

## GLOBAL NOTE CERTIFICATE

THIS NOTE HAS NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 AS AMENDED (THE *SECURITIES ACT*), OR WITH ANY SECURITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF ANY STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED WITHIN THE UNITED STATES.

**THE NOTES ARE NOT OBLIGATIONS OF ANY GOVERNMENT.**

### NEW DEVELOPMENT BANK

#### Euro Medium Term Note Programme

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

#### The Notes

1.1 This Global Note Certificate is issued in respect of the notes (the *Notes*) of New Development Bank (the *Issuer*) described in the pricing supplement (the *Pricing Supplement*) a copy of which is annexed hereto. The Notes:

- (a) *Deed of Covenant*: (insofar as they are represented by this Global Note) have the benefit of an amended and restated deed of covenant dated 25 February 2022 (the *Deed of Covenant*, which expression shall be construed as reference to that agreement as the same may be amended, supplemented, replaced or restated from time to time) executed by the Issuer; and
- (b) *Agency Agreement*: are the subject of an amended and restated issue and paying agency agreement dated 25 February 2022 (the *Agency Agreement*, which expression shall be construed as reference to that agreement as the same may be amended, supplemented, replaced or restated from time to time) made between the Issuer, HSBC Bank plc as fiscal agent (the *Fiscal Agent*, which expression includes any successor fiscal agent appointed from time to time in connection with the Notes) and the other agents named therein.

#### Construction

1.2 All references in this Global Note Certificate to an agreement, instrument or other document (including the Agency Agreement and the Deed of Covenant) shall be construed as a reference to that agreement, instrument or other document as the same may be amended, supplemented, replaced or novated from time to time *provided that*, in the case of any amendment, supplement, replacement or novation made after the date hereof, it is made in accordance with the Conditions. Headings and sub-headings are for ease of reference only and shall not affect the construction of this Global Note Certificate.

#### References to Conditions

1.3 Any reference herein to the *Conditions* is to the Terms and Conditions of the Notes set out in Schedule 2 (*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*) hereto, as supplemented, amended and/or

replaced by the Pricing Supplement, and any reference to a numbered *Condition* is to the correspondingly numbered provision thereof. Words and expressions defined in the Conditions shall have the same meanings when used in this Global Note Certificate.

## 2. REGISTERED HOLDER

### **[OPTION 1 (WHERE THE CERTIFICATE IS NOT TO BE HELD UNDER THE NEW SAFEKEEPING STRUCTURE (NSS))**

This is to certify that:

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is the person registered in the register maintained by the Registrar in relation to the Notes (the *Register*) as the duly registered holder (the *Holder*) of an aggregate principal amount of Notes equal to the Aggregate Nominal Amount specified in the Pricing Supplement or (if the Aggregate Nominal Amount in respect of the Series specified in the Pricing Supplement is different from the Aggregate Nominal Amount in respect of the Tranche specified in the Pricing Supplement) the Aggregate Nominal Amount in respect of the Tranche specified in the Pricing Supplement.

### **OPTION 2 (WHERE THE CERTIFICATE IS TO BE HELD UNDER THE NEW SAFEKEEPING STRUCTURE (NSS))**

This certifies that the person whose name is entered in the register maintained by the Registrar in relation to the Notes (the *Register*) is the duly registered holder (the *Holder*) of the aggregate principal amount equal to the Aggregate Nominal Amount specified in the Pricing Supplement or (if the Aggregate Nominal Amount in respect of the Series specified in the Pricing Supplement is different from the Aggregate Nominal Amount in respect of the Tranche specified in the Pricing Supplement) the Aggregate Nominal Amount in respect of the Tranche specified in the Pricing Supplement.

**END OF OPTION]**

## 3. PROMISE TO PAY

The Issuer, for value received, promises to pay to the Holder, in respect of each Note represented by this Global Note Certificate, the Redemption Amount on the Maturity Date or on such earlier date or dates as the same may become payable in accordance with the Conditions (or to pay such other amounts of principal on such dates as may be specified in the Pricing Supplement), and to pay interest on each such Note on the dates and in the manner specified in the Conditions, together with any additional amounts payable in accordance with the Conditions, all subject to and in accordance with the Conditions.

## 4. PAYMENT CONDITIONS

If the currency of any payment made in respect of Notes represented by this Global Registered Note is euro, the applicable Payment Business Day shall be any day which is a TARGET Settlement Day and a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre; or, if the currency of any payment made in respect of Notes represented by this Global Registered Note is not euro, the applicable Payment Business Day shall be any day which is a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in the Principal Financial Centre of the currency of payment and in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre.

Each payment made in respect of this Global Registered Note will be made to the person shown as the Holder in the Register at the close of business (in the relevant clearing system) on the Clearing System Business Day before the due date for such payment (the “Record Date”) where “Clearing System Business Day” means a day on which each clearing system for which this Global Registered Note is being held is open for business.

## 5. EXCHANGE FOR INDIVIDUAL NOTE CERTIFICATES

This Global Note Certificate will be exchanged in whole (but not in part) for duly authenticated and completed Individual Note Certificates (which expression has the meaning given in the Agency Agreement) in accordance with the Agency Agreement:

5.1 *Upon notice*: on the expiry of such period of notice as may be specified in the Pricing Supplement; or

5.2 *Upon demand*: at any time, if so specified in the Pricing Supplement; or

5.3 *In limited circumstances*: if the Pricing Supplement specifies “in the limited circumstances described in the Global Note Certificate”, then if either of the following events occurs:

(a) *Closure of clearing systems*: Euroclear Bank SA/NV (***Euroclear***) or Clearstream Banking, S.A., Luxembourg (***Clearstream, Luxembourg***) or any other relevant clearing system is closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of legal holidays) or announces an intention permanently to cease business; or

(b) *Event of Default*: any of the circumstances described in Condition 11 (*Events of Default*) occurs.

## 6. DELIVERY OF INDIVIDUAL NOTE CERTIFICATES

Whenever this Global Note Certificate is to be exchanged for Individual Note Certificates, such Individual Note Certificates shall be issued in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of this Global Note Certificate within five business days of the delivery, by or on behalf of the Holder, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, to the Registrar of such information as is required to complete and deliver such Individual Note Certificates (including, without limitation, the names and addresses of the persons in whose names the Individual Note Certificates are to be registered and the principal amount of each such person’s holding) against the surrender of this Global Note Certificate at the Specified Office of the Registrar. Such exchange shall be effected in accordance with the provisions of the Agency Agreement and the regulations concerning the transfer and registration of Notes scheduled thereto and, in particular, shall be effected without charge to any Holder, but against such indemnity as the Registrar may require in respect of any tax or other duty of whatsoever nature which may be levied or imposed in connection with such exchange. In this paragraph, ***business day*** means a day on which commercial banks are open for business (including dealings in foreign currencies) in the city in which the Registrar has its Specified Office.

## 7. FAILURE TO DELIVER INDIVIDUAL NOTE CERTIFICATES OR TO PAY

If

7.1 *Failure to deliver Individual Note Certificates*: Individual Note Certificates have not been issued and delivered in accordance with paragraph 6 (*Delivery of Individual Note*

*Certificates*) above by 5.00 p.m. (London time) on the thirtieth day after the date on which the same are due to be issued; or

7.2 Payment default: any of the Notes evidenced by this Global Registered Note has become due and payable in accordance with the Conditions or the date for final redemption of the Notes has occurred and, in either case, payment in full of the amount of principal falling due with all accrued interest thereon has not been made to the Holder on the due date for payment in accordance with the terms of this Global Registered Note,

**[OPTION 1 - TRADITIONAL DIRECT RIGHTS]**

then this Global Registered Note (including the obligation to deliver Individual Note Certificates) will become void at 5.00 pm (London time) on such thirtieth day (in the case of 7.1 (*Failure to deliver Individual Note Certificates or to pay*) above) or at 5.00 pm (London time) on such due date (in the case of 7.2 (*Payment default*) above) and the Holder will have no further rights hereunder, but without prejudice to the rights which the Holder or others may have under the Deed of Covenant.

**[OPTION 2 - NEW DIRECT RIGHTS ADDRESSING US TAX CONCERN]**

then, at 5.00 pm (London time) on such thirtieth day (in the case of paragraph 7.1 (*Failure to deliver Individual Note Certificates or to pay*) above) or at 5.00 pm (London time) on such due date (in the case of paragraph 7.2 (*Payment default*) above) (in each case, the “Determination Date”) the Accountholder shall acquire Direct Rights in accordance with the Deed of Covenant, without prejudice to the rights which the Holder may have hereunder and under the Deed of Covenant .

Terms defined in the Deed of Covenant shall have the same meanings when used in this paragraph 7.

[END OF OPTIONS]

**8. CONDITIONS APPLY**

Save as otherwise provided herein, the Holder of this Global Note Certificate shall have the benefit of, and be subject to, the Conditions and, for the purposes of this Global Note Certificate, any reference in the Conditions to *Note Certificate* or *Note Certificates* shall, except where the context otherwise requires, be construed so as to include this Global Note Certificate.

**9. EXERCISE OF PUT OPTION**

In order to exercise the option contained in Condition 8(d) (*Redemption and Purchase - Redemption at the option of Noteholders*) (the **Put Option**), the Holder must, within the period specified in the Conditions for the deposit of the relevant Note Certificate and Put Option Notice (as such expression is defined in the Agency Agreement), give written notice of such exercise to the Fiscal Agent specifying the principal amount of Notes in respect of which the Put Option is being exercised. Any such notice shall be irrevocable and may not be withdrawn.

**10. EXERCISE OF CALL OPTION**

In connection with an exercise of the option contained in Condition 8(b) (*Redemption and Purchase - Redemption at the option of the Issuer*) in relation to some only of the Notes, the Notes represented by this Global Note Certificate may be redeemed in part in the principal amount specified by the Issuer in accordance with the Conditions.

## **11. NOTICES**

Notwithstanding Condition 17 (*Notices*), so long as this Global Note Certificate is held on behalf of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other clearing system (an *Alternative Clearing System*), notices to Holders of Notes represented by this Global Note Certificate may be given by delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or (as the case may be) such Alternative Clearing System.

## **12. DETERMINATION OF ENTITLEMENT**

This Global Note Certificate is evidence of entitlement only and is not a document of title. Entitlements are determined by the Register and only the Holder is entitled to payment in respect of this Global Note Certificate.

## **13. AUTHENTICATION**

This Global Note Certificate shall not be valid for any purpose until it has been authenticated for and on behalf of HSBC Bank plc as registrar.

## **14. [EFFECTUATION**

This Global Registered Note shall not be valid for any purpose until it has been effectuated for or on behalf of the entity appointed as common safekeeper by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg.]

## **15. GOVERNING LAW**

This Global Note Certificate and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it are governed by English law.

AS WITNESS the manual or facsimile signature of a duly authorised person on behalf of the Issuer.

**NEW DEVELOPMENT BANK**

By : .....  
[manual or facsimile signature] *Syed Yousuf Ali*  
(duly authorised) *Director General - Treasury*

**ISSUED** on [issue date]  
**AUTHENTICATED for and on behalf of**  
**HSBC Bank plc**

as registrar without recourse, warranty  
or liability

By : .....  
[manual signature]  
(duly authorised)

**[EFFECTUATION OPTION (INCLUDE WHERE NOTE IS TO BE HELD UNDER NEW  
SAFEKEEPING STRUCTURE (NSS))**

**[EFFECTUATED for and on behalf of**

**[COMMON SAFEKEEPER]** as common safekeeper

without recourse, warranty or liability

By : .....  
[manual signature]  
(duly authorised)

**END OF OPTION]**

**SCHEDULE 1**

**FORM OF TRANSFER**

**FOR VALUE RECEIVED** ....., being the registered holder of this Global Note Certificate, hereby transfers to.....  
.....  
of.....  
....., [currency]  
..... in principal amount of the Notes and irrevocably requests and authorises HSBC Bank plc, in its capacity as registrar in relation to the Notes (or any successor to HSBC Bank plc in its capacity as such) to effect the relevant transfer by means of appropriate entries in the register kept by it.

Dated: .....

By: .....  
(duly authorised)

**Notes**

The name of the person by or on whose behalf this form of transfer is signed must correspond with the name of the registered holder as it appears on the face of this Global Note Certificate.

A representative of such registered holder should state the capacity in which he signs, e.g. executor.

The signature of the person effecting a transfer shall conform to any list of duly authorised specimen signatures supplied by the registered holder or be certified by a recognised bank, notary public or in such other manner as the Registrar may require.

Any transfer of Notes shall be in an amount equal to a Specified Denomination.

## SCHEDULE 2 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

*The following is the text of the terms and conditions which, as supplemented, amended and/or replaced by the relevant Pricing Supplement, will be endorsed on each Note in definitive form issued under the Programme. The terms and conditions applicable to any Note in global form will differ from those terms and conditions which would apply to the Note were it in definitive form to the extent described under "Summary of Provisions Relating to the Notes while in Global Form" above.*

### 1. INTRODUCTION

#### (a) Programme:

New Development Bank (the "**Issuer**") has established a Euro Medium Term Note Programme (the "**Programme**") for the issuance of up to U.S.\$50,000,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of notes (the "**Notes**").

#### (b) Pricing Supplement:

Notes issued under the Programme are issued in series (each a "**Series**") and each Series may comprise one or more tranches (each a "**Tranche**") of Notes. Each Tranche is the subject of a Pricing Supplement (the "**Pricing Supplement**") which completes these terms and conditions (the "**Conditions**"). The terms and conditions applicable to any particular Tranche of Notes are these Conditions as completed by the relevant Pricing Supplement. In the event of any inconsistency between these Conditions and the relevant Pricing Supplement, the relevant Pricing Supplement shall prevail.

#### (c) Agency Agreement:

The Notes are the subject of an issue and paying agency agreement dated 25 February 2022 (as amended and/or supplemented from time to time, the "**Agency Agreement**") between the Issuer, HSBC Bank plc as fiscal agent (the "**Fiscal Agent**", which expression includes any successor fiscal agent appointed from time to time in connection with the Notes), HSBC Bank plc as registrar (the "**Registrar**", which expression includes any successor registrar appointed from time to time in connection with the Notes), and the paying agents named therein (together with the Fiscal Agent, the "**Paying Agents**", which expression includes any successor or additional paying agents appointed from time to time in connection with the Notes) and the transfer agents named therein (together with the Registrar, the "**Transfer Agents**", which expression includes any successor or additional transfer agents appointed from time to time in connection with the Notes). In these Conditions references to the "**Agents**" are to the Paying Agents and the Transfer Agents and any reference to an "**Agent**" is to any one of them.

#### (d) Deed of Covenant:

The Notes may be issued in bearer form ("**Bearer Notes**"), or in registered form ("**Registered Notes**"). Notes are constituted by a deed of covenant dated 25 February 2022 (as amended and/or supplemented from time to time, the "**Deed of Covenant**") entered into by the Issuer.

#### (e) The Notes:

All subsequent references in these Conditions to "Notes" are to the Notes which are the subject of the relevant Pricing Supplement. Copies of the relevant Pricing Supplement are available for inspection by Noteholders during normal business hours at the Specified Office of the Fiscal Agent, the initial Specified Office of which is set out below.

#### (f) Summaries:

Certain provisions of these Conditions are summaries of the Agency Agreement and the Deed of Covenant and are subject to their detailed provisions. The holders of the Notes (the



"**Noteholders**") and the holders of the related interest coupons, if any, (the "**Couponholders**" and the "**Coupons**", respectively) are bound by, and are deemed to have notice of, all the provisions of the Agency Agreement and the Deed of Covenant applicable to them. Copies of the Agency Agreement and the Deed of Covenant are available for inspection by Noteholders during normal business hours at the Specified Offices of each of the Paying Agents, the initial Specified Offices of which are set out below.

(g) **Specified Currency:**

The Specified Currency of any Note and, if different, any Specified Principal Payment Currency and/or Specified Interest Payment Currency, are as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement. Subject to Condition 1(h) below, all payments of principal in respect of a Note shall be made in the Specified Currency or, if applicable, the Specified Principal Payment Currency, and all payments of interest in respect of a Note shall be made in the Specified Currency or, if applicable, the Specified Interest Payment Currency.

(h) **Unavailability of Specified Currency:**

If the principal of, premium (if any) or interest on, any Note is payable in a Specified Currency other than U.S. dollars and at the time any such payment is due such Specified Currency is no longer used by the government of the country issuing such currency or for the settlement of transactions by public institutions in such country or within the international banking community, or if such Specified Currency is otherwise not expected to be available to the Issuer as a result of circumstances beyond the control of the Issuer, then the Issuer shall be entitled to satisfy its obligations to holders of Notes in respect of such payment by making such payments in U.S. dollars on the basis of the Market Exchange Rate specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement on the date of such payment or, if the Market Exchange Rate is not available on such date, as of the most recent practicable date. Any payment made by the Issuer under such circumstances in U.S. dollars where the required payment is in a Specified Currency other than U.S. dollars shall constitute valid payment and shall not constitute a default in respect of the Notes.

2. **INTERPRETATION**

(a) **Definitions:**

In these Conditions the following expressions have the following meanings:

"**Accrual Yield**" has the meaning given in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

"**Additional Business Centre(s)**" means the city or cities specified as such in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

"**Additional Financial Centre(s)**" means the city or cities specified as such in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

"**Business Day**" means:

- (i) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a TARGET Settlement Day and a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments generally in each (if any) Additional Business Centre; and
- (ii) in relation to any sum payable in a currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments generally in the Principal Financial Centre of the relevant currency and in each (if any) Additional Business Centre;

"**Business Day Convention**", in relation to any particular date, has the meaning given in the relevant Pricing Supplement and, if so specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, may have different meanings in relation to different dates and, in this context, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

- (i) **"Following Business Day Convention"** means that the relevant date shall be postponed to the first following day that is a Business Day;
- (ii) **"Modified Following Business Day Convention"** or **"Modified Business Day Convention"** means that the relevant date shall be postponed to the first following day that is a Business Day unless that day falls in the next calendar month in which case that date will be the first preceding day that is a Business Day;
- (iii) **"Preceding Business Day Convention"** means that the relevant date shall be brought forward to the first preceding day that is a Business Day;
- (iv) **"FRN Convention", "Floating Rate Convention" or "Eurodollar Convention"** means that each relevant date shall be the date which numerically corresponds to the preceding such date in the calendar month which is the number of months specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement as the Specified Period after the calendar month in which the preceding such date occurred **provided, however, that:**
  - (a) if there is no such numerically corresponding day in the calendar month in which any such date should occur, then such date will be the last day which is a Business Day in that calendar month;
  - (b) if any such date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then such date will be the first following day which is a Business Day unless that day falls in the next calendar month, in which case it will be the first preceding day which is a Business Day; and
  - (c) if the preceding such date occurred on the last day in a calendar month which was a Business Day, then all subsequent such dates will be the last day which is a Business Day in the calendar month which is the specified number of months after the calendar month in which the preceding such date occurred; and
- (v) **"No Adjustment"** means that the relevant date shall not be adjusted in accordance with any Business Day Convention;

**"Calculation Agent"** means the Fiscal Agent or such other Person specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement as the party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of Interest and Interest Amount(s) and/or such other amount(s) as may be specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

**"Calculation Amount"** has the meaning given in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

**"Coupon Sheet"** means, in respect of a Note, a coupon sheet relating to the Note;

**"Day Count Fraction"** means, in respect of the calculation of an amount for any period of time (the **"Calculation Period"**), such day count fraction as may be specified in these Conditions or the relevant Pricing Supplement and:

- (i) if **"Actual/Actual (ICMA)"** is so specified, means:
  - (a) where the Calculation Period is equal to or shorter than the Regular Period during which it falls, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by the product of (1) the actual number of days in such Regular Period and (2) the number of Regular Periods in any year; and
  - (b) where the Calculation Period is longer than one Regular Period, the sum of:
    - (A) the actual number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the Regular Period in which it begins divided by the product of (1) the actual number of days in such Regular Period and (2) the number of Regular Periods in any year; and

- (B) the actual number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the next Regular Period divided by the product of (1) the actual number of days in such Regular Period and (2) the number of Regular Periods in any year;
- (ii) if "**Actual/365**" or "**Actual/Actual (ISDA)**" is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of the Calculation Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (iii) if "**Actual/365 (Fixed)**" is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365;
- (iv) if "**Actual/360**" is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360;
- (v) if "**30/360**" is so specified, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows

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

where:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

where:

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (vii) if "**30E/360 (ISDA)**" is so specified, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

where:

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

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

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

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

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

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

**provided, however, that** in each such case the number of days in the Calculation Period is calculated from and including the first day of the Calculation Period to but excluding the last day of the Calculation Period;

"**Early Termination Amount**" means, in respect of any Note, its principal amount or such other amount as may be specified in, or determined in accordance with, these Conditions or the relevant Pricing Supplement;

"**Extraordinary Resolution**" has the meaning given in the Agency Agreement;

"**Final Redemption Amount**" means, in respect of any Note, its principal amount or such other amount as may be specified in, or determined in accordance with, the relevant Pricing Supplement;

"**Fixed Coupon Amount**" has the meaning given in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

"**Holder**", in the case of Bearer Notes, has the meaning given in Condition 3(b) (*Form, Denomination, Title and Transfer – Title to Bearer Notes*) and, in the case of Registered Notes, has the meaning given in Condition 3(d) (*Form, Denomination, Title and Transfer – Title to Registered Notes*);

"**Interest Amount**" means, in relation to a Note and an Interest Period, the amount of interest payable in respect of that Note for that Interest Period;

**"Interest Commencement Date"** means the Issue Date of the Notes or such other date as may be specified as the Interest Commencement Date in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

**"Interest Determination Date"** has the meaning given in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

**"Interest Payment Date"** means the date or dates specified as such in, or determined in accordance with the provisions of, the relevant Pricing Supplement and, if a Business Day Convention is specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement:

- (i) as the same may be adjusted in accordance with the relevant Business Day Convention; or
- (ii) if the Business Day Convention is the FRN Convention, Floating Rate Convention or Eurodollar Convention and an interval of a number of calendar months is specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement as being the Specified Period, each of such dates as may occur in accordance with the FRN Convention, Floating Rate Convention or Eurodollar Convention at such Specified Period of calendar months following the Interest Commencement Date (in the case of the first Interest Payment Date) or the previous Interest Payment Date (in any other case);

**"Interest Period"** means each period beginning on (and including) the Interest Commencement Date or any Interest Payment Date and ending on (but excluding) the next Interest Payment Date;

**"ISDA"** means the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. (or any successor);

**"ISDA Benchmarks Supplement"** means the Benchmarks Supplement (as amended and updated as at the date of issue of the first Tranche of the Notes of the relevant Series (as specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement)) published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc;

**"ISDA Definitions"** means, in relation to any Series of Notes:

- (i) if "ISDA 2006 Definitions" are specified as being applicable in the relevant Pricing Supplement, the 2006 ISDA Definitions (as supplemented, amended and updated as at the date of issue of the first Tranche of the Notes of such Series) as published by ISDA (copies of which may be obtained from ISDA at [www.isda.org](http://www.isda.org));
- (ii) if "ISDA 2021 Definitions" are specified as being applicable in the relevant Pricing Supplement, the latest version of the 2021 ISDA Interest Rate Derivatives Definitions (including each Matrix (and any successor Matrix thereto), as defined in such 2021 ISDA Interest Rate Derivatives Definitions) as at the date of issue of the first Tranche of Notes of such Series, as published by ISDA on its website ([www.isda.org](http://www.isda.org));

**"Issue Date"** has the meaning given in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

**"Margin"** has the meaning given in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

**"Market Exchange Rate"** if applicable, has the meaning given in the relevant Pricing Supplement. For the avoidance of doubt, the Calculation Agent for determining the Market Exchange Rate will not be HSBC Bank plc;

**"Maturity Date"** has the meaning given in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

**"Maximum Redemption Amount"** has the meaning given in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

**"Minimum Redemption Amount"** has the meaning given in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

**"Noteholder"**, in the case of Bearer Notes, has the meaning given in Condition 3(b) (*Form, Denomination, Title and Transfer – Title to Bearer Notes*) and, in the case of Registered Notes, has the meaning given in Condition 3(d) (*Form, Denomination, Title and Transfer – Title to Registered Notes*);

**"Optional Redemption Amount (Call)"** means, in respect of any Note, its principal amount or such other amount as may be specified in, or determined in accordance with, the relevant Pricing Supplement;

**"Optional Redemption Amount (Put)"** means, in respect of any Note, its principal amount or such other amount as may be specified in, or determined in accordance with, the relevant Pricing Supplement;

**"Optional Redemption Date (Call)"** has the meaning given in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

**"Optional Redemption Date (Maturity Call)"** has the meaning given in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

**"Optional Redemption Date (Put)"** has the meaning given in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

**"Payment Business Day"** means:

- (i) if the currency of payment is euro, any day which is:
  - (A) a day on which banks in the relevant place of presentation are open for presentation and payment of bearer debt securities and for dealings in foreign currencies; and
  - (B) in the case of payment by transfer to an account, a TARGET Settlement Day and a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre; or
- (ii) if the currency of payment is not euro, any day which is:
  - (A) a day on which banks in the relevant place of presentation are open for presentation and payment of bearer debt securities and for dealings in foreign currencies; and
  - (B) in the case of payment by transfer to an account, a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in the Principal Financial Centre of the currency of payment and in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre;

**"Person"** means any individual, company, corporation, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, organisation, state or agency of a state or other entity, whether or not having separate legal personality;

**"Principal Financial Centre"** means, in relation to any currency, the principal financial centre for that currency **provided, however, that** in relation to euro, it means the principal financial centre of such Member State of the EU as is selected (in the case of a payment) by the payee or (in the case of a calculation) by the Calculation Agent;

**"Put Option Notice"** means a notice which must be delivered to a Paying Agent by any Noteholder wanting to exercise a right to redeem a Note at the option of the Noteholder;

**"Put Option Receipt"** means a receipt issued by a Paying Agent to a depositing Noteholder upon deposit of a Note with such Paying Agent by any Noteholder wanting to exercise a right to redeem a Note at the option of the Noteholder;

**"Rate of Interest"** means the rate or rates (expressed as a percentage per annum) of interest payable in respect of the Notes specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement or calculated or determined in accordance with the provisions of these Conditions and/or the relevant Pricing Supplement;

**"Record Date"** has the meaning given in Condition 10 (*Payments – Registered Notes*);

**"Redemption Amount"** means, as appropriate, the Final Redemption Amount, the Optional Redemption Amount (Call), the Optional Redemption Amount (Put), the Early Termination Amount or such other amount in the nature of a redemption amount as may be specified in, or determined in accordance with the provisions of, the relevant Pricing Supplement;

**"Reference Banks"** has the meaning given in the relevant Pricing Supplement or, if none, four major banks selected by the Calculation Agent in consultation with the Issuer in the market that is most closely connected with the Reference Rate;

**"Reference Price"** has the meaning given in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

**"Reference Rate"** has the meaning given in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

**"Regular Period"** means:

- (i) in the case of Notes where interest is scheduled to be paid only by means of regular payments, each period from and including the Interest Commencement Date to but excluding the first Interest Payment Date and each successive period from and including one Interest Payment Date to but excluding the next Interest Payment Date;
- (ii) in the case of Notes where, apart from the first Interest Period, interest is scheduled to be paid only by means of regular payments, each period from and including a Regular Date falling in any year to but excluding the next Regular Date, where **"Regular Date"** means the day and month (but not the year) on which any Interest Payment Date falls; and
- (iii) in the case of Notes where, apart from one Interest Period other than the first Interest Period, interest is scheduled to be paid only by means of regular payments, each period from and including a Regular Date falling in any year to but excluding the next Regular Date, where **"Regular Date"** means the day and month (but not the year) on which any Interest Payment Date falls other than the Interest Payment Date falling at the end of the irregular Interest Period;

**"Relevant Date"** means, in relation to any payment, whichever is the later of (a) the date on which the payment in question first becomes due and (b) if the full amount payable has not been received in the Principal Financial Centre of the currency of payment by the Fiscal Agent on or prior to such due date, the date on which (the full amount having been so received) notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders by the Issuer in accordance with Condition 17 (*Notices*);

**"Relevant Financial Centre"** has the meaning given in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

**"Relevant Screen Page"** means the page, section or other part of a particular information service (including, without limitation, Reuters) specified as the Relevant Screen Page in the relevant Pricing Supplement, or such other page, section or other part as may replace it on that information service or such other information service, in each case, as may be nominated by the Person providing or sponsoring the information appearing there the purpose of displaying rates or prices comparable to the Reference Rate;

**"Relevant Time"** has the meaning given in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

**"Specified Currency"** has the meaning given in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

**"Specified Denomination(s)"** has the meaning given in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

**"Specified Interest Payment Currency"** if applicable, has the meaning given in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

**"Specified Office"** has the meaning given in the Agency Agreement;

**"Specified Period"** has the meaning given in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

"**Specified Principal Payment Currency**" if applicable, has the meaning given in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

"**Talon**" means a talon for further Coupons;

"**TARGET2**" means the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer payment system which utilises a single shared platform and which was launched on 19 November 2007;

"**TARGET Settlement Day**" means any day on which the TARGET2 is open for the settlement of payments in euro;

"**Treaty**" means the Treaty establishing the European Union, as amended; and

"**Zero Coupon Note**" means a Note specified as such in the relevant Pricing Supplement.

(b) **Interpretation:**

In these Conditions:

- (i) if the Notes are Zero Coupon Notes, references to Coupons and Couponholders are not applicable;
- (ii) if Talons are specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement as being attached to the Notes at the time of issue, references to Coupons shall be deemed to include references to Talons;
- (iii) if Talons are not specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement as being attached to the Notes at the time of issue, references to Talons are not applicable;
- (iv) any reference to principal shall be deemed to include the Redemption Amount, any premium payable in respect of a Note and any other amount in the nature of principal payable pursuant to these Conditions;
- (v) any reference to interest shall be deemed to include any other amount in the nature of interest payable pursuant to these Conditions;
- (vi) references to Notes being "**outstanding**" shall be construed in accordance with the Agency Agreement;
- (vii) if an expression is stated to have the meaning given in the relevant Pricing Supplement, but the relevant Pricing Supplement gives no such meaning or specifies that such expression is "not applicable" then such expression is not applicable to the Notes; and
- (viii) any reference to the Agency Agreement shall be construed as a reference to the Agency Agreement, as amended and/or supplemented up to and including the Issue Date of the Notes.

3. **FORM, DENOMINATION, TITLE AND TRANSFER**

(a) **Bearer Notes:**

Bearer Notes are in the Specified Denomination(s) with Coupons and, if specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, Talons attached at the time of issue. In the case of a Series of Bearer Notes with more than one Specified Denomination, Bearer Notes of one Specified Denomination will not be exchangeable for Bearer Notes of another Specified Denomination.

(b) **Title to Bearer Notes:**



Title to Bearer Notes and the Coupons will pass by delivery. In the case of Bearer Notes, "**Holder**" means the holder of such Bearer Note and "**Noteholder**" and "**Couponholder**" shall be construed accordingly.

(c) **Registered Notes:**

Registered Notes are in the Specified Denomination(s), which may include a minimum denomination specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement and higher integral multiples of a smaller amount specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement.

(d) **Title to Registered Notes:**

The Registrar will maintain the register in accordance with the provisions of the Agency Agreement. A certificate (each, a "**Note Certificate**") will be issued to each Holder of Registered Notes in respect of its registered holding. Each Note Certificate will be numbered serially with an identifying number which will be recorded in the Register. In the case of Registered Notes, "**Holder**" means the person in whose name such Registered Note is for the time being registered in the Register (or, in the case of a joint holding, the first named thereof) and "**Noteholder**" shall be construed accordingly.

(e) **Ownership:**

The Holder of any Note or Coupon shall (except as otherwise required by law) be treated as its absolute owner for all purposes (whether or not it is overdue and regardless of any notice of ownership, trust or any other interest therein, any writing thereon or, in the case of Registered Notes, on the Note Certificate relating thereto (other than the endorsed form of transfer) or any notice of any previous loss or theft thereof) and no Person shall be liable for so treating such Holder. No person shall have any right to enforce any term or condition of any Note under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

(f) **Transfers of Registered Notes:**

Subject to Condition 3(i) (*Closed periods*) and Condition 3(j) (*Regulations concerning transfers and registration*) below, a Registered Note may be transferred upon surrender of the relevant Note Certificate, with the endorsed form of transfer duly completed, at the Specified Office of the Registrar or any Transfer Agent, together with such evidence as the Registrar or (as the case may be) such Transfer Agent may reasonably require to prove the title of the transferor and the authority of the individuals who have executed the form of transfer; **provided, however, that** a Registered Note may not be transferred unless the principal amount of Registered Notes transferred and (where not all of the Registered Notes held by a Holder are being transferred) the principal amount of the balance of Registered Notes not transferred are Specified Denominations. Where not all the Registered Notes represented by the surrendered Note Certificate are the subject of the transfer, a new Note Certificate in respect of the balance of the Registered Notes will be issued to the transferor.

(g) **Registration and delivery of Note Certificates:**

Within five business days of the surrender of a Note Certificate in accordance with Condition 3(f) (*Transfers of Registered Notes*) above, the Registrar will register the transfer in question and deliver a new Note Certificate of a like principal amount to the Registered Notes transferred to each relevant Holder at its Specified Office or (as the case may be) the Specified Office of any Transfer Agent or (at the request and risk of any such relevant Holder) by uninsured first class mail (airmail if overseas) to the address specified for the purpose by such relevant Holder. In this Condition 3, "**business day**" means a day on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign currencies) in the city where the Registrar or (as the case may be) the relevant Transfer Agent has its Specified Office.

(h) **No charge:**

The transfer of a Registered Note will be effected without charge by or on behalf of the Issuer or the Registrar or any Transfer Agent but upon payment by the applicant of (or the giving by the applicant of such indemnity as the Issuer, Registrar or (as the case may be) Transfer Agent may require in respect of) any tax or other duty of whatsoever nature which may be levied or imposed in connection with such transfer.

(i) **Closed periods:**

Noteholders may not require transfers to be registered during the period of 15 days ending on the due date for any payment of principal or interest in respect of the Registered Notes.

(j) **Regulations concerning transfers and registration:**

All transfers of Registered Notes and entries on the Register are subject to the detailed regulations concerning the transfer of Registered Notes scheduled to the Agency Agreement. The regulations may be changed by the Issuer with the prior written approval of the Registrar. A copy of the current regulations will be mailed (free of charge) by the Registrar to any Noteholder who requests in writing a copy of such regulations.

4. **STATUS**

The Notes constitute the direct and unconditional obligations of the Issuer which will at all times rank *pari passu* among themselves and at least *pari passu* with all other present and future unsecured obligations of the Issuer save for such obligations as may be preferred by provisions of law that are both of mandatory and general application.

**THE NOTES ARE NOT OBLIGATIONS OF ANY GOVERNMENT.**

5. **FIXED RATE NOTE PROVISIONS**

(a) **Application:**

This Condition 5 is applicable to the Notes only if the Fixed Rate Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement as being applicable.

(b) **Accrual of interest:**

The Notes bear interest from and including the Interest Commencement Date at the Rate of Interest payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date, subject as provided in Condition 9 (*Payments – Bearer Notes*) and Condition 10 (*Payments – Registered Notes*). Each Note will cease to bear interest from the due date for final redemption unless, upon due presentation, payment of the Redemption Amount is improperly withheld or refused, in which case it will continue to bear interest in accordance with this Condition 5 (as well after as before judgment) until whichever is the earlier of: (i) the day on which all sums due in respect of such Note up to that day are received by or on behalf of the relevant Noteholder; and (ii) the day which is seven days after the Fiscal Agent has notified the Noteholders that it has received all sums due in respect of the Notes up to such seventh day (except to the extent that there is any subsequent default in payment).

(c) **Fixed Coupon Amount:**

The amount of interest payable in respect of each Note for any Interest Period shall be the relevant Fixed Coupon Amount or Broken Amount and, if the Notes are in more than one Specified Denomination, shall be the relevant Fixed Coupon Amount or Broken Amount in respect of the relevant Specified Denomination.

(d) **Calculation of interest amount:**

The amount of interest payable in respect of each Note for any period for which a Fixed Coupon Amount is not specified shall be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest to the Calculation Amount, multiplying the product by the relevant Day Count Fraction, rounding the resulting figure to the nearest sub-unit of the Specified Currency (half a sub-unit being rounded upwards) and multiplying such rounded figure by a fraction equal to the Specified Denomination of such Note divided by the Calculation Amount. For this purpose a "sub-unit" means, in the case of any currency other than euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, in the case of euro, means one cent.

6. **FLOATING RATE NOTE PROVISIONS**

(a) **Application:**

This Condition 6 is applicable to the Notes only if the Floating Rate Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement as being applicable.

(b) **Accrual of interest:**

The Notes bear interest from and including the Interest Commencement Date at the Rate of Interest payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date, subject as provided in Condition 9 (*Payments – Bearer Notes*) and Condition 10 (*Payments – Registered Notes*). Each Note will cease to bear interest from the due date for final redemption unless, upon due presentation, payment of the Redemption Amount is improperly withheld or refused, in which case it will continue to bear interest in accordance with this Condition 6 (as well after as before judgment) until whichever is the earlier of: (i) the day on which all sums due in respect of such Note up to that day are received by or on behalf of the relevant Noteholder; and (ii) the day which is seven days after the Fiscal Agent has notified the Noteholders that it has received all sums due in respect of the Notes up to such seventh day (except to the extent that there is any subsequent default in payment).

(c) **Screen Rate Determination – Term Rate**

If Screen Rate Determination – Term Rate is specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement as the manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined, the Rate of Interest applicable to the Notes for each Interest Period will be determined by the Calculation Agent on the following basis:

- (i) if the Reference Rate is a composite quotation or customarily supplied by one entity, the Calculation Agent will determine the Reference Rate which appears on the Relevant Screen Page as of the Relevant Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date;
- (ii) in any other case, the Calculation Agent will determine the arithmetic mean of the Reference Rates which appear on the Relevant Screen Page as of the Relevant Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date;
- (iii) if, in the case of (i) above, such rate does not appear on that page or, in the case of (ii) above, fewer than two such rates appear on that page or if, in either case, the Relevant Screen Page is unavailable, the Calculation Agent will:
  - (A) request the principal Relevant Financial Centre office of each the Reference Banks to provide a quotation of the Reference Rate at approximately the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date to prime banks in the Relevant Financial Centre interbank market in an amount that is representative for a single transaction in that market at that time; and
  - (B) determine the arithmetic mean of such quotations; and

- (iv) if fewer than two such quotations are provided as requested, the Calculation Agent will determine the arithmetic mean of the rates (being the nearest to the Reference Rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent) quoted by major banks in the Principal Financial Centre of the Specified Currency, selected by the Calculation Agent, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (local time in the Principal Financial Centre of the Specified Currency) on the first day of the relevant Interest Period for loans in the Specified Currency to leading European banks for a period equal to the relevant Interest Period and in an amount that is representative for a single transaction in that market at that time,

and the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be the sum of the Margin and the rate or (as the case may be) the arithmetic mean so determined; **provided, however, that** if the Calculation Agent is unable to determine a rate or (as the case may be) an arithmetic mean in accordance with the above provisions in relation to any Interest Period, the Rate of Interest applicable to the Notes during such Interest Period will be the sum of the Margin and the rate or (as the case may be) the arithmetic mean last determined in relation to the Notes in respect of a preceding Interest Period. Where a different Margin or maximum Rate of Interest or minimum Rate of Interest is to be applied to the relevant Interest Period from that which applied to the last preceding Interest Period, the Margin or maximum Rate of Interest or minimum Rate of Interest relating to the relevant Interest Period shall be substituted in place of the Margin or maximum or minimum Rate of Interest relating to that last preceding Interest Period.

(d) **Screen Rate Determination – Overnight Rate**

- (i) If (i) Screen Rate Determination – Overnight Rate is specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, (ii) Index Determination is not applicable and (iii) the "Reference Rate" is specified as SONIA, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be Compounded Daily SONIA plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement) the Margin.

As used herein:

"**Compounded Daily SONIA**" means, with respect to an Interest Period, the rate of return of a daily compound interest investment (with the daily Sterling overnight reference rate as reference rate for the calculation of interest) and will be calculated by the Calculation Agent or the Issuer on the Interest Determination Date in question, as follows, and the resulting percentage will be rounded, if necessary, to the fourth decimal place, with 0.00005 being rounded upwards:

$$\left[ \prod_{i=1}^{d_o} \left( 1 + \frac{SONIA_i \times n_i}{365} \right) - 1 \right] \times \frac{365}{d}$$

"**d**" means, for any Observation Period, the number of calendar days in such Observation Period;

"**d<sub>o</sub>**" means, for any Observation Period, the number of London Banking Days in such Observation Period;

"**i**" means, for any Observation Period, a series of whole numbers from one to d<sub>o</sub>, each representing the relevant London Banking Day in chronological order from, and including, the first London Banking Day in such Observation Period to, and including, the last London Banking Day in such Observation Period;

"**Interest Determination Date**" means, in respect of any Interest Period, the date falling "p" London Banking Days prior to the Interest Payment Date for such Interest Period (or the date falling "p" London Banking Days prior to such earlier date, if any, on which the Notes are due and payable);

**"London Banking Day"** or **"LBD"** means any day on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in London;

**"ni"** means, for any London Banking Day **"i"** in the relevant Observation Period, the number of calendar days from, and including, such London Banking Day **"i"** up to, but excluding, the following London Banking Day;

**"Observation Period"** means, in respect of an Interest Period, the period from, and including, the date falling **"p"** London Banking Days prior to the first day of such Interest Period (and the first Interest Period shall begin on and include the Interest Commencement Date) and ending on, but excluding, the date which is **"p"** London Banking Days prior to the Interest Payment Date for such Interest Period (or the date falling **"p"** London Banking Days prior to such earlier date, if any, on which the Notes become due and payable);

**"p"** means, for any Interest Period, five London Banking Days, unless otherwise agreed by the Calculation Agent, as specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

**"SONIA Reference Rate"** means, in respect of any London Banking Day, a reference rate equal to the daily Sterling Overnight Index Average ("**SONIA**") rate for such London Banking Day as provided by the administrator of SONIA to authorised distributors and as then published on the Relevant Screen Page (or if the Relevant Screen Page is unavailable, as otherwise is published by such authorised distributors) on the London Banking Day immediately following such London Banking Day; and

**"SONIA<sub>i</sub>"** means, in respect of any London Banking Day **"i"** falling in the relevant Observation Period, the SONIA Reference Rate.

*For the avoidance of doubt, the formula for the calculation of Compounded Daily SONIA only compounds the SONIA rate in respect of any London Banking Day. The SONIA rate applied to a day that is a non-London Banking Day will be taken by applying the SONIA rate for the previous London Banking Day but without compounding.*

If, in respect of any London Banking Day in the relevant Observation Period, the Calculation Agent determines that the SONIA Reference Rate is not available or has not been published by the relevant authorised distributors, the Calculation Agent will determine such SONIA Reference Rate as being, subject to Condition 6(i):

- (i) (A) the Bank of England's Bank Rate (the "**Bank Rate**") prevailing at close of business on the relevant London Banking Day; plus (B) the mean of the spread of the SONIA Reference Rate to the Bank Rate over the previous five London Banking Days on which a SONIA Reference Rate has been published, excluding the highest spread (or, if there is more than one highest spread, one only of those highest spreads) and lowest spread (or, if there is more than one lowest spread, one only of those lowest spreads) to the Bank Rate; or
- (ii) if the Bank Rate is not published by the Bank of England at close of business on the relevant London Banking Day, the SONIA Reference Rate published on the Relevant Screen Page (or otherwise published by the relevant authorised distributors) for the first preceding London Banking Day on which the SONIA Reference Rate was published on the Relevant Screen Page (or otherwise published by the relevant authorised distributors).

In the event that the Rate of Interest cannot be determined in accordance with the foregoing paragraphs of this Condition 6(d)(i) by the Calculation Agent, the Rate of Interest shall be: (i) that determined as at the last preceding Interest Determination Date (though substituting, where a different Margin, Maximum Rate of Interest and/or Minimum Rate of Interest (as the case may be) is to be applied to the relevant Interest

Period from that which applied to the last preceding Interest Period, the Margin or Maximum Rate of Interest or Minimum Rate of Interest relating to the relevant Interest Period in place of the Margin, Maximum Rate of Interest and/or Minimum Rate of Interest (as the case may be) relating to that last preceding Interest Period); or (ii) if there is no such preceding Interest Determination Date, the initial Rate of Interest which would have been applicable to such Series of Notes for the first Interest Period had the Notes been in issue for a period equal in duration to the scheduled first Interest Period but ending on (and excluding) the Interest Commencement Date (including applying the Margin and any Maximum Rate of Interest or Minimum Rate of Interest applicable to the first Interest Period).

If the relevant Series of Notes become due and payable in accordance with Condition 11 (*Events of Default*), in respect of Notes to which this Condition 6(d)(i) applies, the final Interest Determination Date shall, notwithstanding any Interest Determination Date specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, be deemed to be the date on which such Notes became due and payable and the Rate of Interest on such Notes shall, for so long as any such Notes remain outstanding, be that determined on such date.

- (ii) If (i) Screen Rate Determination – Overnight Rate is specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, (ii) Index Determination is not applicable and (iii) the "Reference Rate" is specified as SOFR, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be Compounded Daily SOFR plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement) the Margin.

*Daily SOFR rates will not be published in respect of any day that is not a U.S. Government Securities Business Day, such as a Saturday, Sunday or holiday. For this reason, in determining Compounded Daily SOFR in accordance with the specific formula and other provisions set forth herein, the daily SOFR rate for any U.S. Government Securities Business Day that immediately precedes one or more days that are not U.S. Government Securities Business Days in the Observation Period will be multiplied by the number of calendar days from and including such U.S. Government Securities Business Day to, but excluding, the following U.S. Government Securities Business Day.*

*If the Issuer determines that a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred in respect of Compounded Daily SOFR (or the daily SOFR used in the calculation hereof) prior to the relevant SOFR Determination Time, then the provisions under Condition 6(d)(iii) below will apply.*

For these purposes:

"**Business Day**" means any weekday that is a U.S. Government Securities Business Day and is not a legal holiday in New York and each (if any) Additional Business Centre(s) and is not a date on which banking institutions in those cities are authorised or required by law or regulation to be closed;

"**Compounded Daily SOFR**" with respect to any Interest Period, means the rate of return of a daily compound interest investment computed in accordance with the following formula (and the resulting percentage will be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards to 0.00001):

$$\left[ \prod_{i=1}^{d_0} \left( 1 + \frac{\text{SOFR}_i \times n_i}{360} \right) - 1 \right] \times \frac{360}{d}$$

where:

"**d<sub>o</sub>**" for any Observation Period, is the number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days in the relevant Observation Period;

"**i**" is a series of whole numbers from one to **d<sub>o</sub>**, each representing the relevant U.S. Government Securities Business Day in chronological order from, and including, the first U.S. Government Securities Business Day in the relevant Observation Period;

"**SOFR<sub>i</sub>**," for any U.S. Government Securities Business Day "**i**" in the relevant Observation Period, is equal to SOFR in respect of that day "**i**";

"**n<sub>i</sub>**" for any U.S. Government Securities Business Day "**i**" in the relevant Observation Period, is the number of calendar days from, and including, such U.S. Government Securities Business Day "**i**" to, but excluding, the following U.S. Government Securities Business Day ("**i+1**"); and

"**d**" is the number of calendar days in the relevant Observation Period.

"**Interest Period**" means each period from, and including, an Interest Payment Date (or, in the case of the first Interest Period, the Interest Commencement Date) to, but excluding, the next Interest Payment Date (or, in the case of the final Interest Period, the Maturity Date or, if the Issuer elects to redeem the Notes on any earlier redemption date, the relevant redemption date);

"**Interest Payment Determination Dates**" means the date falling "**p**" U.S. Government Securities Business Days before each Interest Payment Date where "**p**" has the value ascribed to it in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

"**Observation Period**" in respect of each Interest Period means the period from, and including, the date falling "**p**" U.S. Government Securities Business Days preceding the first date in such Interest Period to, but excluding, the date falling "**p**" U.S. Government Securities Business Days preceding the Interest Payment Date for such Interest Period;

"**SOFR**" with respect to any U.S. Government Securities Business Day, means:

- (i) the Secured Overnight Financing Rate published for such U.S. Government Securities Business Day as such rate appears on the SOFR Administrator's Website at 3:00 p.m. (New York time) on the immediately following U.S. Government Securities Business Day (the "**SOFR Determination Time**"); or
- (ii) if the rate specified in (i) above does not so appear, the Secured Overnight Financing Rate as published in respect of the first preceding U.S. Government Securities Business Day for which the Secured Overnight Financing Rate was published on the SOFR Administrator's Website;

"**SOFR Administrator**" means the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (or a successor administrator of the Secured Overnight Financing Rate);

"**SOFR Administrator's Website**" means the website of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or any successor source; and

"**U.S. Government Securities Business Day**" means any day except for a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association recommends that the fixed income departments of its members be closed for the entire day for purposes of trading in U.S. government securities.

- (iii) If: (A) the Reference Rate Replacement is specified as being applicable in the relevant Pricing Supplement; and (B) if the Issuer determines on or prior to the relevant Reference Time that a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to the then-current Benchmark, the Benchmark Replacement will replace the then-current Benchmark for all purposes

relating to the Notes in respect of all determinations on such date and for all determinations on all subsequent dates. In connection with the implementation of a Benchmark Replacement, the Issuer will have the right to make Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes from time to time, without any requirement for the consent or approval of the Noteholders.

Any determination, decision or election that may be made by the Issuer pursuant to this section, including any determination with respect to a tenor, rate or adjustment or of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event, circumstance or date and any decision to take or refrain from taking any action or any selection:

- (i) will be conclusive and binding absent manifest error;
- (ii) will be made in the sole discretion of the Issuer; and
- (iii) notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the documentation relating to the Notes, shall become effective without consent from the holders of the Notes or any other party.

**"Benchmark"** means, initially, Compounded Daily SOFR, as such term is defined above; provided that if the Issuer determines on or prior to the Reference Time that a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to Compounded Daily SOFR (or the published daily SOFR used in the calculation thereof) or the then-current Benchmark, then "Benchmark" shall mean the applicable Benchmark Replacement.

**"Benchmark Replacement"** means the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the Issuer as of the Benchmark Replacement Date:

- (i) the sum of: (A) the alternate rate of interest that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body as the replacement for the then-current Benchmark; and (B) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;
- (ii) the sum of: (A) the ISDA Fallback Rate; and (B) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment; or
- (iii) the sum of: (A) the alternate rate of interest that has been selected by the Issuer as the replacement for the then-current Benchmark giving due consideration to any industry-accepted rate of interest as a replacement for the then-current Benchmark for U.S. dollar-denominated floating rate notes at such time; and (B) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;

**"Benchmark Replacement Adjustment"** means the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the issuer or its designee as of the Benchmark Replacement Date:

- (i) the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body for the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement;
- (ii) if the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement is equivalent to the ISDA Fallback Rate, the ISDA Fallback Adjustment; or
- (iii) the spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected by the Issuer giving due consideration to any industry-accepted spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of the then-current Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for U.S. dollar-denominated floating rate notes at such time;



**"Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes"** means, with respect to any Benchmark Replacement, any technical, administrative or operational changes (including changes to the timing and frequency of determining rates and making payments of interest, rounding of amounts or tenors, and other administrative matters) that the Issuer decides may be appropriate to reflect the adoption of such Benchmark Replacement in a manner substantially consistent with market practice (or, if the Issuer decides that adoption of any portion of such market practice is not administratively feasible or if the Issuer determines that no market practice for use of the Benchmark Replacement exists, in such other manner as the Issuer determines is reasonably necessary);

**"Benchmark Replacement Date"** means the earliest to occur of the following events with respect to the then-current Benchmark (including the daily published component used in the calculation thereof):

- (i) in the case of clause (i) or (ii) of the definition of "Benchmark Transition Event," the later of: (a) the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein; and (b) the date on which the administrator of the Benchmark permanently or indefinitely ceases to provide the Benchmark (or such component); or
- (ii) in the case of clause (iii) of the definition of "Benchmark Transition Event," the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein.

For the avoidance of doubt, if the event that gives rise to the Benchmark Replacement Date occurs on the same day as, but earlier than, the Reference Time in respect of any determination, the Benchmark Replacement Date will be deemed to have occurred prior to the Reference Time for such determination;

**"Benchmark Transition Event"** means the occurrence of one or more of the following events with respect to the then-current Benchmark (including the daily published component used in the calculation thereof):

- (i) a public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the administrator of the Benchmark (or such component) announcing that such administrator has ceased or will cease to provide the Benchmark (or such component), permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide the Benchmark (or such component); or
- (ii) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of the Benchmark (or such component), the central bank for the currency of the Benchmark (or such component), an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator for the Benchmark (or such component), a resolution authority with jurisdiction over the administrator for the Benchmark (or such component) or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator for the Benchmark, which states that the administrator of the Benchmark (or such component) has ceased or will cease to provide the Benchmark (or such component) permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide the Benchmark (or such component); or
- (iii) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of the Benchmark announcing that the Benchmark is no longer representative;

**"ISDA Fallback Adjustment"** means the spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that would apply for derivatives transactions referencing the

ISDA Definitions to be determined upon the occurrence of an index cessation event with respect to the Benchmark;

"**ISDA Fallback Rate**" means the rate that would apply for derivatives transactions referencing the ISDA Definitions to be effective upon the occurrence of an index cessation date with respect to the Benchmark for the applicable tenor excluding the applicable ISDA Fallback Adjustment;

"**Reference Time**" with respect to any determination of the Benchmark means: (i) if the Benchmark is Compounded Daily SOFR, the SOFR Determination Time; and (ii) if the Benchmark is not Compounded Daily SOFR, the time determined by the Issuer after giving effect to the Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes;

"**Relevant Governmental Body**" means the Federal Reserve Board and/or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the Federal Reserve Board and/or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York or any successor thereto; and

"**Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement**" means the Benchmark Replacement excluding the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment.

- (iv) Any Benchmark Replacement, Benchmark Replacement Adjustment and the specific terms of any Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes, determined under Condition 6(d)(iii) will be notified promptly by the Issuer to the Fiscal Agent, the Calculation Agent, the Paying Agents and, in accordance with Condition 17 (*Notices*), the Noteholders. Such notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify the effective date on which such changes take effect.

No later than notifying the Fiscal Agent of the same, the Issuer shall deliver to the Fiscal Agent a certificate signed by two authorised signatories of the Issuer:

- (A) Confirming: (x) that a Benchmark Transition Event has occurred; (y) the relevant Benchmark Replacement; and (z) where applicable, any Benchmark Replacement Adjustment and/or the specific terms of any relevant Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes, in each case as determined in accordance with the provisions of Condition 6(d)(iii); and
- (B) certifying that the relevant Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes are necessary to ensure the proper operation of such Benchmark Replacement and/or Benchmark Replacement Adjustment.

(v) **Screen Rate Determination – Index Determination**

If (i) Screen Rate Determination – Overnight Rate is specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement and (ii) Index Determination is specified as being applicable, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will be the compounded daily reference rate for the relevant Interest Period, calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\frac{(\text{Compounded Index End}}{\text{Compounded Index Start}} - 1) \times \frac{\text{Numerator}}{d}$$

to the Relevant Decimal Place, plus or minus the Margin (if any), all as determined and calculated by the Fiscal Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, where:

"**Compounded Index**" shall mean either SONIA Compounded Index or SOFR Compounded Index, as specified in the Pricing Supplement;

"**d**" is the number of calendar days from (and including) the day on which the relevant Compounded Index Start is determined to (but excluding) the day on which the relevant Compounded Index End is determined;

**"End"** means the relevant Compounded Index value on the day falling the Relevant Number of Index Days prior to the Interest Payment Date for such Interest Period, or such other date on which the relevant payment of interest falls due (but which by its definition or the operation of the relevant provisions is excluded from such Interest Period);

**"Index Days"** means, in the case of the SONIA Compounded Index, London Banking Days, and, in the case of the SOFR Compounded Index, U.S. Government Securities Business Days;

**"Numerator"** means, in the case of the SONIA Compounded Index, 365 and, in the case of the SOFR Compounded Index, 360, or as otherwise specified in the Pricing Supplement;

**"Relevant Decimal Place"** shall, unless otherwise specified in the Pricing Supplement, be the fifth decimal place in the case of the SONIA Compounded Index and the seventh decimal place in the case of the SOFR Compounded Index, in each case rounded up or down, if necessary (with 0.000005 or, as the case may be, 0.00000005 being rounded upwards);

**"Relevant Number"** is as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, but, unless otherwise specified, in the case of the SONIA Compounded Index shall be five and in the case of the SOFR Compounded Index shall be five.

**"SONIA Compounded Index"** means the Compounded Daily SONIA rate as published at 10:00 (London time) by the Bank of England (or a successor administrator of SONIA) on the Bank of England's Interactive Statistical Database, or any successor source;

**"SOFR Compounded Index"** means the Compounded Daily SOFR rate as published at 15:00 (New York time) by Federal Reserve Bank of New York (or a successor administrator of SOFR) on the website of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or any successor source;

**"Start"** means the relevant Compounded Index value on the day falling the Relevant Number of Index Days prior to the first day of the relevant Interest Period; and

**"U.S. Government Securities Business Day"** means any day except for a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association recommends that the fixed income departments of its members be closed for the entire day for purposes of trading in U.S. government securities.

Provided that a Benchmark Event has not occurred in respect of the relevant Compounded Index, if, with respect to any Interest Period, the relevant rate is not published for the relevant Compounded Index either on the relevant Start or End date, then the Calculation Agent shall calculate the rate of interest for that Interest Period as if Index Determination was not specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement and as if Compounded Daily SONIA or Compounded Daily SOFR (as defined in Condition 6(d)(ii)) had been specified instead in the Pricing Supplement and where "p" for the purposes of that definition in Condition 6(d)(ii) shall be deemed to be the same as the Relevant Number specified in the Pricing Supplement.

(e) **ISDA Determination:**

If ISDA Determination is specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement as the manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined, the Rate of Interest applicable to the Notes for each Interest Period will be the sum of the Margin and the relevant ISDA Rate where **"ISDA Rate"** in relation to any Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) that would be determined by the Calculation Agent under an interest rate swap transaction if the Calculation Agent were acting as Calculation Agent for that interest rate

swap transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the ISDA Definitions and under which:

- (i) the Floating Rate Option (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) is as specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement;
- (ii) the Designated Maturity (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) is a period specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement; and
- (iii) the relevant Reset Date unless otherwise specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, has the meaning given to it in the ISDA Definitions
- (iv) if the specified Floating Rate Option is an Overnight Floating Rate Option (as defined in the ISDA Definitions), Compounding is specified to be applicable in the relevant Pricing Supplement and:
  - (1) Compounding with Lookback is specified as the Compounding Method in the relevant Pricing Supplement, Lookback is the number of Applicable Business Days (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, such number of Applicable Business Days to be five unless otherwise agreed by the Calculation Agent;
  - (2) Compounding with Observation Period Shift is specified as the Compounding Method in the relevant Pricing Supplement, (a) Observation Period Shift is the number of Observation Period Shift Business Days (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, such number of Observation Period Shift Business Days to be five unless otherwise agreed by the Calculation Agent and (b) Observation Period Shift Additional Business Days (as defined in the ISDA Definitions), if applicable, are the days specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, such number of Observation Period Shift Additional Business Days to be five unless otherwise agreed by the Calculation Agent; or
  - (3) Compounding with Lockout is specified as the Compounding Method in the relevant Pricing Supplement, (a) Lockout is the number of Lockout Period Business Days (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, such number of Lockout Period Business Days to be five unless otherwise agreed by the Calculation Agent and (b) Lockout Period Business Days, if applicable, are the days specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, such number of Lockout Period Business Days to be five unless otherwise agreed by the Calculation Agent;
- (v) if the specified Floating Rate Option is an Overnight Floating Rate Option (as defined in the ISDA Definitions), Averaging is specified to be applicable in the relevant Pricing Supplement and:
  - (1) Averaging with Lookback is specified as the Averaging Method in the relevant Pricing Supplement, Lookback is the number of Applicable Business Days (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) as specified in relevant Pricing Supplement, such number of Applicable Business Days to be five unless otherwise agreed by the Calculation Agent;
  - (2) Averaging with Observation Period Shift is specified as the Averaging Method in the relevant Pricing Supplement, (a) Observation Period Shift is the number of Observation Period Shift Business Days (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, such number of Observation Period Shift Business Days

to be five unless otherwise agreed by the Calculation Agent and (b) Observation Period Shift Additional Business Days (as defined in the ISDA Definitions), if applicable, are the days specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, such number of Observation Period Shift Additional Business Days to be five unless otherwise agreed by the Calculation Agent; or

- (3) Averaging with Lockout is specified as the Averaging Method in the relevant Pricing Supplement, (a) Lockout is the number of Lockout Period Business Days (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, such number of Lockout Period Business Days to be five unless otherwise agreed by the Calculation Agent and (b) Lockout Period Business Days, if applicable, are the days specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, such number of Lockout Period Business Days to be five unless otherwise agreed by the Calculation Agent; and
- (vi) if the specified Floating Rate Option is an Index Floating Rate Option (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) and Index Provisions are specified to be applicable in the relevant Pricing Supplement, the Compounded Index Method with Observation Period Shift (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) shall be applicable and, (a) Observation Period Shift is the number of Observation Period Shift Business Days (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, such number of Observation Period Shift Business Days to be five unless otherwise agreed by the Calculation Agent and (b) Observation Period Shift Additional Business Days, if applicable, are the days specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, such number of Observation Period Shift Additional Business Days to be five unless otherwise agreed by the Calculation Agent;

References in the ISDA definitions to:

- (A) "Confirmation" shall be references to the relevant Pricing Supplement;
- (B) "Calculation Period" shall be references to the relevant Interest Period;
- (C) "Termination Date" shall be references to the Maturity Date;
- (D) "Effective Date" shall be references to the Interest Commencement Date; and
- (E) "Administrator/Benchmark Event" in the 2021 ISDA Definitions shall be disappplied; and
- (vii) If the Temporary Non-Publication Fallback in respect of any specified Floating Rate Option is specified to be "Temporary Non-Publication – Alternative Rate" in the Floating Rate Matrix of the 2021 ISDA Definitions the reference to "Calculation Agent Alternative Rate Determination" in the definition of "Temporary Non-Publication–Alternative Rate" shall be replaced by "Temporary Non-Publication Fallback – Previous Day's Rate"

(f) **Linear Interpolation**

Where Linear Interpolation is specified as applicable in respect of an Interest Period in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be calculated by the Calculation 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 Pricing Supplement) or the relevant Floating Rate Option (where ISDA Determination is specified as applicable in the applicable Pricing Supplement), one of which shall be determined as if the Applicable 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 Applicable 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 Calculation Agent shall determine such rate at such time and by reference to such sources as it determines appropriate.

"**Applicable Maturity**" means (a) in relation to Screen Rate Determination – Term Rate and Screen Rate Determination – Overnight Rate, the period of time designated in the Reference Rate and (b) in relation to ISDA Determination, the Designated Maturity.

(g) **Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest:**

If any Maximum Rate of Interest or Minimum Rate of Interest is specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, then the Rate of Interest shall in no event be greater than the maximum or be less than the minimum so specified.

(h) **Calculation of Interest Amount:**

The Calculation Agent will, as soon as practicable after the time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined in relation to each Interest Period, calculate the Interest Amount payable in respect of each Note for such Interest Period. The Interest Amount will be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period to the Calculation Amount, multiplying the product by the relevant Day Count Fraction, rounding the resulting figure to the nearest sub-unit of the Specified Currency (half a sub-unit being rounded upwards) and multiplying such rounded figure by a fraction equal to the Specified Denomination of the relevant Note divided by the Calculation Amount. For this purpose a "**sub-unit**" means, in the case of any currency other than euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, in the case of euro, means one cent.

(i) **Benchmark Discontinuation:**

(i) *Benchmark Replacement (SOFR):*

This Condition 6(i) (*Benchmark Discontinuation*) shall not apply to Notes for which the Reference Rate is specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement as being "SOFR", in respect of which the provisions of Condition 6(d)(ii) and benchmark discontinuation provisions of Condition 6(d)(iii) will apply.

(ii) *Benchmark Replacement (ARRC):*

(A) If Reference Rate Replacement is specified as being applicable in the relevant Pricing Supplement; and

(B) In the case of U.S. dollar-denominated floating rate Notes only (other than a Note for which the "Reference Rate" is specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement as being "SOFR" and in respect of which the provisions of Condition 6(d)(ii) and benchmark discontinuation provisions of Condition 6(d)(iii) will apply), the following provisions shall apply:

(1) If the Issuer determines on or prior to the relevant Reference Time that a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to the then-current Benchmark, the Benchmark Replacement (ARRC) will replace the then-current Benchmark for all purposes relating to the Notes in respect of all determinations on such date and for all determinations on all subsequent dates. In connection with the implementation of a Benchmark Replacement (ARRC), the Issuer will have the right to make Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes from time to time, without any requirement for the consent or approval of Noteholders.

- (2) Any determination, decision or election that may be made by the Issuer pursuant to this section, including any determination with respect to a tenor, rate or adjustment or of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event, circumstance or date and any decision to take or refrain from taking any action or any selection:
- (i) will be conclusive and binding absent manifest error;
  - (ii) will be made in the sole discretion of the Issuer; and
  - (iii) notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the documentation relating to the Notes, shall become effective without consent from the holders of the Notes or any other party.

As used in this Condition 6(i)(ii) (Benchmark Discontinuation - Benchmark Replacement (ARRC)):

**"Benchmark"** means, initially, U.S. dollar LIBOR; provided that if a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to U.S. dollar LIBOR or the then-current Benchmark, then **"Benchmark"** shall mean the applicable Benchmark Replacement (ARRC);

**"Benchmark Replacement (ARRC)"** means the Interpolated Benchmark with respect to the then-current Benchmark; provided that if the Issuer cannot determine the Interpolated Benchmark as of the Benchmark Replacement Date, then **"Benchmark Replacement (ARRC)"** means the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the Issuer as of the Benchmark Replacement Date:

- (i) the sum of: (a) Term SOFR; and (b) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;
- (ii) the sum of: (a) Compounded SOFR; and (b) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;
- (iii) the sum of: (a) the alternate rate of interest that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body as the replacement for the then-current Benchmark for the applicable Corresponding Tenor; and (b) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;
- (iv) the sum of: (a) the ISDA Fallback Rate; and (b) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment; and
- (v) the sum of: (a) the alternate rate of interest that has been selected by the Issuer or its designee as the replacement for the then-current Benchmark for the applicable Corresponding Tenor giving due consideration to any industry-accepted rate of interest as a replacement for the then-current Benchmark for U.S. dollar-denominated floating rate notes at such time; and (b) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;

**"Benchmark Replacement Adjustment"** means the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the Issuer or its designee as of the Benchmark Replacement Date:

- (i) the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body for the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement;
- (ii) if the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement is equivalent to the ISDA Fallback Rate, then the ISDA Fallback Adjustment;

- (iii) the spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected by the Issuer giving due consideration to any industry-accepted spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of the then-current Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for U.S. dollar-denominated floating rate notes at such time;

**"Benchmark Replacement Date"** means the earliest to occur of the following events with respect to the then-current Benchmark (including the daily published component used in the calculation thereof):

- (i) in the case of clause (i) or (ii) of the definition of "Benchmark Transition Event," the later of: (a) the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein; and (b) the date on which the administrator of the Benchmark permanently or indefinitely ceases to provide the Benchmark (or such component); or
- (ii) in the case of clause (iii) of the definition of "Benchmark Transition Event," the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein.

For the avoidance of doubt, if the event that gives rise to the Benchmark Replacement Date occurs on the same day as, but earlier than, the Reference Time in respect of any determination, the Benchmark Replacement Date will be deemed to have occurred prior to the Reference Time for such determination;

**"Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes"** means, with respect to any Benchmark Replacement, any technical, administrative or operational changes (including changes to the timing and frequency of determining rates and making payments of interest, rounding of amounts or tenors, and other administrative matters) that the Issuer decides may be appropriate to reflect the adoption of such Benchmark Replacement in a manner substantially consistent with market practice (or, if the Issuer decides that adoption of any portion of such market practice is not administratively feasible or if the Issuer determines that no market practice for use of the Benchmark Replacement exists, in such other manner as the Issuer determines is reasonably necessary);

**"Benchmark Transition Event"** means the occurrence of one or more of the following events with respect to the then-current Benchmark (including the daily published component used in the calculation thereof):

- (i) a public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the administrator of the Benchmark (or such component) announcing that such administrator has ceased or will cease to provide the Benchmark (or such component), permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide the Benchmark (or such component); or
- (ii) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of the Benchmark (or such component), the central bank for the currency of the Benchmark (or such component), an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator for the Benchmark (or such component), a resolution authority with jurisdiction over the administrator for the Benchmark (or such component) or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator for the Benchmark, which states that the administrator of the Benchmark (or such component) has ceased or will cease to provide the Benchmark (or such component) permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide the Benchmark (or such component); or



- (iii) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of the Benchmark announcing that the Benchmark is no longer representative;

**"Corresponding Tenor"** with respect to a Benchmark Replacement means a tenor (including overnight) having approximately the same length (disregarding business day adjustment) as the applicable tenor for the then-current Benchmark;

**"Interpolated Benchmark"** with respect to the Benchmark means the rate determined for the Corresponding Tenor by interpolating on a linear basis between: (i) the Benchmark for the longest period (for which the Benchmark is available) that is shorter than the Corresponding Tenor; and (ii) the Benchmark for the shortest period (for which the Benchmark is available) that is longer than the Corresponding Tenor;

**"ISDA Fallback Adjustment"** means the spread adjustment, (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that would apply for derivatives transactions referencing the ISDA Definitions to be determined upon the occurrence of an index cessation event with respect to the Benchmark for the applicable tenor;

**"ISDA Fallback Rate"** means the rate that would apply for derivatives transactions referencing the ISDA Definitions to be effective upon the occurrence of an index cessation date with respect to the Benchmark for the applicable tenor excluding the applicable ISDA Fallback Adjustment;

**"Reference Time"** with respect to any determination of the Benchmark means: (i) if the Benchmark is U.S. dollar LIBOR, 11:00 a.m. (London time) on the day that is two London banking days preceding the date of such determination; and (ii) if the Benchmark is not U.S. dollar LIBOR, the time determined by the Issuer after giving effect to the Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes;

**"Relevant Governmental Body"** means the Federal Reserve Board and/or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the Federal Reserve Board and/or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York or any successor thereto; and

**"Term SOFR"** means the forward-looking term rate for the applicable Corresponding Tenor based on SOFR that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body.

- (iii) *Benchmark Replacement (Independent Adviser):*

- (A) If Reference Rate Replacement is specified as being applicable in the relevant Pricing Supplement; and

- (B) Other than in the case of a U.S. dollar-denominated floating rate Note, if a Benchmark Event occurs in relation to the Reference Rate when the Rate of Interest (or any component part thereof) for any Interest Period remains to be determined by reference to such Reference Rate, the following provisions shall apply:

- (1) the Issuer shall use reasonable endeavours to appoint an Independent Adviser for the determination (with the Issuer's agreement) of a Successor Rate or, alternatively, if the Independent Adviser and the Issuer agree that there is no Successor Rate, an alternative rate (the **"Alternative Benchmark Rate"**) and, in either case, an alternative screen page or source (the **"Alternative Relevant Screen Page"**) and an Adjustment Spread (if applicable) no later than three (3) Business Days prior to the relevant Interest Determination Date relating to the next succeeding Interest Period (the **"Interest Determination Cut-off Date"**) for the purposes of determining the Rate of Interest applicable

to the Notes for future Interest Periods (subject to the subsequent operation of this Condition 6(i)(iii) (Benchmark Replacement (Independent Adviser))).

- (2) In the absence of bad faith or fraud, the Independent Adviser shall have no liability whatsoever to the Issuer, the Agents or the Noteholders for any determination made by it pursuant to this Condition 6(i)(iii) (Benchmark Replacement (Independent Adviser));
- (3) the Alternative Benchmark Rate shall be such rate as the Independent Adviser and the Issuer acting in good faith agree has replaced the relevant Reference Rate (as applicable) in customary market usage for the purposes of determining floating rates of interest in respect of eurobonds denominated in the Specified Currency, or, if the Independent Adviser and the Issuer agree that there is no such rate, such other rate as the Independent Adviser and the Issuer acting in good faith agree is most comparable to the relevant Reference Rate, and the Alternative Relevant Screen Page shall be such page of an information service as displays the Alternative Benchmark Rate;
- (4) if the Issuer is unable to appoint an Independent Adviser, or if the Independent Adviser and the Issuer cannot agree upon, or cannot select a Successor Rate or an Alternative Benchmark Rate and Alternative Relevant Screen Page prior to the Interest Determination Cut-off Date in accordance with sub-paragraph (ii) above, then the Issuer (acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner) may determine which (if any) rate has replaced the relevant in customary market usage for purposes of determining floating rates of interest in respect of eurobonds denominated in the Specified Currency, or, if it determines that there is no such rate, which (if any) rate is most comparable to the relevant Reference Rate (as applicable), and the Alternative Benchmark Rate shall be the rate so determined by the Issuer and the Alternative Relevant Screen Page shall be such page of an information service as displays the Alternative Benchmark Rate; provided, however, that if this sub-paragraph (iii) applies and the Issuer is unable or unwilling to determine an Alternative Benchmark Rate and Alternative Relevant Screen Page prior to the Interest Determination Date relating to the next succeeding Interest Period in accordance with this sub-paragraph (iii), the Reference Rate applicable to such Interest Period shall be equal to the Reference Rate for a term equivalent to the relevant Interest Period published on the Relevant Screen Page 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 (as applicable), the relevant Margin relating to the Interest Period, in place of the margin relating to that last preceding Interest Period). For the avoidance of doubt, this paragraph shall apply to the next succeeding Interest Period, and any subsequent Interest Periods are subject to the subsequent operation of, and to adjustment as provided in, the first paragraph of this Condition 6(i)(iii);
- (5) if a Successor Rate or an Alternative Benchmark Rate and an Alternative Relevant Screen Page is determined in accordance with the preceding provisions, such Successor Rate or Alternative Benchmark Rate and Alternative Relevant Screen Page shall be the benchmark and the Relevant Screen Page in relation to the Notes for all future Interest Periods (as applicable) (subject to the subsequent operation of this Condition 6(i)(iii));

- (6) if the Issuer, following consultation with the Independent Adviser and acting in good faith, determines that (A) an Adjustment Spread is required to be applied to the Successor Rate or Alternative Benchmark Rate and (B) the quantum of, or a formula or methodology for determining, such Adjustment Spread, then such Adjustment Spread shall be applied to the Successor Rate or Alternative Benchmark Rate for each subsequent determination of a relevant Rate of Interest and Interest Amount(s) by reference to such Successor Rate or Alternative Benchmark Rate;
- (7) if a Successor Rate or an Alternative Benchmark Rate and/or Adjustment Spread is determined in accordance with the above provisions, the Independent Adviser (with the Issuer's agreement) or the Issuer (as the case may be), may also specify changes to the Day Count Fraction, Relevant Screen Page, Business Day Convention, Business Days, Interest Determination Date and/or the definition of Reference Rate applicable to the Notes, and the method for determining the fallback rate in relation to the Notes, in order to follow market practice in relation to the Successor Rate or Alternative Benchmark Rate and/or Adjustment Spread, which changes shall apply to the Notes for all future Interest Periods (as applicable) (subject to the subsequent operation of this Condition 6(i)(iii)); and
- (8) the Issuer shall promptly following the determination of any Successor Rate or Alternative Benchmark Rate and Alternative Relevant Screen Page and Adjustment Spread (if any) give notice thereof and of any changes pursuant to sub-paragraph (vi) above to the Calculation Agent, the Fiscal Agent and the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 17 (Notices).

As used in this Condition 6(i)(iii):

"**Adjustment Spread**" means either a spread (which may be positive or negative), or the formula or methodology for calculating a spread, in either case, which the Independent Adviser determines is required to be applied to the relevant Successor Rate or the relevant Alternative Rate (as the case may be) to reduce or eliminate, to the extent reasonably practicable in the circumstances, any economic prejudice or benefit (as the case may be) to Noteholders as a result of the replacement of the Reference Rate with the Successor Rate or the Alternative Rate (as the case may be) and is the spread, formula or methodology which:

- (A) in the case of a Successor Rate, is formally recommended, or formally provided as an option for parties to adopt, in relation to the replacement of the Reference Rate with the Successor Rate by any Relevant Nominating Body; or
- (B) (if no such recommendation has been made, or in the case of an Alternative Rate), the Independent Adviser, determines is customarily applied to the relevant Successor Rate or Alternative Rate (as the case may be) in international debt capital markets transactions to produce an industry-accepted replacement rate for the Reference Rate; or
- (C) (if no such recommendation has been made, or in the case of an Alternative Rate) the Independent Adviser determines, is recognised or acknowledged as being the industry standard for over-the-counter derivative transactions which reference the Reference Rate, where such rate has been replaced by the Successor Rate or the Alternative Rate (as the case may be); or
- (D) (if the Independent Adviser determines that no such industry standard is recognised or acknowledged) the Independent Adviser determines to be appropriate.

**"Alternative Benchmark Rate"** means an alternative benchmark or screen rate which the Independent Adviser determines in accordance with Condition 6(i)(iii)(B)(1) is customary in market usage in the international debt capital markets for the purposes of determining floating rates of interest (or the relevant component part thereof) in the Specified Currency.

**"Benchmark Event"** means:

- (A) the relevant Reference Rate has ceased to be published on the Relevant Screen Page as a result of such benchmark ceasing to be calculated or administered; or
- (B) a public statement by the administrator of the relevant Reference Rate that (in circumstances where no successor administrator has been or will be appointed that will continue publication of such Reference Rate) it has ceased publishing such Reference Rate permanently or indefinitely or that it will cease to do so by a specified future date (the **"Specified Future Date"**); or
- (C) a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the relevant Reference Rate that such Reference Rate has been or will, by a future specified date (the **"Specified Future Date"**), be permanently or indefinitely discontinued; or
- (D) a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the relevant Reference Rate that means that such Reference Rate will, by a future specified date (the **"Specified Future Date"**), be prohibited from being used or that its use will be subject to restrictions or adverse consequences, either generally or in respect of the Notes; or
- (E) a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the relevant Reference Rate (as applicable) that, in the view of such supervisor: (i) such Reference Rate is or will, by a specified future date (the **"Specified Future Date"**), be no longer representative of an underlying market; or (ii) the methodology to calculate such Reference Rate has materially changed; or
- (F) it has or will, by a specified date within the following six months, become unlawful for the Calculation Agent or the Issuer to calculate any payments due to be made to any Noteholder using the relevant Reference Rate (as applicable) (including, without limitation, under the Benchmark Regulation (EU) 2016/1011, if applicable).

Notwithstanding the sub-paragraphs above, where the relevant Benchmark Event is a public statement within sub-paragraphs (B), (C), (D) or (E) above and the Specified Future Date in the public statement is more than six months after the date of that public statement, the Benchmark Event shall not be deemed occur until the date falling six months prior to such Specified Future Date.

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

**"Independent Adviser"** means an independent financial institution of international repute or an independent financial adviser with appropriate expertise appointed by the Issuer under Condition 6(i)(iii)(B)(1).

(j) **Calculation of other amounts:**

If the relevant Pricing Supplement specifies that any other amount is to be calculated by the Calculation Agent, the Calculation Agent will, as soon as practicable after the time or times at which any such amount is to be determined, calculate the relevant amount. The relevant amount will be calculated by the Calculation Agent in the manner specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement.

(k) **Publication:**

The Calculation Agent will cause each Rate of Interest and Interest Amount determined by it, together with the relevant Interest Payment Date, and any other amount(s) required to be determined by it together with any relevant payment date(s) to be notified to the Issuer, the Paying Agents and each competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system (if any) by which the Notes have then been admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation as soon as practicable after such determination but (in the case of each Rate of Interest, Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date) in any event not later than the first day of the relevant Interest Period. Notice thereof shall also promptly be given to the Noteholders. The Calculation Agent will be entitled to recalculate any Interest Amount (on the basis of the foregoing provisions) without notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the relevant Interest Period. If the Calculation Amount is less than the minimum Specified Denomination the Calculation Agent shall not be obliged to publish each Interest Amount but instead may publish only the Calculation Amount and the Interest Amount in respect of a Note having the minimum Specified Denomination.

(l) **Notifications etc:**

All notifications, opinions, determinations, certificates, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of this Condition 6 by the Calculation Agent will (in the absence of manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Paying Agents, the Noteholders and the Couponholders and (subject as aforesaid) no liability to any such Person will attach to the Calculation Agent in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions for such purposes.

7. **ZERO COUPON NOTE PROVISIONS**

(a) **Application:**

This Condition 7 is applicable to the Notes only if the Zero Coupon Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement as being applicable.

(b) **Late payment on Zero Coupon Notes:**

If the Redemption Amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Note is improperly withheld or refused, the Redemption Amount shall thereafter be an amount equal to the sum of:

- (i) the Reference Price; and
- (ii) the product of the Accrual Yield (compounded annually) being applied to the Reference Price on the basis of the relevant Day Count Fraction from (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) whichever is the earlier of (i) the day on which all sums due in respect of such Note up to that day are received by or on behalf of the relevant Noteholder and (ii) the day which is seven days after the Fiscal Agent has notified the Noteholders that it has received all sums due in respect of the Notes up to such seventh day (except to the extent that there is any subsequent default in payment).

7A. **DUAL CURRENCY NOTES**

In the case of Dual Currency Notes, if the rate or amount of interest falls to be determined by reference to a Rate of Exchange or a method of calculating Rate of Exchange, the rate or amount of interest payable shall be determined in the manner specified hereon, such rate or amount of interest to be determined by the entity named in the Pricing Supplement, which shall not (unless otherwise agreed with the Fiscal Agent) be the Fiscal Agent.

8. **REDEMPTION AND PURCHASE**

(a) **Scheduled redemption:**

Unless previously redeemed, or purchased and cancelled, the Notes will be redeemed at their Final Redemption Amount on the Maturity Date, subject as provided in Condition 9 (*Payments – Bearer Notes*) and Condition 10 (*Payments – Registered Notes*).

(b) **Redemption at the option of the Issuer:**

(i) If the Call Option is specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement as being applicable, the Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole or, if so specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, in part on any Optional Redemption Date (Call) at the relevant Optional Redemption Amount (Call) on the Issuer giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable and shall oblige the Issuer to redeem the Notes or, as the case may be, the Notes specified in such notice on the relevant Optional Redemption Date (Call) at the Optional Redemption Amount (Call) plus accrued interest (if any) to such date).

(ii) If the Maturity Call option is specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement as being applicable, the Issuer may, having given not less than 30 days' notice nor more than 60 days' notice to the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify the date fixed for redemption) in the period from but excluding the date falling on the Optional Redemption Date (Maturity Call), redeem all, but not some only, of the Notes then outstanding at the principal amount outstanding of the Notes, together with interest accrued to but excluding the date fixed for redemption.

(c) **Partial redemption:**

If the Notes are to be redeemed in part only on any date in accordance with Condition 8(b) (*Redemption at the option of the Issuer*), the Notes to be redeemed shall be selected by the drawing of lots in such place as the Fiscal Agent approves and in such manner as the Fiscal Agent considers appropriate, subject to compliance with applicable law and the rules of each listing authority, stock exchange, regulated market and/or quotation system (if any) by which the Notes have then been admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation, and the notice to Noteholders referred to in Condition 8(b) (*Redemption at the option of the Issuer*) shall specify the serial numbers of the Notes so to be redeemed. If any Maximum Redemption Amount or Minimum Redemption Amount is specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, then the Optional Redemption Amount (Call) shall in no event be greater than the maximum or be less than the minimum so specified.

(d) **Redemption at the option of Noteholders:**

If the Put Option is specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement as being applicable, the Issuer shall, at the option of the Holder of any Note redeem such Note on the Optional Redemption Date (Put) specified in the relevant Put Option Notice at the relevant Optional Redemption Amount (Put) together with interest (if any) accrued to such date. In order to exercise the option contained in this Condition 8(d), the Holder of a Note must, not less than 30 nor more than 60 days before the relevant Optional Redemption Date (Put), deposit with any Paying Agent such Note together with all unmatured Coupons relating thereto and a duly completed Put Option Notice in the form obtainable from any Paying Agent. The Paying Agent with which a Note is so deposited shall deliver a duly completed Put Option Receipt to the depositing Noteholder. No Note, once deposited with a duly completed Put Option Notice in accordance with this Condition 8(d), may be withdrawn; **provided, however, that** if, prior to the relevant Optional Redemption Date (Put), any such Note becomes immediately due and payable or, upon due presentation of any such Note on the relevant Optional Redemption Date (Put), payment of the redemption moneys is improperly withheld or refused, the relevant Paying Agent shall mail notification thereof to the depositing Noteholder at such address as may have been given by such Noteholder in the relevant Put Option Notice and shall hold such Note at its Specified Office for collection by the depositing Noteholder against surrender of the relevant Put Option Receipt.

For so long as any outstanding Note is held by a Paying Agent in accordance with this Condition 8(d), the depositor of such Note and not such Paying Agent shall be deemed to be the Holder of such Note for all purposes.

(e) **Early redemption of Zero Coupon Notes:**

Unless otherwise specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, the Redemption Amount payable on redemption of a Zero Coupon Note at any time before the Maturity Date shall be an amount equal to the sum of:

- (i) the Reference Price; and
- (ii) the product of the Accrual Yield (compounded annually) being applied to the Reference Price from (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which the Note becomes due and payable.

Where such calculation is to be made for a period which is not a whole number of years, the calculation in respect of the period of less than a full year shall be made on the basis of such Day Count Fraction as may be specified in the Pricing Supplement for the purposes of this Condition 8(e) or, if none is so specified, a Day Count Fraction of 30E/360.

(f) **No other redemption:**

The Issuer shall not be entitled to redeem the Notes otherwise than as provided in Conditions 8(a) (*Scheduled redemption*) to 8(e) (*Early redemption of Zero Coupon Notes*) above.

(g) **Purchase:**

The Issuer may at any time purchase Notes in the open market or otherwise at any price and such Notes may be held, resold or, at the option of the Issuer, surrendered to any Paying Agent for cancellation (**provided that**, if the Notes are to be cancelled, they are purchased together with all unmatured Coupons relating to them).

(h) **Cancellation:**

All Notes redeemed and any unmatured Coupons attached to or surrendered with them shall be cancelled and all Notes so cancelled and any Notes cancelled pursuant to Condition 8(g) (*Purchase*) above (together with all unmatured Coupons cancelled with them) may not be reissued or resold.

9. **PAYMENTS – BEARER NOTES**

This Condition 9 is only applicable to Bearer Notes.

(a) **Principal:**

Payments of principal shall be made only against presentation and (**provided that** payment is made in full) surrender of Bearer Notes at the Specified Office of any Paying Agent outside the United States by cheque drawn in the currency in which the payment is due on, or by transfer to an account denominated in that currency (or, if that currency is euro, any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) and maintained by the payee with, a bank in the Principal Financial Centre of that currency (in the case of a sterling cheque, a town clearing branch of a bank in the City of London).

(b) **Interest:**

Payments of interest shall, subject to Condition 9(f) (*Payments on business days*) below, be made only against presentation and (**provided that** payment is made in full) surrender of the appropriate Coupons at the Specified Office of any Paying Agent outside the United States in the manner described in Condition 9(a) (*Principal*) above.

(c) **Payments subject to fiscal laws:**

All payments in respect of the Bearer Notes are subject in all cases to any applicable fiscal or other laws and regulations in the place of payment. No commissions or expenses shall be charged to the Noteholders or Couponholders in respect of such payments.

(d) **Deductions for unmatured Coupons:**

If the relevant Pricing Supplement specifies that the Fixed Rate Note Provisions are applicable and it is not a Dual Currency Note and a Bearer Note is presented without all unmatured Coupons relating thereto:

- (i) if the aggregate amount of the missing Coupons is less than or equal to the amount of principal due for payment, a sum equal to the aggregate amount of the missing Coupons will be deducted from the amount of principal due for payment; **provided, however, that** if the gross amount available for payment is less than the amount of principal due for payment, the sum deducted will be that proportion of the aggregate amount of such missing Coupons which the gross amount actually available for payment bears to the amount of principal due for payment;
- (ii) if the aggregate amount of the missing Coupons is greater than the amount of principal due for payment:
  - (A) so many of such missing Coupons shall become void (in inverse order of maturity) as will result in the aggregate amount of the remainder of such missing Coupons (the "**Relevant Coupons**") being equal to the amount of principal due for payment; **provided, however, that** where this sub-Condition would otherwise require a fraction of a missing Coupon to become void, such missing Coupon shall become void in its entirety; and
  - (B) a sum equal to the aggregate amount of the Relevant Coupons (or, if less, the amount of principal due for payment) will be deducted from the amount of principal due for payment; **provided, however, that**, if the gross amount available for payment is less than the amount of principal due for payment, the sum deducted will be that proportion of the aggregate amount of the Relevant Coupons (or, as the case may be, the amount of principal due for payment) which the gross amount actually available for payment bears to the amount of principal due for payment.

Each sum of principal so deducted shall be paid in the manner provided in Condition 9(a) (*Principal*) above against presentation and (**provided that** payment is made in full) surrender of the relevant missing Coupons.

(e) **Unmatured Coupons void:**

If the relevant Pricing Supplement specifies that this Condition 9 is applicable or that the Floating Rate Note Provisions are applicable or that it is a Dual Currency Note, on the due date for final redemption of any Bearer Note or early redemption in whole of such Note pursuant to Condition 8(d) (*Redemption and Purchase – Redemption at the option of Noteholders*), Condition 8(b) (*Redemption and Purchase – Redemption at the option of the Issuer*) or Condition 11 (*Events of Default*), all unmatured Coupons relating thereto (whether or not still attached) shall become void and no payment will be made in respect thereof.

(f) **Payments on business days:**

If the due date for payment of **any** amount in respect of any Bearer Note or Coupon is not a Payment Business Day in the place of presentation, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment in such place of the amount due until the next succeeding Payment Business Day in such place and shall not be entitled to any further interest or other payment in respect of any such delay.



(g) **Payments other than in respect of matured Coupons:**

Payments of interest other than in respect of matured Coupons shall be made only against presentation of the relevant Bearer Notes at the Specified Office of any Paying Agent outside the United States.

(h) **Partial payments:**

If a Paying Agent makes a partial payment in respect of any Bearer Note or Coupon presented to it for payment, such Paying Agent will endorse thereon a statement indicating the amount and date of such payment.

(i) **Exchange of Talons:**

On or after the maturity date of the final Coupon which is (or was at the time of issue) part of a Coupon Sheet relating to the Bearer Notes, the Talon forming part of such Coupon Sheet may be exchanged at the Specified Office of the Fiscal Agent for a further Coupon Sheet (including, if appropriate, a further Talon but excluding any Coupons in respect of which claims have already become void pursuant to Condition 12 (*Prescription*)). Upon the due date for redemption of any Bearer Note, any unexchanged Talon relating to such Note shall become void and no Coupon will be delivered in respect of such Talon.

10. **PAYMENTS – REGISTERED NOTES**

This Condition 10 is only applicable to Registered Notes.

(a) **Principal:**

Payments of principal shall be made by cheque drawn in the currency in which the payment is due drawn on, or, upon application by a Holder of a Registered Note to the Specified Office of the Fiscal Agent not later than the fifteenth day before the due date for any such payment, by transfer to an account denominated in that currency (or, if that currency is euro, any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) and maintained by the payee with, a bank in the Principal Financial Centre of that currency (in the case of a sterling cheque, a town clearing branch of a bank in the City of London) and (in the case of redemption) upon surrender (or, in the case of part payment only, endorsement) of the relevant Note Certificates at the Specified Office of any Paying Agent.

(b) **Interest:**

Payments of interest shall be made by cheque drawn in the currency in which the payment is due drawn on, or, upon application by a Holder of a Registered Note to the Specified Office of the Fiscal Agent not later than the fifteenth day before the due date for any such payment, by transfer to an account denominated in that currency (or, if that currency is euro, any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) and maintained by the payee with, a bank in the Principal Financial Centre of that currency (in the case of a sterling cheque, a town clearing branch of a bank in the City of London) and (in the case of interest payable on redemption) upon surrender (or, in the case of part payment only, endorsement) of the relevant Note Certificates at the Specified Office of any Paying Agent.

(c) **Payments subject to fiscal laws:**

All payments in respect of the Registered Notes are subject in all cases to any applicable fiscal or other laws and regulations in the place of payment. No commissions or expenses shall be charged to the Noteholders in respect of such payments.

(d) **Payments on business days:**

Where payment is to be made by transfer to an account, payment instructions (for value the due date, or, if the due date is not Payment Business Day, for value the next succeeding Payment Business Day) will be initiated and, where payment is to be made by cheque, the cheque will be

mailed (i) (in the case of payments of principal and interest payable on redemption) on the later of the due date for payment and the day on which the relevant Note Certificate is surrendered (or, in the case of part payment only, endorsed) at the Specified Office of a Paying Agent and (ii) (in the case of payments of interest payable other than on redemption) on the due date for payment. A Holder of a Registered Note shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of any delay in payment resulting from (A) the due date for a payment not being a Payment Business Day or (B) a cheque mailed in accordance with this Condition 10 arriving after the due date for payment or being lost in the mail.

(e) **Partial payments:**

If a Paying Agent makes a partial payment in respect of any Registered Note, the Issuer shall procure that the amount and date of such payment are noted on the Register and, in the case of partial payment upon presentation of a Note Certificate, that a statement indicating the amount and the date of such payment is endorsed on the relevant Note Certificate.

(f) **Record date:**

Each payment in respect of a Registered Note will be made to the person shown as the Holder in the Register at the opening of business in the place of the Registrar's Specified Office on the fifteenth day before the due date for such payment (the "**Record Date**"). Where payment in respect of a Registered Note is to be made by cheque, the cheque will be mailed to the address shown as the address of the Holder in the Register at the opening of business on the relevant Record Date.

11. **EVENTS OF DEFAULT**

If any of the following events or circumstances occurs and continues in relation to the Notes (each an "**Event of Default**"):

(a) **Non-payment:**

The Issuer defaults in the payment in full of any principal or interest due on the Notes on the due date and such default continues for a period of 90 days.

(b) **Breach of other obligations:**

The Issuer fails to perform any of its other covenants under any of the Notes and such failure continues for the period of 90 days after written notice thereof shall have been given to the Issuer and the Fiscal Agent at the office of the Fiscal Agent by the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of all the Notes at the time outstanding.

(c) **Cross-acceleration:**

The Issuer defaults, as defined in any instruments evidencing, securing or protecting any notes or bonds (other than the Notes) which shall have been issued, assumed or guaranteed by the Issuer, and maturing more than one year from the date of its issuance, with respect to more than 5 per cent. of the Issuer paid-in-capital, and the maturity of such instruments shall have been accelerated so that the same shall have become due and payable prior to the date on which the same would otherwise have become due and payable and such acceleration shall not have been rescinded or annulled.

If any Event of Default shall occur and continue in relation to the Notes, then the principal of the Notes then outstanding (if not already due) may be declared to be due and payable on the thirtieth day following written notice given to the Issuer and the Fiscal Agent at the office of the Fiscal Agent by the holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Notes at the time outstanding, unless all Events of Default in respect of the Notes have been cured prior to the expiration of such 30 days' period. If, at any time after the principal of the Notes shall have been so declared due and payable and before any judgment or decree for the payment of amounts due thereon shall have been entered, all arrears of interest upon the Notes and all other sums due

in respect thereof, except any principal or interest payments which shall not have matured or come due by their terms, shall have been duly paid by the Issuer and all other Events of Default thereunder shall have been cured, the holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Notes then outstanding, by written notice given to the Issuer or the Fiscal Agent at the office of the Fiscal Agent, may rescind such declaration, but no such rescission shall impair any right consequent on any subsequent Event of Default.

12. **PRESCRIPTION**

Claims for principal in respect of Bearer Notes shall become void unless the relevant Bearer Notes are presented for payment within ten years of the appropriate Relevant Date. Claims for interest in respect of Bearer Notes shall become void unless the relevant Coupons are presented for payment within five years of the appropriate Relevant Date. Claims for principal and interest on redemption in respect of Registered Notes shall become void unless the relevant Note Certificates are surrendered for payment within ten years of the appropriate Relevant Date.

13. **REPLACEMENT OF NOTES AND COUPONS**

If any Note, Note Certificate or Coupon is lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced at the Specified Office of the Fiscal Agent, in the case of Bearer Notes, or the Registrar, in the case of Registered Notes (and, if the Notes are then admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by any competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system which requires the appointment of a Paying Agent or Transfer Agent in any particular place, the Paying Agent or Transfer Agent having its Specified Office in the place required by such competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system), subject to all applicable laws and competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system requirements, upon payment by the claimant of the expenses incurred in connection with such replacement and on such terms as to evidence, security, indemnity and otherwise as the Issuer may reasonably require. Mutilated or defaced Notes, Note Certificates or Coupons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

14. **AGENTS**

In acting under the Agency Agreement and in connection with the Notes and the Coupons, the Paying Agents act solely as agents of the Issuer and do not assume any obligations towards or relationship of agency or trust for or with any of the Noteholders or Couponholders.

The initial Paying Agents and their initial Specified Offices are listed below. The initial Calculation Agent (if any) is specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement. The Issuer reserve the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of any Paying Agent and to appoint a successor fiscal agent or registrar or Calculation Agent and additional or successor paying agents; **provided, however, that:**

- (i) the Issuer shall at all times maintain a Fiscal Agent and a Registrar; and
- (ii) if a Calculation Agent is specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, the Issuer shall at all times maintain a Calculation Agent; and
- (iii) if and for so long as the Notes are admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by any competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system which requires the appointment of a Paying Agent and/or a Transfer Agent in any particular place, the Issuer shall maintain a Paying Agent and/or a Transfer Agent having its Specified Office in the place required by such competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system.

Notice of any change in any of the Agents or in their Specified Offices shall promptly be given to the Noteholders.

15. **MEETINGS OF NOTEHOLDERS**

The Agency Agreement contains provisions for convening meetings of the Noteholders to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the sanctioning by Extraordinary Resolution of a modification of the Notes, the Coupons or any of the provisions of the Agency Agreement. Such a meeting may be convened by the Issuer and shall be convened by the Issuer if required in writing by Noteholders holding not less than 10 per cent. in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being remaining outstanding. The quorum at any such meeting for passing an Extraordinary Resolution is one or more persons holding or representing not less than 50 per cent. in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned meeting one or more persons being or representing Noteholders whatever the nominal amount of the Notes so held or represented, except that at any meeting the business of which includes the modification of certain provisions of the Notes or the Coupons (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 Fiscal Agent and the Issuer may agree, without the consent of the Noteholders or Couponholders, to:

- (i) any modification (except such modifications in respect of which an increased quorum is required as mentioned above) of the Notes, the Coupons or the Agency Agreement which is not prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders; or
- (ii) any modification of the Notes, the Coupons or the Agency Agreement which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is made to correct a manifest error or to comply with mandatory provisions of the law.

In addition, the parties to the Agency Agreement may agree such modifications to the Agency Agreement and these Conditions as may be required in order to give effect to Condition 6(i) (*Benchmark Discontinuation*) in connection with effecting any Alternative Reference Rate, Successor Rate, Adjustment Spread, or related changes referred to in Condition 6(i) (*Benchmark Discontinuation*) without the requirement for the consent or sanction of the Noteholders or Couponholders.

Any such modification shall be binding on the Noteholders and the Couponholders and any such modification shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 17 as soon as practicable thereafter.

16. **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 ranking equally in all respects (or in all respects save for the date for and amount of the first payment of interest thereon) so that the same shall be consolidated and form a single series with the Notes.

17. **NOTICES**

(a) **Bearer Notes:**

Notices to the Holders of Bearer Notes shall be valid if published in a leading English language daily newspaper of general circulation in London. It is expected that any such publication in a newspaper will be made in the *Financial Times* in London. 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 Bearer Notes are for the time being listed or by which they have been admitted to trading. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the date of first publication (or if required to be published in more than one newspaper, on the first date on which publication shall have been made in all the required newspapers). Couponholders shall be deemed for all purposes to have notice of the contents of any notice given to the Noteholders.

(b) **Registered Notes:**

Notices to the Holders of Registered Notes shall be sent to them by first class mail (or its equivalent) or (if posted to an overseas address) by airmail at their respective addresses on the Register or, if such publication is not practicable, in a leading English language daily newspaper having general circulation in the United Kingdom. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the fourth day after the date of mailing. 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 Registered Notes are for the time being listed or by which they have been admitted to trading.

18. **ROUNDING**

For the purposes of any calculations referred to in these Conditions (unless otherwise specified in these Conditions or the relevant Pricing Supplement), (a) all percentages resulting from such calculations will be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point (with 0.000005 per cent. being rounded up to 0.00001 per cent.), (b) all United States dollar amounts used in or resulting from such calculations will be rounded to the nearest cent (with one half cent being rounded up), (c) all Japanese Yen amounts used in or resulting from such calculations will be rounded downwards to the next lower whole Japanese Yen amount, and (d) all amounts denominated in any other currency used in or resulting from such calculations will be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in such currency, with 0.005 being rounded upwards.

19. **GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION**

(a) **Governing law**

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

(b) **Jurisdiction**

(i) Subject to Condition 19(b)(vii), any dispute, controversy, difference or claim arising out of, relating to, or in connection with the Notes, including the existence, validity, interpretation, performance, breach or termination thereof or any non-contractual obligations arising out of, relating to, or in connection with the Notes or the consequence of their nullity, shall be referred to and finally resolved by arbitration administered by the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre ("**HKIAC**") under the HKIAC Administered Arbitration Rules in force when the Notice of Arbitration is submitted (the "**HKIAC Rules**").

(ii) The seat of the arbitration shall be Hong Kong. Hong Kong law will be the procedural law of any arbitration hereunder.

- (iii) The arbitral tribunal shall consist of three arbitrators. The members of the arbitral tribunal shall be appointed in the manner set out in the HKIAC Rules. The appointing authority shall be HKIAC. The language of the arbitration shall be English.
- (iv) Unless otherwise expressly provided in the relevant Pricing Supplement, the arbitral tribunal will have no authority to award (i) punitive damages or (ii) damages for consequential or indirect losses.
- (v) The arbitral tribunal shall not be authorised to grant, and no holder of Notes shall seek from any judicial authority, any interim measures or pre-award or emergency relief against the Issuer, notwithstanding any provisions of the HKIAC Rules to the contrary.
- (vi) At the election of the Issuer, any further dispute, controversy or claim which arises out of these Notes shall be consolidated with any ongoing proceedings before the arbitral tribunal, but no other party shall be joined to, and no other disputes, controversies or claims shall be consolidated with, such on-going proceedings before the arbitral tribunal.
- (vii) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Condition 19(b), nothing contained herein or in the relevant Pricing Supplement shall operate or be regarded as a waiver, renunciation or other modification by the Issuer of any status, immunities, privileges or exemptions of the Issuer under its Articles of Agreement, all of its basic documents, any applicable law or international practice.