as amended or updated from time to time) on a semiannual compounding basis (converted to an annualised yield and rounded up (if necessary) to four decimal places) or on such other basis as the Trustee may (in its absolute discretion) approve;

"Quotation Time" shall be as set out in the applicable Final Terms;

"Redemption Margin" shall be as set out in the applicable Final Terms;

"Reference Bond" shall be as set out in the applicable Final Terms or the DA Selected Bond;

"**Reference Bond Price**" means, with respect to any date of redemption, (a) the arithmetic average of the Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotations for such date of redemption, after excluding the highest and lowest such Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotations, or (b) if the Determination Agent obtains fewer than four such Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotations, the arithmetic average of all such quotations;

"**Reference Bond Rate**" means, with respect to any date of redemption, the rate per annum equal to the annual or semi-annual yield (as the case may be) to maturity or interpolated yield to maturity (on the relevant day count basis) of the Reference Bond, assuming a price for the Reference Bond (expressed as a percentage of its nominal amount) equal to the Reference Bond Price for such date of redemption;

"Reference Date" will be set out in the relevant notice of redemption;

"**Reference Government Bond Dealer**" means each of five banks selected by the Issuer, or their affiliates, which are (A) primary government securities dealers, and their respective successors, or (B) market makers in pricing corporate bond issues;

"**Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotations**" means, with respect to each Reference Government Bond Dealer and any date of redemption, the arithmetic average, as determined by the Determination Agent, of the bid and offered prices for the Reference Bond (expressed in each case as a percentage of its nominal amount) at the Quotation Time on the Reference Date quoted in writing to the Determination Agent by such Reference Government Bond Dealer; and

"**Remaining Term Interest**" means, with respect to any Note, the aggregate amount of scheduled payment(s) of interest on such Note for the remaining term of such Note determined on the basis of the rate of interest applicable to such Note from and including

the date on which such Note is to be redeemed by the Issuer pursuant to this Condition 7.3 (*Redemption at the option of the Issuer (Issuer Call*)).

In the case of a partial redemption of Notes, the Notes to be redeemed ("**Redeemed Notes**") will (i) in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes, be selected individually by lot, not more than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption and (ii) in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by a Global Note, be selected in accordance with 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 reduction in nominal amount, at their discretion). In the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes, a list of the serial numbers of such Redeemed Notes will be published in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*) not less than 10 days prior to the date fixed for redemption.

#### 7.4 Redemption at par at the option of the Issuer (Issuer Par Call)

If Issuer Par Call is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may, having given not less than the minimum period nor more than the maximum period of notice specified in applicable Final Terms to the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent (and, in the case of Registered Notes, the Registrar) and the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*) (which notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify the date fixed for redemption), redeem all or some only of the Notes then outstanding at their nominal amount together with interest accrued to, (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption at any time during the period starting on (and including) the Issuer Par Call Date specified in the applicable Final Terms and ending on (but excluding) the Maturity Date. Any such redemption must be of a nominal amount not less than the Minimum Redemption Amount and 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 (i) in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes, be selected individually by lot, not more than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption and (ii) in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by a Global Note, be selected in accordance with 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 reduction in nominal amount, at their discretion). In the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes, a list of the serial numbers of such Redeemed Notes will be published in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*) not less than 10 days prior to the date fixed for redemption.

#### 7.5 Redemption at the option of the Noteholders (Investor Put)

If Investor Put is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, upon the holder of any Note giving to the Issuer in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*) not less than the minimum period nor more than the maximum period of notice specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer will, upon the expiry of such notice, redeem such Note on the Optional Redemption Date and at the Optional Redemption Amount together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the Optional Redemption Date.

If this Note is in definitive form and held outside Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, to exercise the right to require redemption of this Note the holder of this Note must deliver, at the specified office of any Paying Agent (in the case of Bearer Notes) or the Registrar or any Transfer Agent (in the case of Registered Notes) at any time during normal business hours of such Paying Agent or the Registrar or such Transfer Agent falling within the notice period, a duly completed and signed notice of exercise in the form (for the time being current) obtainable from any specified office of any Paying Agent or the Registrar or any Transfer Agent (a "**Put Notice**") and in which the holder must specify a bank account (or, if

payment is required to be made by cheque, an address) to which payment is to be made under this Condition and, in the case of Registered Notes, the nominal amount thereof to be redeemed and, if less than the full nominal amount of the Registered Notes so surrendered is to be redeemed, an address to which a new Registered Note in respect of the balance of such Registered Notes is to be sent subject to and in accordance with Condition 2.2 (Registered Notes in definitive form). If this Note is represented by a Global Note or is in definitive form and held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, to exercise the right to require redemption of this Note the holder of this Note must, within the notice period, give notice to the Principal Paying Agent (in the case of Bearer Notes) or the Registrar (in the case of Registered Notes) of such exercise in accordance with the standard procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (which may include notice being given on his instruction by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any common depositary 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 this 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 (in the case of Bearer Notes) or the Registrar (in the case of Registered Notes) 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 Condition 7.5 (*Redemption at the option of the Noteholders (Investor Put)*) shall be irrevocable except where, prior to the due date of redemption, an Event of Default has occurred and the Trustee has declared the Notes to be due and payable pursuant to Condition 10 (*Events of Default and Enforcement*), in which event such holder, at its option, may elect by notice to the Issuer to withdraw the notice given pursuant to this Condition 7.5 (*Redemption at the option of the Noteholders (Investor Put*)).

## 7.6 Redemption at the option of the Noteholders upon a change of control (Change of Control Put)

If Change of Control Put is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, then this Condition 7.6 (*Redemption at the option of the Noteholders upon a change of control (Change of Control Put)*) shall apply.

#### A "Change of Control Put Event" will be deemed to occur if:

- (a) a person or persons acting in concert (as defined in the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers), other than a holding company (as defined in Section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006, as amended) whose shareholders are or are to be substantially similar to the pre- existing shareholders of the Issuer or any holding company of the Issuer, shall become interested (within the meaning of Part 22 of the Companies Act 2006, as amended) in (A) more than 50 per cent. of the issued or allotted ordinary share capital of the Issuer (or any holding company of the Issuer) or (B) shares in the capital of the Issuer (or any holding company of the Issuer) carrying more than 50 per cent. of the voting rights normally exercisable at a general meeting of the Issuer or any holding company of the Issuer (each such event being a "Change of Control"), provided that a Change of Control shall not be deemed to have occurred if the relevant event which would otherwise have resulted in a Change of Control has been approved by an Extraordinary Resolution; and
- (b) on the date (the "Relevant Announcement Date") that is the earlier of (x) the date of the earliest Potential Change of Control Announcement (if any) and (y) the date of the first public announcement of the relevant Change of Control, the Notes carry:

- (i) an investment grade credit rating (*Baa3/BBB-/BBB- or equivalent or better*) from any Rating Agency (provided by such Rating Agency at the invitation or with the consent of the Issuer) and such rating from any Rating Agency is within the Change of Control Period either downgraded to a non-investment grade credit rating (*Ba1/BB+/BB+ or equivalent or worse*) or withdrawn and is not within the Change of Control Period subsequently (in the case of a downgrade) upgraded or (in the case of a withdrawal) reinstated to an investment grade credit rating by such Rating Agency; or
- (ii) a non-investment grade credit rating (Ba1/BB+/BB+ or equivalent or worse) from any Rating Agency (provided by such Rating Agency at the invitation or with the consent of the Issuer) and such rating from any Rating Agency is within the Change of Control Period downgraded by one or more notches (for illustration, Ba1/BB+/BB+ to Ba2/BB/BB being one notch) or withdrawn and is not within the Change of Control Period subsequently (in the case of a downgrade) upgraded or (in the case of a withdrawal) reinstated to its earlier credit rating or better by such Rating Agency; or
- (iii) no credit rating from any Rating Agency and a Negative Rating Event also occurs within the Change of Control Period,

provided that if on the Relevant Announcement Date the Notes carry a credit rating from more than one Rating Agency, at least one of which is investment grade, then sub-paragraph (i) will apply; and

(c) in making the relevant decision(s) referred to above, the relevant Rating Agency announces publicly or confirms in writing to the Issuer or the Trustee that such downgrading and/or withdrawal resulted, directly or indirectly, from the Change of Control or the Potential Change of Control Announcement (whether or not the Change of Control shall have occurred at the time such rating is downgraded and/or withdrawn). Upon receipt by the Issuer or the Trustee of any such written confirmation, the Issuer shall forthwith give notice of such written confirmation to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (Notices).

If the rating designations employed by Moody's, S&P or Fitch are changed from those which are described in paragraph (b) of the definition of "Change of Control Put Event" above, or if a rating is procured from a Substitute Rating Agency, the Issuer shall determine the rating designations of Moody's, S&P or Fitch or such Substitute Rating Agency (as appropriate) as are most equivalent to the prior rating designations of Moody's, S&P or Fitch and this Condition 7.6 (*Redemption at the option of the Noteholders upon a change of control (Change of Control Put*)) shall be construed accordingly.

If a Change of Control Put Event occurs, the holder of any Note will have the option to require the Issuer to redeem or, at the Issuer's option, purchase (or procure the purchase of) such Note on the Change of Control Put Date (as defined below) at the Change of Control Redemption Amount together (if appropriate) with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption or purchase.

Promptly upon the Issuer becoming aware that a Change of Control Put Event has occurred and, in any event, within 14 days of the occurrence of the relevant Change of Control, the Issuer shall and, at any time upon the Trustee becoming similarly so aware, the Trustee may, and if so requested by the holders of at least one-fifth in principal amount of the Notes then outstanding or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders, shall (subject in each case to the Trustee being indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to
its satisfaction) give notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*) (a "**Change of Control Put Event Notice**") specifying the nature of the Change of Control Put Event and the circumstances giving rise to it and the procedure for exercising the option set out in this Condition 7.6 ((*Redemption at the option of the Noteholders upon a change of control (Change of Control Put*)).

If this Note is in definitive form and held outside Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, to exercise the option to require redemption or purchase of this Note under this Condition 7.6 (Redemption at the option of the Noteholders upon a change of control (Change of *Control Put*)), the holder of this Note must deliver, at the specified office of any Paying Agent (in the case of Bearer Notes) or the Registrar or any Transfer Agent (in the case of Registered Notes) at any time during normal business hours of such Paying Agent or the Registrar or such Transfer Agent falling within the Change of Control Put Period, a duly completed and signed notice of exercise in the form (for the time being current) obtainable from the specified office of any Paying Agent (in the case of Bearer Notes) or the Registrar (in the case of Registered Notes) (a "Change of Control Put Option Notice") and in which the holder must specify a bank account (or, if payment is required to be made by cheque, an address) to which payment is to be made under this Condition accompanied by this Note and, in the case of Registered Notes, the nominal amount thereof to be redeemed and, if less than the full nominal amount of the Registered Notes so surrendered is to be redeemed, an address to which a new Registered Note in respect of the balance of such Registered Notes is to be sent subject to and in accordance with Condition 2.2 (Registered Notes in definitive form).

If this Note is represented by a Global Note or is in definitive form and held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, to exercise the right to require redemption or, as the case may be, purchase of this Note under this Condition 7.6 (*Redemption at the option of the Noteholders upon a change of control (Change of Control Put)*) the holder of this Note must, within the Change of Control Put Period, give notice to the Principal Paying Agent (in the case of Bearer Notes) or the Registrar (in the case of Registered Notes) of such exercise in accordance with the standard procedures of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (which may include notice being given on his instruction by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any common depositary for them to the Principal Paying Agent (in the case of Bearer Notes) or the Registrar (in the case of Registered Notes) by electronic means) in a form acceptable to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg from time to time.

Any Change of Control Put Option 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 Condition 7.6 (*(Redemption at the option of the Noteholders upon a change of control (Change of Control Put)*) shall be irrevocable except where, prior to the due date of redemption or purchase, an Event of Default has occurred and the Trustee has declared the Notes to be due and payable pursuant to Condition 10 (*Events of Default and Enforcement*), in which event such holder, at its option, may elect by notice to the Issuer to withdraw the notice given pursuant to this Condition 7.6 (*(Redemption at the option of the Noteholders upon a change of control (Change of Control Put*)) and instead to declare such Note forthwith due and payable pursuant to Condition 10 (Events of Default and Enforcement).

If 80 per cent. or more in nominal amount of the Notes then outstanding have been redeemed pursuant to this Condition 7.6 ((*Redemption at the option of the Noteholders upon a change of control (Change of Control Put*)), the Issuer may, on not less than 30 or more than 60 days' notice to the Noteholders given within 30 days after the Change of Control Put Date, redeem or, at its option, purchase (or procure the purchase of) the remaining Notes as a whole at the Change of Control Redemption Amount together (if appropriate) with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption or purchase.

The Trustee is under no obligation to ascertain whether a Change of Control Put Event or Change of Control, or any event which could lead to the occurrence of, or could constitute, a Change of Control Put Event or Change of Control has occurred, and until it shall have received notice thereof pursuant to the Trust Deed to the contrary, the Trustee may assume that no Change of Control Put Event or Change of Control or other such event has occurred.

In these Conditions:

"**Change of Control Period**" means the period commencing on the Relevant Announcement Date and ending 120 days after the occurrence of the Change of Control or, where a Rating Agency has publicly announced that the Notes are under consideration for rating review or, as the case may be, rating (such public announcement being within the period ending 120 days after the Change of Control), the later of (i) such 120th day after the Change of Control and (ii) the date falling 60 days after such public announcement;

"Change of Control Put Date" is the seventh day following the last day of the Change of Control Put Period;

"Change of Control Put Period" means the period from, and including, the date of a Change of Control Put Event Notice to, but excluding, the 45th day following the date of the Change of Control Put Event Notice or, if earlier, the eighth day immediately preceding the Maturity Date;

"Fitch" means Fitch Ratings Limited;

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Services Limited;

"**Negative Rating Event**" shall be deemed to have occurred, if at any time there is no rating assigned to the Notes by any Rating Agency (at the invitation or with the consent of the Issuer), either (i) the Issuer does not, prior to or not later than 21 days after the occurrence of the relevant Change of Control, seek, and thereafter throughout the Change of Control Period use all reasonable endeavours to obtain, a rating of the Notes or (ii) if the Issuer does so seek and use all such reasonable endeavours, it is unable to obtain such rating of at least investment grade (*Baa3/BBB-/BBB- or equivalent or better*) by the end of the Change of Control Period and the relevant Rating Agency announces publicly or confirms in writing to the Issuer or the Trustee that the failure to issue a rating of at least investment grade (*Baa3/BBB-/BBB- or better*) was as a result, directly or indirectly, from the Change of Control or the Potential Change of Control Announcement (whether or not the Change of Control had occurred at such time);

a reference to a **person** includes any individual, company, corporation, unincorporated association or body (including a partnership, trust, fund, joint venture or consortium), government, state, agency, organisation or other entity whether or not having separate legal personality;

"Potential Change of Control Announcement" means any public announcement or statement by or on behalf of the Issuer, any actual or potential bidder or any adviser acting on behalf of any actual or potential bidder relating to any potential Change of Control where within 180 days following the date of such announcement or statement, a Change of Control occurs;

"**Rating Agency**" means Moody's, S&P or Fitch or any of their respective successors or any other rating agency (each a "**Substitute Rating Agency**") of equivalent international standing specified by the Issuer; and

"S&P" and "Standard & Poor's" means S&P Global Ratings Europe Limited.

#### 7.7 Early Redemption Amounts

For the purpose of Condition 7.2 (*Redemption for tax reasons*) above and Condition 10 (*Events of Default and Enforcement*), each Note will be redeemed at its Early Redemption Amount calculated as follows:

- (a) in the case of a Note with a Final Redemption Amount equal to the Issue Price, at the Final Redemption Amount thereof;
- (b) in the case of a Note (other than a Zero Coupon Note) with a Final Redemption Amount which is or may be less or greater than the Issue Price or which is payable in a Specified Currency other than that in which the Note is denominated, at the amount specified in the applicable Final Terms or, if no such amount or manner is so specified in the applicable Final Terms, at its nominal amount; or
- (c) in the case of a Zero Coupon Note, at an amount (the **"Amortised Face Amount**") calculated in accordance with the following formula:

Early Redemption Amount = RP x  $(1 + AY)^{y}$ 

where:

"**RP**" means the Reference Price;

- "AY" means the Accrual Yield expressed as a decimal; and
- "v″ is the Day Count Fraction specified in the applicable Final Terms which will be either (i) 30/360 (in which case the numerator will be 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 will be 360) or (ii) Actual/360 (in which case the numerator will be equal to the actual number of days 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 will be 360) or (iii) Actual/365 (in which case the numerator will be equal to the actual number of days 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 will be 365).

#### 7.8 Purchases

The Issuer or any Subsidiary of the Issuer may at any time purchase Notes (provided that, in the case of Definitive Bearer Notes, all unmatured Coupons and Talons appertaining thereto are purchased therewith) at any price in the open market or otherwise. All Notes so purchased will be surrendered to the Principal Paying Agent for cancellation.

## 7.9 Cancellation

All Notes which are redeemed will forthwith be cancelled (together with all unmatured Coupons and Talons attached thereto or surrendered therewith at the time of redemption). All Notes so cancelled and Notes purchased pursuant to Condition 7.6 (*Redemption at the option of the Noteholders upon a change of control (Change of Control Put)*) or purchased and cancelled pursuant to Condition 7.8 (*Purchases*) above (together with all unmatured Coupons and Talons cancelled therewith) shall be forwarded, in the case of Bearer Notes, to the Principal Paying Agent and, in the case of Registered Notes, to the Registrar and cannot be reissued or resold.

#### 7.10 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 Condition 7.1 (*Redemption at maturity*), 7.2 (*Redemption for tax reasons*), 7.3 (*Redemption at the option of the Issuer (Issuer Call*)), 7.4 (*Redemption at par at the option of the Issuer (Issuer Par Call*)), 7.5 (*Redemption at the option of the Noteholders upon a change of control (Change of Control Put*)) above or upon its becoming due and repayable as provided in Condition 10 (*Events of Default and Enforcement*) 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 Condition 7.7(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 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, the Registrar or the Trustee and notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*).

# 8. TAXATION

All payments of principal and interest in respect of the Notes and Coupons by the Issuer will be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of any present or future taxes or duties of whatever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of any Tax Jurisdiction unless such withholding or deduction is required by law. In such event, the Issuer will pay such additional amounts as shall be necessary in order that the net amounts received by the holders of the Notes or Coupons after such withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts of principal and interest which would otherwise have been receivable in respect of the Notes or Coupons, as the case may be, in the absence of such withholding or deduction; except that no such additional amounts shall be payable with respect to any Note or Coupon:

- (a) presented for payment in the United Kingdom; or
- (b) presented for payment by or on behalf of, or held by, a Noteholder, where such withholding or deduction was attributable to the failure of the Noteholder or beneficial owner of such Note or Coupon to comply with any reasonable request by or on behalf of the Issuer addressed to the Noteholder and made at least 60 days before any such withholding or deduction would be withheld to satisfy any

Certification Requirement (which the Noteholder or beneficial owner would be able to legally and properly satisfy); or

- (c) the holder of which is liable for such taxes or duties in respect of such Note or Coupon by reason of his having some connection with a Tax Jurisdiction other than the mere holding of such Note or Coupon; or
- (d) presented for payment more than 30 days after the Relevant Date (as defined below) except to the extent that the holder thereof would have been entitled to an additional amount on presenting the same for payment on such thirtieth day assuming that day to have been a Payment Day (as defined in Condition 6.6 (*Payment Day*)).

In these Conditions:

"**Certification Requirement**" means any certification, identification, information or other reporting requirements, whether required by statute, treaty, regulation or administrative practice of a tax jurisdiction as a precondition to exemption from, or reduction in the rate of deduction or withholding of, taxes imposed by such tax jurisdiction (including, without limitation, a certification that the holder or beneficial owner is not resident in the tax jurisdiction);

"**Tax Jurisdiction**" means the United Kingdom or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax; and

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 Trustee, the Registrar or 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*).

## 9. **PRESCRIPTION**

The Notes (whether in bearer or registered form) and Coupons will become void unless claims in respect of principal and/or interest are made within a period of 10 years (in the case of principal) and five years (in the case of interest) after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 8 (*Taxation*)) therefor.

There shall not be included in any Coupon sheet issued on exchange of a Talon any Coupon the claim for payment in respect of which would be void pursuant to this Condition or Condition 6.2 (*Presentation of Definitive Bearer Notes and Coupons*) or any Talon which would be void pursuant to Condition 6.2 (*Presentation of Definitive Bearer Notes and Coupons*).

## **10. EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND ENFORCEMENT**

#### **10.1** Events of Default

The Trustee at its discretion may, and if so requested in writing by the holders of at least one-fifth in nominal amount of the Notes then outstanding or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution shall (subject in each case to being indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to its satisfaction), (but in the case of the happening of any of the events described in (i) paragraph (b) below in relation to the Issuer, or (ii) paragraphs (d), (e) or (h) below in relation to any Material Subsidiary, only if the Trustee shall have certified in writing to the Issuer that such event is, in its opinion, materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders), give notice in writing to the Issuer that each Note is, and each Note shall thereupon immediately become, due and repayable at its Early Redemption Amount, together with accrued interest (if any) as provided in the Trust Deed, if any of the following events (each an "**Event of Default**") shall occur:

- (a) default is made in the payment in the Specified Currency of any principal or interest due in respect of the Notes or any of them or the Issuer fails to purchase any Notes pursuant to Condition 7.6 (*Redemption at the option of the Noteholders upon a change of control (Change of Control Put)*) and the default or failure continues for a period of seven days in the case of principal or the failure to so purchase the Notes or ten days in the case of interest; or
- (b) the Issuer fails to perform or observe any of its other obligations under the Conditions or the Trust Deed and (except in any case where, in the opinion of the Trustee, the failure is incapable of remedy when no such continuation or notice as is hereinafter mentioned will be required) the failure continues for the period of 30 days next following the service by the Trustee on the Issuer of notice requiring the same to be remedied; or
- (c)
- any Indebtedness for Borrowed Money of the Issuer or any Material Subsidiary becomes due and repayable prematurely by reason of an event of default (however described);
- the Issuer or any Material Subsidiary fails to make any payment in respect of any Indebtedness for Borrowed Money on the due date for payment as extended by any originally applicable grace period; or
- default is made by the Issuer or any Material Subsidiary in making any payment under any Guarantee on the due date for payment as extended by any originally applicable grace period,

provided that no event described in this paragraph (c) shall constitute an Event of Default unless the amount of Indebtedness for Borrowed Money due and unpaid or amount payable under any such Guarantee, either alone or when aggregated (without double-counting) with other amounts of Indebtedness for Borrowed Money due and unpaid and amounts payable under any such Guarantee(s) relative to all (if any) other events specified in (i) to (iii) above which have occurred, amounts to at least the higher of (A) £15 million (or its equivalent in any other currency) and (B) 1.50 per cent. of the net assets of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries (taken as a whole), as determined in accordance with the Issuer's normal accounting policies and stated in the Issuer's latest audited consolidated accounts of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries; or

- (d) any order is made by any competent court or resolution passed for the administration, liquidation, winding up or dissolution of the Issuer or any Material Subsidiary, save for the purposes of reorganisation on terms previously approved in writing by the Trustee or by an Extraordinary Resolution; or
- (e) the Issuer or any Material Subsidiary ceases or threatens to cease to carry on all or substantially all of its business, save, in each case, for the purposes of reorganisation on terms previously approved in writing by the Trustee or by an Extraordinary

Resolution, or the Issuer or any Material Subsidiary stops or threatens to stop payment of, or is unable to or admits inability to pay, its debts (or any class of its debts) as they fall due or is deemed unable to pay its debts pursuant to or for the purposes of any applicable law or is adjudicated or found bankrupt or insolvent; or

- (f) (A) proceedings are initiated against the Issuer or any Material Subsidiary under any applicable liquidation, insolvency, composition, reorganisation or other similar laws, or an application is made (or documents filed with a court) for the appointment of an administrative or other receiver, manager, administrator or other similar official, or an administrative or other receiver, manager, administrator or other similar official is appointed, in relation to the Issuer or the whole or a substantial part of its undertaking or assets or in relation to any Material Subsidiary or all or substantially all of any Material Subsidiary's undertaking or assets, or an encumbrance takes possession of the whole or a substantial part of the undertaking or assets of the Issuer or all or substantially all of any Material Subsidiary's undertaking or assets, or a distress, execution, attachment, sequestration or other process is levied, enforced upon, sued out or put in force against the whole or a substantial part of the undertaking or assets of the Issuer or all or substantially all of the undertaking or assets of any Material Subsidiary and (B) in any case (other than the appointment of an administrator) is not discharged within 14 days; or
- (g) any mortgage, charge, lien, pledge or other security interest, present or future, created or assumed by the Issuer or any Material Subsidiary becomes enforceable and any step is taken to enforce it (including the taking of possession or the appointment of a receiver, administrative receiver, administrator, manager or other similar person) unless such step taken to enforce such mortgage, charge, lien, pledge or other security interest is discharged within 14 days of such step being taken and provided that the aggregate amount secured by such mortgage, charge, lien, pledge or other security interest being enforced equals or exceeds (without double-counting) the higher of (A) £15 million (or its equivalent in any other currency) and (B) 1.50 per cent. of the net assets of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries (taken as a whole), as determined in accordance with the Issuer's normal accounting policies and stated in the Issuer's latest audited consolidated accounts of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries; or
- (h) the Issuer or any Material Subsidiary initiates or consents to judicial proceedings relating to itself under any applicable liquidation, insolvency, composition, reorganisation or other similar laws (including the obtaining of a moratorium) or makes a conveyance or assignment for the benefit of, or enters into any composition or other arrangement with, its creditors generally (or any class of its creditors) or any meeting is convened to consider a proposal for an arrangement or composition with its creditors generally (or any class of its creditors); or
- (i) any event occurs which, under the laws of any relevant jurisdiction, has or may have, in the Trustee's opinion, an analogous effect to any of the events referred to in the foregoing paragraphs.

## 10.2 Enforcement

The Trustee may at any time, at its discretion and without notice, take such proceedings against the Issuer as it may think fit to enforce the provisions of the Trust Deed, the Notes and the Coupons, but it shall not be bound to take any such proceedings or any other action in relation to the Trust Deed, the Notes or the Coupons unless (i) it shall have been so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution or so requested in writing by the holders of at least

one-fifth in nominal amount of the Notes then outstanding and (ii) it shall have been indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to its satisfaction.

No Noteholder or Couponholder shall be entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer unless the Trustee, having become bound so to proceed, fails so to do within a reasonable period and the failure shall be continuing.

#### 10.3 Definitions

In these Conditions:

"Material Subsidiary" means at any time a Subsidiary of the Issuer:

- whose gross assets or pre-tax profits (in each case, consolidated in the case of a (a) Subsidiary which itself has Subsidiaries and which, in the normal course, prepares consolidated accounts) represent in each case (or, in the case of a Subsidiary acquired after the end of the financial period to which the then latest audited consolidated accounts of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries relate, are equal to) not less than five per cent. of the consolidated gross assets or, as the case may be, consolidated pre-tax profits of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, all as calculated respectively by reference to (i) the then latest accounts (consolidated or, as the case may be, unconsolidated) of such Subsidiary which were used in the preparation of the latest audited consolidated accounts of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries and (ii) the then latest audited consolidated accounts of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries, provided that, in the case of a Subsidiary of the Issuer acquired after the end of the financial period to which the then latest audited consolidated accounts of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries relate, the reference to the relevant accounts in sub-paragraph (i) for the purposes of the calculation above shall be deemed to be a reference to the then latest accounts (consolidated or, as the case may be, unconsolidated) of such Subsidiary, and the reference to the relevant accounts in sub-paragraph (ii) for the purposes of the calculation above shall, until consolidated accounts for the financial period in which the acquisition is made have been prepared and audited as aforesaid, be deemed to be a reference to such firstmentioned accounts as if such Subsidiary had been shown in such accounts by reference to its then latest relevant audited accounts, adjusted as deemed appropriate by the Issuer; or
- (b) to which is transferred the whole or substantially the whole of the undertaking and assets of a Subsidiary of the Issuer which immediately prior to such transfer is a Material Subsidiary, provided that the transferor Subsidiary shall upon such transfer forthwith cease to be a Material Subsidiary and the transferee Subsidiary shall cease to be a Material Subsidiary pursuant to this sub-paragraph (b) on the date on which the consolidated accounts of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries for the financial period current at the date of such transfer have been prepared and audited as aforesaid but so that such transferor Subsidiary or such transferee Subsidiary may be a Material Subsidiary on or at any time after the date on which such consolidated accounts have been prepared and audited as aforesaid by virtue of the provisions of subparagraph (a) above or, prior to or after such date, by virtue of any other applicable provision of this definition; or
- (c) to which is transferred an undertaking or assets which, taken together with the undertaking or assets of the transferee Subsidiary, represent (or, in the case of a Subsidiary acquired after the end of the financial period to which the then audited consolidated accounts of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries relate, are equal to) not less than five per cent. of the consolidated gross assets or consolidated pre-tax profits,

of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, all as calculated as referred to in subparagraph (a) above, provided that the transferor Subsidiary (if a Material Subsidiary) shall upon such transfer forthwith cease to be a Material Subsidiary unless, immediately following such transfer, its assets represent (or, in the case aforesaid, are equal to) not less than five per cent. of the consolidated gross assets or its undertaking and assets generate (or, in the case aforesaid, are equal to) not less than five per cent. of the consolidated pre-tax profits of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, all as calculated as referred to in sub-paragraph (a) above, and the transferee Subsidiary shall cease to be a Material Subsidiary pursuant to this sub-paragraph (c) on the date on which the consolidated accounts of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries for the financial period current at the date of such transfer have been prepared and audited but so that such transferor Subsidiary or such transferee Subsidiary may be a Material Subsidiary on or at any time after the date on which such consolidated accounts have been prepared and audited as aforesaid by virtue of the provisions of sub-paragraph (a) above or, prior to or after such date, by virtue of any other applicable provision of this definition,

all as more particularly defined in the Trust Deed.

The Trustee shall, in the absence of manifest error and without further enquiry or evidence, accept a certificate signed by two Directors of the Issuer that, in their opinion, a Subsidiary of the Issuer is or is not or was or was not at any particular time or throughout any specified period a Material Subsidiary as conclusive evidence thereof and any such certificate shall be conclusive and binding on all parties.

## 11. REPLACEMENT OF NOTES, COUPONS AND TALONS

Should any Note, Coupon or Talon be lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent (in the case of Bearer Notes) or the Registrar (in the case of Registered Notes) 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 and the Principal Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Registrar may require. Mutilated or defaced Notes, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

# 12. PAYING AGENTS

The names of the initial Paying Agents and their initial specified offices are set out below. If any additional Paying Agents are appointed in connection with any Series, the names of such Paying Agents will be specified in Part B of the applicable Final Terms.

The Issuer is entitled, with the prior written approval of the Trustee, to vary or terminate the appointment of any Paying Agent and/or appoint additional or other Paying Agents and/or approve any change in the specified office through which any Paying Agent acts, provided that:

- there will at all times be a Paying Agent (which may be the Principal Paying Agent), a Transfer Agent and a Registrar;
- (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 and (in the case of Registered Notes) a Transfer Agent and Registrar, in each case, 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) there will at all times be a Registrar (in the case of a Series of Registered Notes) which, if the Registrar originally appoint in respect of such Series had its specified office outside the United Kingdom, shall also have a specified office outside of the United Kingdom; and
- (d) there will at all times be a Paying Agent in a jurisdiction within Europe, other than the jurisdiction in which the Issuer is incorporated.

In addition, the Issuer shall forthwith appoint a Paying Agent having a specified office in New York City in the circumstances described in Condition 6.5 (*General provisions applicable to payments*). Notice of any variation, termination, appointment or change in Paying Agents will be given to the Noteholders promptly by the Issuer in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*).

In acting under the Agency Agreement, the Paying Agents act solely as agents of the Issuer and, in certain circumstances specified therein, of the Trustee and do not assume any obligation to, or relationship of agency or trust with, any Noteholders or Couponholders. The Agency Agreement contains provisions permitting any entity into which any Paying Agent 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.

## **13. EXCHANGE OF TALONS**

On and after the Interest Payment Date on which the final Coupon comprised in any Coupon sheet matures, the Talon (if any) forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent or any other Paying Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet including (if such further Coupon sheet does not include Coupons to (and including) the final date for the payment of interest due in respect of the Note to which it appertains) a further Talon, subject to the provisions of Condition 9 (*Prescription*).

#### 14. NOTICES

All notices regarding Bearer Notes will be deemed to be validly given if published (a) in a leading English language daily newspaper of general circulation in London and (b) if and for so long as the Notes are admitted to trading and listed on the official list of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, a daily newspaper of general circulation in Luxembourg or the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's website, www.bourse.lu. It is expected that any such publication in a newspaper will be made in the *Financial Times* in London and the *Luxemburger Wort* or the *Tageblatt* in Luxembourg. The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly published in a manner which complies with the rules of any stock exchange or other relevant authority on which the Notes are for the time being listed or by which they have been admitted to trading. 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. If publication as provided above is not practicable, a notice will be given in such other manner, and will be deemed to have been given on such date, as the Trustee shall approve.

All notices regarding the Registered Notes will be deemed to be validly given if sent by first class mail or (if posted to an address overseas) by airmail to the holders (or the first named of joint holders) at their respective addresses recorded in the Register and will be deemed to have been given on the fourth day after mailing and, in addition, for so long as any Registered Notes are listed by or on a competent authority or stock exchange and the rules of that competent authority or stock exchange so require, such notice will be published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the places or places required by that competent authority or stock exchange.

Until such time as any definitive Notes 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, be substituted for such publication in such newspaper(s) the delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg 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 the said notice was given to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

Notices to be given by any Noteholder shall be in writing and given by lodging the same, together (in the case of any Note in definitive form) with the relative Note or Notes, with the Principal Paying Agent (in the case of Bearer Notes) or the Registrar (in the case of Registered Notes). 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 or the Registrar through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, in such manner as the Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, may approve for this purpose.

#### 15. MEETINGS OF NOTEHOLDERS, MODIFICATION, WAIVER AND SUBSTITUTION

The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening meetings of the Noteholders to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the sanctioning by Extraordinary Resolution of a modification of the Notes, the Coupons or any of the provisions of the Trust Deed. Such a meeting may be convened by the Issuer or the Trustee and shall be convened by the Issuer if required in writing by Noteholders holding not less than five per cent. in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being remaining outstanding. The quorum at any such meeting for passing an Extraordinary Resolution is one or more persons holding or representing more than 50 per cent. in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned meeting one or more persons being or representing Noteholders whatever the nominal amount of the Notes so held or represented, except that at any meeting the business of which includes the modification of certain provisions of the Notes or the Coupons or the Trust Deed (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 rate of interest payable in respect of the Notes or altering the currency of payment of the Notes or the Coupons), the quorum shall be one or more persons holding or representing not less than two-thirds in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned such meeting one or more persons holding or representing not less than one-third in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding. An Extraordinary Resolution passed at any meeting of the Noteholders shall be binding on all the Noteholders, whether or not they are present at the meeting, and on all Couponholders.

The Trust Deed provides that a resolution in writing signed by or on behalf of the holders of not less than 75 per cent. in the nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding shall for all purposes be as valid and effective as an Extraordinary Resolution passed at a meeting of Noteholders duly convened and held. Such a resolution in writing may be contained in one document or several documents in the same form, each signed by or on behalf of one or more Noteholders.

The Trust Deed provides that, for so long as Notes are held in global form through a clearing system, consents given by way of electronic consents through the relevant clearing system(s) (in a form satisfactory to the Trustee) by or on behalf of the holder(s) of not less

than 75 per cent. in the nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding shall be effective as an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders.

The Trustee may agree, without the consent of the Noteholders or Couponholders, to any modification of, or to the waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach of, any of the provisions of the Notes, the Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement, or determine, without any such consent as aforesaid, that any Event of Default or Potential Event of Default shall not be treated as such, where, in any such case, it is not, in the opinion of the Trustee, materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders so to do or may agree, without any such consent as aforesaid, to any modification which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or to correct a manifest error. In addition, the Trustee shall agree to effect Floating Rate Calculation Changes in accordance with Condition 5.2 above without the consent of the Noteholders or Couponholders. Any such modification, waiver, authorisation or determination shall be binding on the Noteholders and the Couponholders and, unless the Trustee agrees otherwise, any such modification shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*) as soon as practicable thereafter.

The Trustee may, without the consent of the Noteholders, agree with the Issuer to the substitution in place of the Issuer (or of any previous substitute under this Condition) as the principal debtor under the Notes, the Coupons and the Trust Deed of another company, being a Subsidiary of the Issuer, subject to (a) the Notes being unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the Issuer, (b) the Trustee being satisfied that the interests of the Noteholders will not be materially prejudiced by the substitution and (c) certain other conditions set out in the Trust Deed being complied with.

In connection with the exercise by it of any of its trusts, powers, authorities and discretions (including, without limitation, any modification, waiver, authorisation, determination or substitution referred to above), the Trustee shall have regard to the general interests of the Noteholders as a class (but shall not have regard to any interests arising from circumstances particular to individual Noteholders (whatever their number) and, in particular but without limitation, shall not have regard to the consequences of any such exercise for individual Noteholders (whatever their number) resulting from their being for any purpose domiciled or resident in, or otherwise connected with, or subject to the jurisdiction of, any particular territory or any political sub-division thereof and the Trustee shall not be entitled to require, nor shall any Noteholder be entitled to claim, from the Issuer, the Trustee or any other person any indemnification or payment in respect of any tax consequences of any such exercise upon individual Noteholders, except to the extent already provided for in Condition 8 (*Taxation*) pursuant to the Trust Deed.

# 16. INDEMNIFICATION OF THE TRUSTEE AND TRUSTEE CONTRACTING WITH THE ISSUER

The Trust Deed contains provisions for the indemnification of the Trustee and for its relief from responsibility, including provisions relieving it from taking action unless indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to its satisfaction.

The Trust Deed also contains provisions pursuant to which the Trustee is entitled, *inter alia*, (a) to enter into business transactions with the Issuer and/or any of its Subsidiaries and to act as trustee for the holders of any other securities issued or guaranteed by, or relating to, the Issuer, and/or any of its Subsidiaries, (b) to exercise and enforce its rights, comply with its obligations and perform its duties under or in relation to any such transactions or, as the case may be, any such trusteeship without regard to the interests of, or consequences for, the Noteholders or Couponholders and (c) to retain and not be liable to account for any profit made or any other amount or benefit received thereby or in connection therewith.

## **17. FURTHER ISSUES**

The Issuer shall be at liberty from time to time without the consent of the Noteholders or the Couponholders to create and issue further notes (whether in bearer or registered form) having terms and conditions the same as the Notes or the same in all respects save for the amount, the issue price and the 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.

## 18. CONTRACTS (RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES) ACT 1999

No person shall have any right to enforce any term or condition of this Note 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.

#### 19. GOVERNING LAW

The Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement, the Notes, the Coupons and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement, the Notes and the Coupons are governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law.

# SIGNATORIES

Executed as a <b>DS SMITH PLC</b> acting by an the authority of that corpresence of:	-	) ) )	SIGNED BY AUTHORISED SIGNATORY
	Signature of director		
	Signature of witness		
	Name of witness		
	Address of witness		DS SMITH PLC 7TH FLOOR, 350 EUSTON RD LONDON
	Occupation of witness		
Executed as a CITICORP TRUSTEE LIMITED acting by:	deed by COMPANY	) ) )	SIGNED BY AUTHORISED SIGNATORY
	Signature of Attorney		
	Signature of Attorney		