

## OFFERING CIRCULAR

# ESCHER MARWICK PLC

*(incorporated with limited liability in England and Wales)*

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### Secured Medium Term Note Programme

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This Offering Circular (the "**Offering Circular**") has been prepared in compliance with the Listing Rules of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited. Application has been made to the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited for the approval of the establishment of the Secured Medium Term Note Programme (the "**Programme**") and the notes issued under it (the "**Notes**"), which are described in this Offering Circular to be admitted to the Official List (the "**Official List**") and to trading on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "**SGX-ST**"). At the date of this Offering Circular, the establishment of the Programme has been approved in principle by the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited.

The Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited assumes no responsibility for the correctness of any of the statements or opinions made or reports contained in this document. Admission to the Official List is not to be taken as an indication of the merits of the Issuer or of the securities.

The Programme also permits Notes to be issued on the basis that they will not be admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by any competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system or to be admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by such other or further competent authorities, stock exchanges and/or quotation systems as may be agreed with the Issuer.

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 of Notes will be issued on the terms set out herein under "*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*" (the "**Conditions**") as completed by a document specific to such Tranche called the Pricing Supplement (the "**Pricing Supplement**") or in a separate document specific to such Tranche (the "**Drawdown Particulars**") as described under "*Pricing Supplement and Drawdown Particulars*" below.

In relation to any Tranche of Notes which is the subject of Pricing Supplement, this Offering Circular must be read and construed together with the relevant Pricing Supplement. In the case of a Tranche of Notes which is the subject of a Drawdown Particulars, each reference in this Offering Circular to information being specified or identified in the relevant Pricing Supplement shall be read and construed as a reference to such information being specified or identified in the relevant Drawdown Particulars unless the context requires otherwise.

The relevant Pricing Supplement in respect of any Series will specify whether or not such Notes will be listed and, if so, on which exchange(s) the Notes are to be listed. There is no assurance that the application to the Official List of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited for the listing of the Notes of any Series will be approved. For so long as any Notes are listed on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited and the rules of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited so require, the Notes will trade on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited in a minimum board lot size of SGD200,000 (equivalent to EUR125,000) so long as any of the Notes remain listed on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited.

All Notes will initially be sold to Bedford Row Capital Advisers Limited as the settlement agent (the "**Settlement Agent**") and may be resold at prevailing market prices, or at prices related thereto, at the time of such resale, as determined by the Settlement Agent. Potential investors in the Notes must apply directly to the Settlement Agent through a broker or other custodian or intermediary via the appropriate clearing system (see the section "*Book-Entry Clearing Systems*"). Applications may not be made directly to the Issuer. Details of the Settlement Agent are set out in the applicable

Pricing Supplement.

Notes may be offered for sale from time to time by any entity appointed as a promoter (the "**Promoters**") and listed as such in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

This Offering Circular is only available in confidence to potential investors who are: (a) persons who have professional experience in matters relating to investments falling within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, as amended (the "**Order**") and/or (b) high net worth companies (or persons to whom it may otherwise be lawfully communicated) falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order and/or (c) certified high net worth individuals falling within Article 48 of the Order and/or (d) sophisticated investors falling within Article 50 of the Order and/or (e) self-certified sophisticated investors falling within Article 50A of the Order, so that, in each case, section 21(1) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 does not apply to the Issuer and/or (f) persons to whom this Offering Circular can be sent lawfully in accordance with all other applicable securities laws.

If this is not the case then you must return this Offering Circular immediately. It is not directed at and may not be acted on by anyone else.

An explanation as to the meaning of "certified high net worth individual", "sophisticated investor" and "self-certified sophisticated investor" and the requirements to qualify as such are contained in the section "*Subscription and Sale*" below. Any potential investor who is in any doubt about the Notes to which this Offering Circular relates should consult an authorised person specialising in advising on investments of the kind in question.

The Offering Circular contains forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements often include words such as "anticipate", "expect", "intend", "plan", "believe", "continue" or similar words in connection with discussions of future operating or financial performance. The forward-looking statements are based on the directors' and where relevant Audley Funding's current expectations and assumptions regarding commercial performance, the economy and other future conditions, circumstances and results. As with any projection or forecast, forward-looking statements are inherently susceptible to uncertainty and changes in circumstances. The actual results may vary materially from those expressed or implied in its forward-looking statements.

Investing in Notes issued under the Programme involves certain risks. The principal risk factors that may affect the ability of the Issuer to fulfil their respective obligations under the Notes are discussed under "Risk Factors" below.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICES

Escher Marwick PLC (the "**Issuer**") accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Offering Circular and, in relation to each Tranche of Notes, in the applicable Pricing Supplement for such Tranche of Notes and declares that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in this Offering Circular is, to the best of its knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

The Issuer has confirmed to the Settlement Agent and the Promoters that this Offering Circular contains all information which is (in the context of the Programme, the issue and offering and sale of the Notes) material; that such information is true and accurate in all material respects and is not misleading in any material respect; that any opinions, predictions or intentions expressed herein are honestly held or made and are not misleading in any material respect; that this Offering Circular does not omit to state any material fact necessary to make such information, opinions, predictions or intentions (in the context of the Programme, the issue and offering and sale of the Notes) not misleading in any material respect; and that all proper enquiries have been made to verify the foregoing.

No person has been authorised to give any information or to make any representation not contained in or not consistent with this Offering Circular or any other document entered into in relation to the Programme or any information supplied by the Issuer or such other information as is in the public domain and, if given or made, such information or representation should not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer, the Trustee, the Settlement Agent or any Promoter.

Neither the Settlement Agent nor the Promoters nor any of their respective affiliates have authorised the whole or any part of this Offering Circular and none of them makes any representation or warranty or accepts any responsibility as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in this Offering Circular. Neither the delivery of this Offering Circular or any Pricing Supplement nor the offering, sale or delivery of any Note shall, in any circumstances, create any implication that the information contained in this Offering Circular is true subsequent to the date hereof or the date upon which this Offering Circular has been most recently amended or supplemented or that there has been no adverse change, or any event reasonably likely to involve any adverse change, in the prospects or financial or trading position of the Issuer since the date thereof or, if later, the date upon which this Offering Circular has been most recently amended or supplemented or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct at any time subsequent to the date on which it is supplied or, if different, the date indicated in the document containing the same.

The distribution of this Offering Circular and any Pricing Supplement and the offering, sale and delivery of the Notes in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this Offering Circular or any Pricing Supplement comes are required by the Issuer, the Settlement Agent and the Promoters to inform themselves about and to observe any such restrictions. For a description of certain restrictions on offers, sales and deliveries of Notes and on the distribution of this Offering Circular or any Pricing Supplement and other offering material relating to the Notes, see "*Subscription and Sale*". In particular, Notes have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933 (as amended) (the "**Securities Act**") and are subject to U.S. tax law requirements. Subject to certain exceptions, Notes may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or to U.S. persons. Notes have also not been registered due to the exemptions under Section 274 and/or Section 275 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the "**SFA**").

Neither this Offering Circular nor any Pricing Supplement constitutes an offer or an invitation to subscribe for or purchase any Notes and should not be considered as a recommendation by the Issuer, the Settlement Agent, the Promoters, the Trustee, or any of them that any recipient of this Offering Circular or any Pricing Supplement should subscribe for or purchase any Notes. Each recipient of this Offering Circular or any Pricing Supplement shall be taken to have made its own investigation and appraisal of the condition (financial or otherwise) of the Issuer.

The maximum aggregate principal amount of Notes outstanding at any one time under the Programme will not exceed £1,000,000,000 and for this purpose, any Notes denominated in another currency shall be translated into pounds sterling at the date of the agreement to issue such Notes. The maximum aggregate principal amount of Notes which may be outstanding at any one time under the Programme may be increased from time to time.

In this Offering Circular, unless otherwise specified, references to a "**Member State**" are references to a Member State of the European Economic Area, references to "**pounds sterling**", "**sterling**" and "**£**" are to the lawful currency of the United Kingdom, references to "**U.S.\$**", "**U.S. dollars**" or "**dollars**" are to United States dollars and references to "**EUR**", "**€**" or "**euro**" are to the single currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union, and as defined in Article 2 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 974/98 of 3 May 1998 on the introduction of the euro as amended, reference to "**Singapore dollars**", "**S.G. dollars**" or "**SGD**" are to the lawful currency of Singapore.

Certain figures included in this Offering Circular have been subject to rounding adjustments; accordingly, figures shown for the same category presented in different tables may vary slightly and figures shown as totals in certain tables may not be an arithmetic aggregation of the figures which precede them.

Tranches of Notes issued under the Programme may be rated or unrated by any or all of Moody's Investors Service Limited ("**Moody's**"), Fitch Ratings Limited ("**Fitch**") or Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services Europe Limited ("**Standard & Poor's**"). Each of Moody's, Fitch and Standard & Poor's is established in the European Economic Area ("**EEA**") and registered under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009, as amended (the "**CRA Regulation**"). Where a Tranche of Notes is rated, such rating will not necessarily be the same as the rating(s) assigned to Notes already issued. Where a Tranche of Notes is rated, the applicable rating(s) will be specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement.

The Notes may not be a suitable investment for all investors. The Notes are only suitable for investors who are particularly knowledgeable in investments matters. Each potential investor in the Notes must determine the suitability of that investment in light of its own circumstances. In particular, each potential investor may wish to consider, either on its own or with the help of its financial and other professional advisers, whether it:

- (i) has sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Notes, the merits and risks of investing in the Notes and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Offering Circular or any applicable supplement;
- (ii) has access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the Notes and the impact the Notes will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- (iii) has sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the Notes, including Notes where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the potential investor's currency;
- (iv) understands thoroughly the terms of the Notes and is familiar with the behaviour of financial markets; and
- (v) is able to evaluate possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks.

Legal investment considerations may restrict certain investments. The investment activities of certain investors are subject to legal investment laws and regulations, or review or regulation by certain authorities. Each potential investor should consult its legal advisers to determine whether and to what extent (1) Notes are legal investments for it, (2) Notes can be used as collateral for various types of borrowing and (3) other restrictions apply to its purchase or pledge of any Notes. Financial institutions should consult their legal advisers or the appropriate regulators to determine the appropriate treatment of Notes under any applicable risk-based capital or similar rules.

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## RISK FACTORS

*Prospective investors should read the entire Offering Circular. Words and expressions defined in the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" below or elsewhere in this Offering Circular have the same meanings in this section.*

*The Issuer believes that the following factors may affect its ability to fulfil its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme. All of these factors are contingencies which may or may not occur and the Issuer is not in a position to express a view on the likelihood of any such contingency occurring.*

*The Issuer believes that the factors described below represent the principal risks inherent in investing in Notes issued under the Programme, but the inability of the Issuer to pay interest, principal or other amounts on or in connection with any Notes may occur for other reasons and the Issuer does not represent that the statements below regarding the risks of holding any Notes are exhaustive. Prospective investors should also read the detailed information set out elsewhere in this Offering Circular and reach their own views prior to making any investment decision.*

### GENERAL RISKS

It is intended that the Issuer will invest in securities and other financial assets with certain risk characteristics as described below and subject to the restrictions described below. There can be no assurance that the Issuer's investments will be successful, and that the holders of Notes will receive the full amounts payable by the Issuer under the Notes or that they will receive any return on their investment in the Notes. Prospective investors are therefore advised to review this entire Offering Circular carefully and should consider, among other things, the factors set out below before deciding whether to invest in the Notes.

### RISKS SPECIFIC TO THE ISSUER AND ITS INDUSTRY

Set out below is a brief description of certain risks relating to the Issuer and its sole purpose of issuing Notes:

#### ***Credit Risk***

The ability of the Issuer to meet its payment obligations under the Notes will be adversely affected by defaults in the underlying Secured Assets. The Issuer is inherently exposed to risks arising from changes in credit quality and the recoverability of Secured Assets. Increased numbers of defaults by Borrowers or other obligors of Secured Assets may reduce the recoverability and value of the Issuer's assets.

#### ***Noteholders Have No Recourse to Borrowers***

No proprietary or other direct interest in the Issuer's rights under or in respect of any Secured Assets backing that Series exists for the benefit of the Noteholders. Subject to the terms of the Trust Deed, no Noteholder will have any entitlement to enforce any of the provisions of the corresponding Secured Assets or have direct recourse to the corresponding Borrower (or any other obligor) except through action by the Trustee under the Trust Deed and the Issuer Deed of Charge.

#### ***Security May Be Declared Invalid***

The Issuer will, for each Series, grant security interests in favour of the Trustee for the benefit of the Noteholders in the Issuer Security pursuant to the Trust Deed and the Issuer Deed of Charge. However, if the security interest of the Trustee in the Issuer Security was determined to be invalid or unperfected, Noteholders in such Series would be unsecured creditors and would rank on a pari passu basis with other unsecured creditors (if any) of the Issuer. Each of the foregoing factors may delay or reduce investors' return on their Notes and investors may suffer a loss (including a total loss) on their investment.

#### ***Limited Sources of Funds to Pay Expenses of the Issuer***

The funds available to the Issuer to pay its expenses on any Interest Payment Date are limited as provided in the Conditions. In the event that such funds are not sufficient to pay the expenses

incurred by the Issuer, the ability of the Issuer to operate effectively may be impaired, and it may not be able to defend or prosecute legal proceedings brought against it or which it might otherwise bring to protect its interests or pay the expenses of legal proceedings brought against persons whom the Issuer has indemnified.

***Notes are obligations of the Issuer only***

The Notes will be solely the obligations of the Issuer and will not be obligations or responsibilities of, or guaranteed by, any other entity. No other person has any obligation to Noteholders for payment of any amount due in respect of the Notes. Furthermore, no person other than the Issuer will accept any liability whatsoever to Noteholders in respect of any failure by the Issuer to pay any amount due under the Notes.

***Notes are corporate obligations of the Issuer***

No recourse under any obligation, covenant or agreement of the Issuer under the Notes shall be made against any current or previous director or member of the Issuer, it being understood that the obligations of the Issuer under the Notes are corporate obligations of the Issuer, and no personal liability shall attach to, or be incurred by, the directors or members of the Issuer as such, under or by reason of any such obligations, covenants and agreements of the Issuer.

***The Issuer's reliance on third parties***

The Issuer is a party to contracts with a number of third parties that have agreed to provide services to the Issuer in connection with the Notes. The Issuer has contracted with parties including, but not limited to, the Servicer, the Trustee, the Registrar and the Paying Agent.

The ability of the Issuer to make payments on the Notes will depend to a significant extent upon the due performance by the third party providers of their respective services, duties, obligations and undertakings under the Transaction Documents to which they are a party. The performance by such parties of their respective services, duties, obligations and undertakings is dependent on their solvency. No assurance is given that the creditworthiness of such third parties will not deteriorate in the future.

A number of the services provided by the third parties are highly specialised and, in the event that a third party become insolvent or is otherwise unable to provide the relevant services, it may be difficult to identify a replacement service provider with the requisite skill and experience to perform these roles. Any failure of a third party to provide services to the Issuer may affect the Issuer's ability to be able to make payment of interest and principal on the Notes.

**RISKS RELATING TO THE NOTES GENERALLY**

Set out below is a brief description of certain risks relating to the Notes generally:

***Suitability***

Prospective purchasers of the Notes of any Class should ensure that they understand the nature of such Notes and the extent of their exposure to risk, that they have sufficient knowledge, experience and access to professional advisers to make their own legal, tax, accounting and financial evaluation of the merits and risks of investment in such Notes and that they consider the suitability of such Notes as an investment in the light of their own circumstances and financial condition.

***Notes subject to optional redemption by the Issuer***

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

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

### ***Notes issued at a substantial discount or premium***

The market values of securities issued at a substantial discount (such as Zero-Coupon Notes) or premium to their nominal amount tend to fluctuate more in relation to general changes in interest rates than do prices for conventional interest-bearing securities. Generally, the longer the remaining term of the securities, the greater the price volatility as compared to conventional interest-bearing securities with comparable maturities.

### ***The Notes are not protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme***

Unlike a bank deposit, the Notes are not protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (the "FSCS") or any other government savings or deposit protection scheme. As a result, the FSCS will not pay compensation to an investor in the Notes upon the failure of the Issuer. If the Issuer goes out of business or becomes insolvent, Noteholders may lose all or part of their investment in the Notes.

### ***Modification, waiver and substitution***

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

The Conditions of the Notes also provide that the Trustee may, without the consent of the Noteholders, agree to (a) any modification of any of the provisions of the Trust Deed or the Conditions of the Notes that is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is made to correct a manifest error, (b) any other modification (except as mentioned in the Trust Deed), and any waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach, of any of the provisions of the Notes or Trust Deed that is in the opinion of the Trustee not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders, or (c) the substitution of another company as principal debtor under any Notes in place of the Issuer, in the circumstances described in Condition 16(c) (*Substitution*) of the Notes.

### ***Taxation***

Prospective investors and sellers of the Notes should be aware that they may be required to pay taxes or other documentary charges or duties in accordance with the laws and practices of the country where the Notes are transferred or other jurisdictions. Potential investors are advised not to rely upon the description contained in the general description section of this Offering Circular but to ask for their own tax adviser's advice on their individual taxation with respect to the acquisition, sale and redemption of the Notes. Only these advisers are in a position to duly consider the specific situation of the prospective investor. This investment consideration has to be read in connection with the taxation sections of this Offering Circular.

### ***U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Withholding***

Sections 1471 through 1474 (inclusive) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code ("**FATCA**") impose a new reporting regime and potentially a 30 per cent. withholding tax with respect to certain payments by any non-U.S. financial institution (a foreign financial institution, or "**FFI**" (as defined by FATCA)) that (i) does not become a "**Participating FFI**" by entering into an agreement with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service ("**IRS**") to provide certain information on its account holders or (ii) is not otherwise exempt from or in deemed-compliance with FATCA. The new withholding regime will be phased in beginning in 2014 for payments received from sources within the United States and will apply to "foreign passthru payments" (a term not yet defined) no earlier than 2017.

After consultation with a number of potential partner countries, the United States has released a model intergovernmental agreement ("**model IGA**") to facilitate the implementation of FATCA. Pursuant to FATCA and the model IGA, an FFI in a signatory country could be treated as a deemed-compliant FFI, an exempt FFI or a "**Reporting FFI**" not subject to FATCA withholding on any payments it receives and, with respect to payments it makes from sources within the United States, would not be required to withhold. It is not yet certain whether a Reporting FFI would be required to withhold on foreign passthru payments that it makes. A Reporting FFI would, however, be required to report certain information on its account holders to its home government.



On 12 September 2012, the United States and the UK entered into an agreement (the "**US-UK IGA**") based largely on the model IGA.

The Issuer expects to be treated as a Reporting FFI pursuant to the US-UK IGA and does not anticipate being obliged to withhold any amounts under FATCA from payments it makes. There can be no assurance, however, that the Issuer will be treated as a Reporting FFI or that it would not be required to withhold under FATCA or pursuant to the US-UK IGA. Accordingly, the Issuer and financial institutions through which payments on the Notes are made may be required to withhold amounts under FATCA if (a) any FFI through or to which payment on such Notes is made is not a Participating FFI, a Reporting FFI, or otherwise exempt from or in deemed-compliance with FATCA or (b) an investor (other than an exempt investor) does not provide information sufficient to determine whether the investor is a U.S. person or should otherwise be treated as holding a "**United States Account**". This withholding would apply to (i) any Notes that are issued or materially modified on or after the "**Grandfathering Date**", which is the later of (a) 1 January 2014 and (b) the date that is six months after the date on which the final regulations applicable to "foreign passthru payments" are filed in the Federal Register and (ii) any Notes characterised as equity or which do not have a fixed term for U.S. federal tax purposes, whenever issued. If Notes are issued before the Grandfathering Date and additional Notes of the same series are issued on or after that date, the additional Notes may not be treated as exempt from FATCA withholding, which may have negative consequences to any existing Notes, including a negative impact on market price.

If an amount in respect of FATCA withholding were to be deducted or withheld from interest, principal or other payments on the Notes, neither the Issuer nor any paying agent nor any other person would, pursuant to the Conditions of the Notes, be required to pay additional amounts as a result of the deduction or withholding of such tax. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected. If any FATCA withholding is imposed, a beneficial owner of Notes that is not a foreign financial institution generally will be entitled to a refund of any amounts withheld by filing a U.S. federal income tax return, which may entail a significant administrative burden. A beneficial owner of Notes that is a foreign financial institution will be able to obtain a refund only to the extent an applicable income tax treaty with the United States entitles it to an exemption from, or reduced rate of, tax on the payment that was subject to withholding under FATCA.

FATCA is particularly complex and its application is uncertain at this time. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisers on how these rules may apply to the Issuer and to payments they may receive in connection with the Notes.

### ***Change of law***

The Conditions of the Notes are based on English law in effect as at the date of issue of the relevant Notes. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible judicial decision or change to English law or administrative practice after the date of issue of the relevant Notes.

### ***Notes where denominations involve integral multiples: definitive Notes***

In relation to any issue of Notes which have denominations consisting of a minimum Specified Denomination plus one or more higher integral multiples of another smaller amount, it is possible that such Notes may be traded in amounts that are not integral multiples of such minimum Specified Denomination. In such a case a holder who, as a result of trading such amounts, holds an amount which is less than the minimum Specified Denomination in his account with the relevant clearing system at the relevant time may not receive a definitive Note in respect of such holding (should such definitive Notes be printed) and would need to purchase a principal amount of Notes such that its holding amounts to a Specified Denomination.

If definitive Notes are issued, holders should be aware that definitive Notes which have a denomination that is not an integral multiple of the minimum Specified Denomination may be illiquid and difficult to trade.

### ***Risks relating to holding CREST Depository Interests***

Terms used in this risk factor and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings given to such terms in "*Book-Entry Clearing Systems – Crest Depository Interests*".

CREST Depository Interests are separate legal obligations distinct from the Notes and CDI Holders will be subject to additional provisions other than the Conditions of the Notes.

CDI Holders will hold or have an interest in a separate legal instrument and not be the legal owners of the Notes. The rights of CDI Holders to the Notes are represented by the relevant entitlements against the CREST Depository which (through the CREST Nominee) holds interests in the Notes. Accordingly, rights under the Notes cannot be enforced by CDI Holders except indirectly through the intermediary depositories and custodians. The enforcement of rights under the Notes will be subject to the local law of the relevant intermediaries. This could result in an elimination or reduction in the payments that otherwise would have been made in respect of the Notes in the event of any insolvency or liquidation of any of the relevant intermediaries, in particular where the Notes held in clearing systems are not held in special purpose accounts and are fungible with other securities held in the same accounts on behalf of other customers of the relevant intermediaries.

The rights of the CDI Holders will be governed by the arrangements between CREST, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and the relevant Issuer, including the CREST Deed Poll. Potential investors should note that the provisions of the CREST Deed Poll, the CREST Manual and the CREST Rules contain indemnities, warranties, representations and undertakings to be given by CDI Holders and limitations on the liability of the CREST Depository. CDI Holders are bound by such provisions and may incur liabilities resulting from a breach of any such indemnities, warranties, representations and undertakings in excess of the amounts originally invested by them. As a result, the rights of, and returns received by, CDI Holders may differ from those of holders of Notes which are not represented by CDIs.

In addition, CDI Holders may be required to pay fees, charges, costs and expenses to the CREST Depository in connection with the use of the CREST International Settlement Links Service. These will include the fees and expenses charged by the CREST Depository in respect of the provision of services by it under the CREST Deed Poll and any taxes, duties, charges, costs or expenses which may be or become payable in connection with the holding of the Notes through the CREST International Settlement Links Service.

Potential investors should note that none of the Issuer, the Settlement Agent, the relevant Promoter, the Trustee and the Paying Agents will have any responsibility for the performance by any intermediaries or their respective direct or indirect participants or accountholders of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

For further information on the issue and holding of CDIs see the section entitled "*Book-Entry Clearing Systems – Crest Depository Interests*" in this Offering Circular.

### **RISKS RELATED TO THE MARKET GENERALLY**

Set out below is a brief description of the principal market risks, including liquidity risk, exchange rate risk, interest rate risk and credit risk:

#### ***Lower than expected volumes of issuance***

No assurance is provided that investors will subscribe for the full amount of Notes which are made available for subscription during a particular offer period. The volume of issuance of a particular Tranche of Notes will depend on a number of factors including, without limitation, prevailing market conditions and the availability of alternative investment opportunities. To the extent that the volumes of issuance of the Notes are lower than expected, the liquidity of the Notes in the secondary market will be limited.

#### ***The secondary market generally***

Notes may have no established trading market when issued, and one may never develop. If a market does develop, it may not be liquid. Therefore, investors may not be able to sell their Notes easily or at prices that will provide them with a yield comparable to similar investments that have

a developed secondary market. This is particularly the case for Notes that are especially sensitive to interest rate, currency or market risks, are designed for specific investment objectives or strategies or have been structured to meet the investment requirements of limited categories of investors. These types of Notes generally would have a more limited secondary market and more price volatility than conventional debt securities. Illiquidity may have a severely adverse effect on the market value of Notes.

Further, if an investor chooses to sell its Notes in the open market at any time prior to maturity of the Notes, the price the investor will receive from a purchaser may be less than its original investment, and may be less than the amount due to be repaid at maturity of the Notes if the investor were to hold onto the Notes until then. Factors that will influence the price received by investors who choose to sell their Notes in the open market may include, but are not limited to, market appetite, inflation, the period remaining to maturity of the Notes, prevailing interest rates and the financial position of the Issuer.

#### ***Exchange rate risks and exchange controls***

The Issuer will pay principal and interest on the Notes in the Specified Currency specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement. This presents certain risks relating to currency conversions if an investor's financial activities are denominated principally in a currency or currency unit (the "**Investor's Currency**") other than the Specified Currency. These include the risk that exchange rates may significantly change (including changes due to devaluation of the Specified Currency or revaluation of the Investor's Currency) and the risk that authorities with jurisdiction over the Investor's Currency may impose or modify exchange controls. An appreciation in the value of the Investor's Currency relative to the Specified Currency would decrease (i) the Investor's Currency equivalent yield on the Notes, (ii) the Investor's Currency equivalent value of the principal payable on the Notes and (iii) the Investor's Currency equivalent market value of the Notes.

Government and monetary authorities may impose (as some have done in the past) exchange controls that could adversely affect an applicable exchange rate. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected, or no interest or principal.

#### ***Interest rate risks***

The Notes may bear interest at a fixed rate. Potential investors should note that if interest rates rise, then the income payable on such Notes might become less attractive and the price that investors could realise on a sale of the Notes may fall. However, the market price of the Notes from time to time has no effect on the total income investors receive on maturity of the Notes if the investor holds the Notes until the maturity date. Further, inflation will reduce the real value of the Notes over time, which may affect what investors could buy with their investment in the future and may make the fixed rate payable on the Notes less attractive in the future, again affecting the price that investors could realise on a sale of the Notes.

#### ***Credit ratings may not reflect all risks***

Notes issued under the Programme may be rated or unrated. Where an issue of Notes is rated, the applicable rating(s) will be specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement. Such rating(s) will not necessarily be the same as the rating assigned to Notes already issued. There are no guarantees that such ratings will be assigned or maintained. Any credit rating agency may lower its ratings or withdraw the rating if, in the sole judgment of the credit rating agency, the credit quality of the Notes has declined or is in question. In addition, at any time a credit rating agency may revise its relevant rating methodology with the result that, among other things, any rating assigned to the Notes may be lowered. If any of the ratings assigned to the Notes is lowered or withdrawn, the market value of the Notes may be reduced. Furthermore, the ratings may not reflect the potential impact of all risks discussed above, and other factors that may affect the value of the Notes. Accordingly, a credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be revised or withdrawn by the rating agency at any time.

Any credit ratings assigned to the Notes may not reflect the potential impact of all risks related to structure, market, additional factors discussed above, and other factors that may affect the value of the Notes.

***A credit rating reduction may result in a reduction in the trading value of the Notes***

The value of the Notes is expected to be affected, in part, by investors' general appraisal of the creditworthiness of the Issuer. Such perceptions are generally influenced by the ratings accorded to the outstanding Notes of such Issuer by standard statistical rating services. A reduction in, or a placing on credit watch of the rating, if any, accorded to outstanding Notes of the Issuer by a rating agency could result in a reduction in the trading value of the Notes.

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

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

***Trustee indemnity***

In certain circumstances, the Noteholders may be dependent on the Trustee to take certain actions in respect of the Notes. Prior to taking such action, pursuant to the Conditions the Trustee may require to be indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to its satisfaction. If so, and the Trustee is not indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to its satisfaction, it may decide not to take any action and such inaction will not constitute a breach by it of its obligations under the Trust Deed. Consequently, the Noteholders would have to either provide such indemnity and/or security and/or pre-funding or accept the consequences of such inaction by the Trustee. Noteholders should be prepared to bear the costs associated with any such indemnity and/or security and/or pre-funding and/or the consequences of any potential inaction by the Trustee. Such inaction by the Trustee will not entitle Noteholders to take action directly against the Issuer to pursue remedies for any breach by it of the terms of the Trust Deed or the Notes unless the Trustee has failed within a reasonable time to do so.

## OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME

### THE ISSUER

#### *General*

Under the Programme, the Issuer will, from time to time, issue Notes in Series and will use the proceeds, less certain costs and expenses, to: (i) advance loans (each a "**Borrower Loan**" and, together, the "**Borrower Loans**") to borrowers (each a "**Borrower**" and, together, the "**Borrowers**") meeting eligibility criteria, pursuant to the terms of a loan agreement (each, a "**Borrower Loan Agreement**" and, together, the "**Borrower Loan Agreements**"); and/or (ii) acquire financial collateral including, without limitation, debt securities, in each case meeting eligibility criteria (each a "**Financial Collateral Asset**" and, together, the "**Financial Collateral Assets**") The Borrower Loans, the Financial Collateral Assets and each Borrower Deed of Charge (see below) are, collectively, referred to as the "**Secured Assets**".

The Servicer (see below) will service the Secured Assets on behalf of the Issuer and collect in all relevant payments.

The Issuer will create separate Series of Notes from time to time to enable Notes to be issued with varying terms and interest rates. Following the relevant issue date of Notes, the Issuer will enter into Borrower Loans or acquire Financial Collateral Assets in an aggregate principal amount equal to the amount set out in the Pricing Supplement for such Series. Such amounts will equal the aggregate nominal amount of Notes being issued pursuant to such Series less certain costs and expenses of the Issuer and an amount which the Issuer determines is required to be kept in cash or cash equivalents for liquidity purposes.

In respect of each Series of Notes, there will be more than 5 Borrowers and the principal amount of each Borrower Loan or of each Financial Collateral Asset will not account for more than 20% of the aggregate principal amount of all Borrower Loans or all Financial Collateral Assets outstanding for that Series.

The Borrower Loans will broadly comprise secured or unsecured loans to small and medium sized companies. In each case, where the Borrower Loans are secured, the security may take the form of tangible commercial or residential property but other security types will be considered including receivables, stock and work-in-progress, chattels, insurance contracts, securities and similar assets where appropriate security is available. Payments of interest and repayment of principal by the Borrower will be matched to interest and principal payment dates of the Notes.

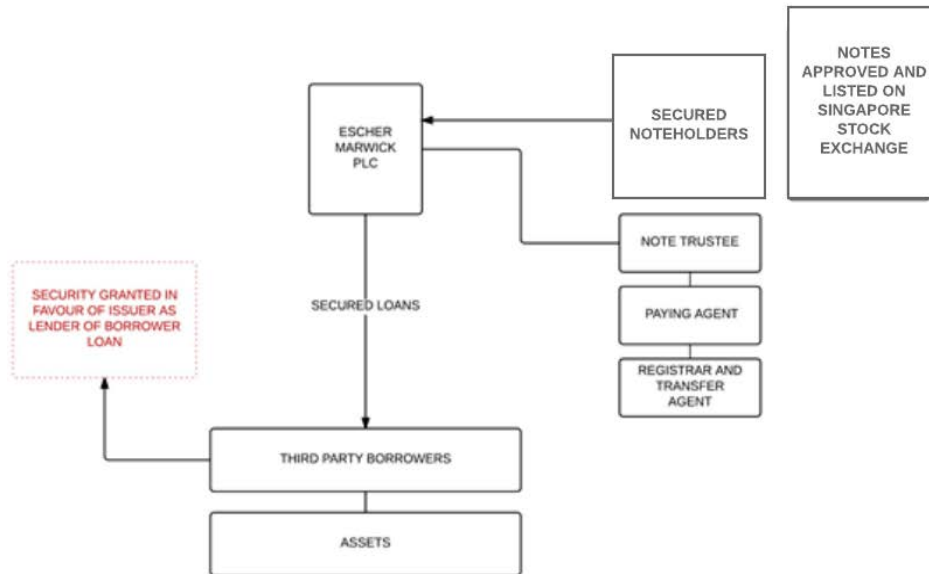
The Issuer's obligations under the Notes are secured in the manner described below -- "*The Issuer Security Structure*".

Where a Borrower Loan is secured, a Borrower's obligations to the Issuer pursuant to the Borrower Loan Agreements are secured in the manner described below -- "*The Borrower Security Structure*".

#### *Credit Enhancements*

The Notes will not be subject to any credit enhancements and the Issuer will rely on the repayments to be made by Borrowers pursuant to the Secured Assets and the proceeds of any property disposals to ensure that the Issuer is able to meet its obligations under the Notes.

## STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME



## THE ISSUER SECURITY STRUCTURE

Under a deed of charge to be dated 31 May 2016 between the Issuer and GRM Law Trustees Limited (the "**Trustee**") (the "**Issuer Deed of Charge**"), the obligations of the Issuer under a Series of Notes will be secured in favour of the Trustee (for the benefit of the Noteholders and certain other secured creditors of the Issuer (the "**Issuer Secured Creditors**")) by fixed first priority security over the Issuer's rights in respect of the Secured Assets, the Transaction Documents (to the extent that they relate to a Series) and the Borrower Security made with the proceeds of such Series (the "**Issuer Security**").

In respect of any Series, by granting the Issuer Security to the Trustee for the benefit of the Issuer Secured Creditors, the rights of the Noteholders and the other Issuer Secured Creditors to the Issuer Security in respect of such Series rank first in priority to other creditors (including any affiliates of the Issuer) in the event of a default or an insolvency or insolvency related event of the Issuer. The rights of the Noteholders and the other Issuer Secured Creditors will not be affected by the insolvency or an insolvency related event of any other entity affiliated to the Issuer.

The rights of the Noteholders and the other Issuer Secured Creditors are also subject to an intercreditor deed dated 14 October 2016 between the Issuer and the Trustee (the "**Intercreditor Deed**").

## THE BORROWER SECURITY STRUCTURE

Where a Borrower Loan is secured, under a deed of charge to be entered into between a Borrower and the Issuer (each a "**Borrower Deed of Charge**"), the obligations of the Borrower in respect of a Borrower Loan will be secured in favour of the Issuer by fixed and floating charges over the property, undertaking and assets of the Borrower (the "**Borrower Security**").

Each Borrower Deed of Charge will contain customary representations and warranties from the Borrower to the Issuer, including, without limitation, representations and warranties as to the ownership by the Borrower of its assets, that such assets are free from other security, that there are no adverse claims against such assets, that the Borrower has complied with all relevant laws in respect of those assets and that the security being granted under the Borrower Deed of charge

is enforceable.

The Issuer's rights as chargee under each Borrower Deed of Charge will form part of the assets charged to the Trustee for the benefit of the Noteholders by way of the Issuer Deed of Charge.

#### **TRANSACTION PARTIES**

**Issuer** Escher Marwick PLC, incorporated in England with registered number 10112860 and registered office at 1 Bedford Row, London WC1R 4BZ.

**Trustee** GRM Law Trustees Limited (the "**Trustee**") will act as trustee for and on behalf of the holders of the Notes pursuant to a Trust Deed (the "**Trust Deed**") dated 31 May 2016 between the Note Trustee and the Issuer and will act as security trustee and hold on trust for itself and the other Issuer Secured Creditors the security granted by the Issuer pursuant to each Issuer Deed of Charge.

**Paying Agent** Avenir Registrars Limited will act as paying agent (the "**Paying Agent**") pursuant to a paying agency agreement (the "**Agency Agreement**") to be entered into on or about the date of this Offering Circular between the Paying Agent, the Trustee, the Registrar and the Issuer.

The Issuer reserves the right (with the prior approval of the Trustee) at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of the Paying Agent and to appoint a successor Paying Agent.

**Registrar and Transfer Agent** Avenir Registrars Limited will act as registrar and transfer agent (the "**Registrar**") pursuant to the Agency Agreement dated 31 May 2016 between the Registrar and the Issuer.

**Servicer and Calculation Agent** Bedford Row Capital Advisers Limited will act as servicer (the "**Servicer**") and the calculation agent (the "**Calculation Agent**") pursuant to a servicer agreement (the "**Servicer Agreement**") dated 31 May 2016. The Calculation Agent in relation to any Series of Notes and in relation to any determination or calculation specified in the Conditions will act as calculation agent of the Issuer for the purpose of making such determinations or calculations in accordance with the Conditions.

The Issuer reserves the right (with the prior approval of the Trustee) at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of the Servicer and the Calculation Agent and to appoint a successor Servicer and Calculation Agent. The Servicer and the Calculation Agent may delegate their functions in accordance with the Servicer Agreement.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SECURED ASSETS

Each Secured Asset (other than a Borrower Deed of Charge) must satisfy the following "**Secured Asset Eligibility Criteria**":

- (a) it is an obligation which has a loan to value ratio in relation to the principal amount of the Borrower Loan or Financial Collateral Asset equal to or below 85 per cent. and where that Borrower Loan or Financial Collateral Asset is secured against real property, a valuation report has been provided setting out both the valuation of the property and cash flow/income streams;
- (b) it is an obligation that is secured by assets of the obligor or guarantor thereof (if and to the extent security over such assets is permissible under applicable law (save in the case of assets so numerous or diverse that the failure to take such security is consistent with reasonable secured lending practices) and such security is granted under English law or the law of the jurisdiction where that asset is located;
- (c) it is denominated in either Sterling, Euro or United States Dollars;
- (d) it is an obligation in respect of which (i) payments will not be subject to withholding tax imposed by any jurisdiction including where this is pursuant to the operation of an applicable tax treaty subject to the completeness of any procedural formalities or (ii) the obligor is required to make "gross-up" payments to the Issuer that cover the full amount of any such withholding on an after-tax basis;
- (e) it is an obligation that pays or compounds interest no less frequently than annually at a rate which, when aggregated with all other Secured Assets on a rolling 12 month basis, produces funds to the Issuer sufficient to service any payments due and payable on the Notes;
- (f) it is not an obligation in respect of which interest payments are scheduled to decrease;
- (g) it is not an equity security and the Secured Asset (other than a Borrower Deed of Charge) is not convertible into equity;
- (h) it will not result in the imposition of stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax payable by the Issuer;
- (i) it must require the consent of the Issuer for any change in the principal repayment profile or interest applicable on such obligation, for the avoidance of doubt, excluding any changes originally envisaged;
- (j) it is capable of being, and will be, the subject of a security interest in favour of the Trustee;
- (k) it will not result in the imposition of any present or future, actual or contingent, monetary liabilities or obligations of the Issuer other than those (i) which may arise at its option; or (ii) which are fully secured; or (iii) which are subject to limited recourse provisions; or (iv) which may arise as a result of an undertaking to participate in a financial restructuring where such undertaking is contingent upon the redemption in full of such Secured Asset on or before the time by which the Issuer is obliged to enter into the restructuring and where the restructured Secured Asset satisfies the Secured Asset Eligibility Criteria; and
- (l) it has a maturity that is not later than the latest Maturity Date of all Notes outstanding.

The subsequent failure of any Secured Asset to satisfy any of the Secured Asset Eligibility Criteria shall not prevent any obligation which would otherwise be a Secured Asset from being a Secured Asset so long as such obligation satisfied the Secured Asset Eligibility Criteria when the Issuer entered into or acquired the Secured Asset.



## **PRICING SUPPLEMENT AND DRAWDOWN PARTICULARS**

In this section the expression "necessary information" means, in relation to any Tranche of Notes, the information necessary to enable investors to make an informed assessment of the assets and liabilities, financial position, profits and losses and prospects of the Issuer and of the rights attaching to the Notes. In relation to the different types of Notes which may be issued under the Programme the Issuer has included in this Offering Circular all of the necessary information except for information relating to the Notes which is not known at the date of this Offering Circular and which can only be determined at the time of an individual issue of a Tranche of Notes.

Any information relating to the Notes which is not included in this Offering Circular and which is required in order to complete the necessary information in relation to a Tranche of Notes will be contained either in the relevant Pricing Supplement or in a Drawdown Particulars.

For a Tranche of Notes which is the subject of Pricing Supplement, those Pricing Supplement will, for the purposes of that Tranche only, complete this Offering Circular and must be read in conjunction with this Offering Circular. The terms and conditions applicable to any particular Tranche of Notes which is the subject of Pricing Supplement are the Conditions described in the relevant Pricing Supplement as completed by the relevant Pricing Supplement.

The terms and conditions applicable to any particular Tranche of Notes which is the subject of a Drawdown Particulars will be the Conditions as supplemented, amended and/or replaced to the extent described in the relevant Drawdown Particulars. In the case of a Tranche of Notes which is the subject of a Drawdown Particulars, each reference in this Offering Circular to information being specified or identified in the relevant Pricing Supplement shall be read and construed as a reference to such information being specified or identified in the relevant Drawdown Particulars unless the context requires otherwise.

Each Drawdown Particulars will be constituted either (1) by a single document containing the necessary information relating to the Issuer and the relevant Notes or (2) by an Offering Circular which incorporates all or part of this Offering Circular.

## FORMS OF THE NOTES

### BEARER NOTES

Each Tranche of Notes in bearer form ("**Bearer Notes**") will initially be in the form of either a temporary global note in bearer form (the "**Temporary Global Note**"), without interest coupons, or a permanent global note in bearer form (the "**Permanent Global Note**"), without interest coupons, in each case as specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement. Each Temporary Global Note or, as the case may be, Permanent Global Note (each a "**Global Note**") which is not intended to be issued in new global note ("**NGN**") form, as specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, will be deposited on or around the issue date of the relevant Tranche of the Notes with a depositary or a common depositary for Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ("**Euroclear**") and/or Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, Luxembourg ("**Clearstream, Luxembourg**") and/or any other relevant clearing system and each Global Note which is intended to be issued in NGN form, as specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, will be deposited on or around the issue date of the relevant Tranche of the Notes with a common safekeeper for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg.

On 13 June 2006 the European Central Bank (the "**ECB**") announced that Notes in NGN form are in compliance with the "Standards for the use of EU securities settlement systems in ESCB credit operations" of the central banking system for the euro (the "**Eurosystem**"), **provided that** certain other criteria are fulfilled. At the same time the ECB also announced that arrangements for Notes in NGN form will be offered by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg as of 30 June 2006 and that debt securities in global bearer form issued through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg after 31 December 2006 will only be eligible as collateral for Eurosystem operations if the NGN form is used.

Whether or not the Notes are intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility will be set out in the relevant Pricing Supplement. Note that the designation "Yes" in the relevant Pricing Supplement means that the Notes are intended upon issue to be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper and does not necessarily mean that the Notes will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any or all times during their life. Such recognition will depend upon satisfaction of the Eurosystem eligibility criteria. Where the designation is specified as "No" in the relevant Pricing Supplement, should the Eurosystem eligibility criteria be amended in the future such that the Notes are capable of meeting them, the Notes may then be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper. Note that this does not necessarily mean that the Notes will then be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem at any time during their life. Such recognition will depend upon the ECB being satisfied that Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met.

In the case of each Tranche of Bearer Notes, the relevant Pricing Supplement will also specify whether United States Treasury Regulation §1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(C) (the "**TEFRA C Rules**") or United States Treasury Regulation §1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D) (the "**TEFRA D Rules**") are applicable in relation to the Notes or, if the Notes do not have a maturity of more than 1 year, that neither the TEFRA C Rules nor the TEFRA D Rules are applicable.

### TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE EXCHANGEABLE FOR PERMANENT GLOBAL NOTE

If the relevant Pricing Supplement specifies the form of Notes as being "*Temporary Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note*", then the Notes will initially be in the form of a Temporary Global Note which will be exchangeable, in whole or in part, for interests in a Permanent Global Note, without interest coupons, not earlier than 40 days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche of the Notes upon certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership. No payments will be made under the Temporary Global Note unless exchange for interests in the Permanent Global Note is improperly withheld or refused. In addition, interest payments in respect of the Notes cannot be collected without such certification of non-U.S. beneficial ownership.

Whenever any interest in the Temporary Global Note is to be exchanged for an interest in a

Permanent Global Note, the Issuer shall procure (in the case of first exchange) the delivery of a Permanent Global Note to the bearer of the Temporary Global Note or (in the case of any subsequent exchange) an increase in the principal amount of the Permanent Global Note in accordance with its terms against:

1. presentation and (in the case of final exchange) presentation and surrender of the Temporary Global Note to or to the order of the Paying Agent; and
2. receipt by the Paying Agent of a certificate or certificates of non-U.S. beneficial ownership.

The principal amount of Notes represented by the Permanent Global Note shall be equal to the aggregate of the principal amounts specified in the certificates of non-U.S. beneficial ownership provided, however, that in no circumstances shall the principal amount of Notes represented by the Permanent Global Note exceed the initial principal amount of Notes represented by the Temporary Global Note.

If:

1. the Permanent Global Note has not been delivered or the principal amount thereof increased by 5.00 p.m. (London time) on the seventh day after the bearer of the Temporary Global Note has requested exchange of an interest in the Temporary Global Note for an interest in a Permanent Global Note; or
2. the Temporary Global Note (or any part thereof) has become due and payable in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Notes or the date for final redemption of the Temporary Global Note 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 bearer of the Temporary Global Note in accordance with the terms of the Temporary Global Note on the due date for payment,

then the Temporary Global Note (including the obligation to deliver a Permanent Global Note) will become void at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on such seventh day (in the case of (a) above) or at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on such due date (in the case of (b) above) and the bearer of the Temporary Global Note will have no further rights thereunder (but without prejudice to the rights which the bearer of the Temporary Global Note or others may have under the Trust Deed).

The Permanent Global Note will become exchangeable, in whole but not in part only and at the request of the bearer of the Permanent Global Note, for Bearer Notes in definitive form ("**Definitive Notes**"):

1. on the expiry of such period of notice as may be specified in the Pricing Supplement; or
2. at any time, if so specified in the Pricing Supplement; or
3. if the Pricing Supplement specifies "in the limited circumstances described in the Permanent Global Note", then if either of the following events occurs:
  - (a) Euroclear or 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) if the Trustee is satisfied that, on the occasion of the next payment due in respect of the Notes of the relevant Series, the relevant Issuer or any of the Transfer and Paying Agents would be required to make any deduction or withholding from any payment in respect of such Notes which would not be required were such Notes in definitive form.

Whenever the Permanent Global Note is to be exchanged for Definitive Notes, the Issuer shall procure the prompt delivery (free of charge to the bearer) of such Definitive Notes, duly authenticated and with Coupons and Talons attached (if so specified in the Pricing Supplement), in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of Notes represented by the Permanent Global Note to the bearer of the Permanent Global Note against the surrender of the

Permanent Global Note to or to the order of the Paying Agent within 30 days of the bearer requesting such exchange.

If:

1. Definitive Notes have not been duly delivered by 5.00 p.m. (London time) on the thirtieth day after the bearer has requested exchange of the Permanent Global Note for Definitive Notes; or
2. the Permanent Global Note was originally issued in exchange for part only of a Temporary Global Note representing the Notes and such Temporary Global Note becomes void in accordance with its terms; or
3. the Permanent Global Note (or any part thereof) has become due and payable in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Notes or the date for final redemption of the Permanent Global Note 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 bearer in accordance with the terms of the Permanent Global Note on the due date for payment,

then the Permanent Global Note (including the obligation to deliver Definitive Notes) will become void at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on such thirtieth day (in the case of (a) above) or at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on the date on which such Temporary Global Note becomes void (in the case of (b) above) or at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on such due date ((c) above) and the bearer of the Permanent Global Note will have no further rights thereunder (but without prejudice to the rights which the bearer of the Permanent Global Note or others may have under the Trust Deed).

#### **TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE EXCHANGEABLE FOR DEFINITIVE NOTES**

If the relevant Pricing Supplement specifies the form of Notes as being "*Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes*" and also specifies that the TEFRA C Rules are applicable or that neither the TEFRA C Rules or the TEFRA D Rules are applicable, then the Notes will initially be in the form of a Temporary Global Note which will be exchangeable, in whole but not in part, for Definitive Notes not earlier than 40 days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche of the Notes.

If the relevant Pricing Supplement specifies the form of Notes as being "*Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes*" and also specifies that the TEFRA D Rules are applicable, then the Notes will initially be in the form of a Temporary Global Note which will be exchangeable, in whole or in part, for Definitive Notes not earlier than 40 days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche of the Notes upon certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership. Interest payments in respect of the Notes cannot be collected without such certification of non-U.S. beneficial ownership.

Whenever the Temporary Global Note is to be exchanged for Definitive Notes, the Issuer shall procure the prompt delivery (free of charge to the bearer) of such Definitive Notes, duly authenticated and with Coupons and Talons attached (if so specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement), in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Temporary Global Note to the bearer of the Temporary Global Note against the surrender of the Temporary Global Note to or to the order of the Paying Agent within 30 days of the bearer requesting such exchange. In relation to any issue of Notes which are expressed to be "*Temporary Global Notes exchangeable for Definitive Notes*" in accordance with this option, such Notes shall be issued and tradeable only in principal amounts equal to the Specified Denomination and multiples thereof (or if more than one Specified Denomination, the lowest Specified Denomination).

If:

1. Definitive Notes have not been duly delivered by 5.00 p.m. (London time) on the thirtieth day after the bearer has requested exchange of the Temporary Global Note for Definitive Notes; or
2. the Temporary Global Note (or any part thereof) has become due and payable in

accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Notes or the date for final redemption of the Temporary Global Note 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 bearer in accordance with the terms of the Temporary Global Note on the due date for payment,

then the Temporary Global Note (including the obligation to deliver Definitive Notes) will become void at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on such thirtieth day (in the case of (a) above) or at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on such due date (in the case of (b) above) and the bearer of the Temporary Global Note will have no further rights thereunder (but without prejudice to the rights which the bearer of the Temporary Global Note or others may have under the Trust Deed).

#### **PERMANENT GLOBAL NOTE EXCHANGEABLE FOR DEFINITIVE NOTES**

If the relevant Pricing Supplement specifies the form of Notes as being "*Permanent Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes*", then the Notes will initially be in the form of a Permanent Global Note which will be exchangeable in whole, but not in part, for Definitive Notes:

1. on the expiry of such period of notice as may be specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement; or
2. at any time, if so specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement; or
3. if the relevant Pricing Supplement specifies "in the limited circumstances described in the Permanent Global Note", then if either of the following events occurs:
  - (a) Euroclear or 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) if the Trustee is satisfied that, on the occasion of the next payment due in respect of the Notes of the relevant Series, the relevant Issuer or any of the Transfer and Paying Agents would be required to make any deduction or withholding from any payment in respect of such Notes which would not be required were such Notes in definitive form.

In relation to any Notes issued with a denomination of EUR125,000 (or equivalent) and integral multiples of EUR1 (or equivalent), the Permanent Global Note representing such Notes shall only be exchangeable for Definitive Notes in the limited circumstances described above.

Whenever the Permanent Global Note is to be exchanged for Definitive Notes, the Issuer shall procure the prompt delivery (free of charge to the bearer) of such Definitive Notes, duly authenticated and with Coupons and Talons attached (if so specified in the Pricing Supplement), in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of Notes represented by the Permanent Global Note to the bearer of the Permanent Global Note against the surrender of the Permanent Global Note to or to the order of the Paying Agent within 30 days of the bearer requesting such exchange.

If:

1. definitive Notes have not been duly delivered by 5.00 p.m. (London time) on the thirtieth day after the bearer has requested exchange of the Permanent Global Note for Definitive Notes; or
2. the Permanent Global Note (or any part thereof) has become due and payable in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Notes or the date for final redemption of the Permanent Global Note 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 bearer in accordance with the terms of the Permanent Global Note on the due date for payment,

then the Permanent Global Note (including the obligation to deliver Definitive Notes) will become void at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on such thirtieth day (in the case of (a) above) or at 5.00 p.m.

(London time) on such due date ((b) above) and the bearer of the Permanent Global Note will have no further rights thereunder (but without prejudice to the rights which the bearer of the Permanent Global Note or others may have under the Trust Deed).

### ***Terms and Conditions applicable to the Notes***

The terms and conditions applicable to any Definitive Note will be endorsed on that Note and will consist of the terms and conditions set out under "*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*" below and the provisions of the relevant Pricing Supplement which complete those terms and conditions.

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*" below.

### **LEGEND CONCERNING UNITED STATES PERSONS**

In the case of any Tranche of Bearer Notes having a maturity of more than 1 year, the Notes in global form, the Notes in definitive form and any Coupons and Talons appertaining thereto will bear the following legend:

"Any United States person who holds this obligation will be subject to limitations under the United States income tax laws, including the limitations provided in Sections 165(j) and 1287(a) of the Internal Revenue Code."

### **REGISTERED NOTES**

Each Tranche of Registered Notes will be in the form of either individual Note Certificates in registered form ("**Individual Note Certificates**") or a global Note in registered form (a "**Global Registered Note**"), in each case as specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement.

In a press release dated 22 October 2008, "*Evolution of the custody arrangement for international debt securities and their eligibility in Eurosystem credit operations*", the ECB announced that it has assessed the new holding structure and custody arrangements for registered notes which the ICSDs had designed in cooperation with market participants and that Notes to be held under the new structure (the "**New Safekeeping Structure**" or "**NSS**") would be in compliance with the "*Standards for the use of EU securities settlement systems in ESCB credit operations*" of the central banking system for the euro (the "**Eurosystem**"), subject to the conclusion of the necessary legal and contractual arrangements. The press release also stated that the new arrangements for Notes to be held in NSS form will be offered by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg as of 30 June 2010 and that registered debt securities in global registered form held issued through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg after 30 September 2010 will only be eligible as collateral in Eurosystem operations if the New Safekeeping Structure is used.

Whether or not the Notes are intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility will be set out in the relevant Pricing Supplement. Note that the designation "Yes" in the relevant Pricing Supplement means that the Notes are intended upon issue to be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper and registered in the name of a nominee of one of the ICSDs acting as common safekeeper, and does not necessarily mean that the Notes will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any or all times during their life. Such recognition will depend upon satisfaction of the Eurosystem eligibility criteria. Where the designation is specified as "No" in the relevant Pricing Supplement, should the Eurosystem eligibility criteria be amended in the future such that the Notes are capable of meeting them, the Notes may then be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper and registered in the name of a nominee of one of the ICSDs acting as common safekeeper. Note that this does not necessarily mean that the Notes will then be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem at any time during their life. Such recognition will depend upon the ECB being satisfied that Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met.

Each Global Registered Note will either be: (a) in the case of a Note which is not to be held under the new safekeeping structure NSS, registered in the name of a common depository (or its nominee) for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system and the relevant Global Registered Note will be deposited on or about the issue date with

the common depository and will be exchangeable in accordance with its terms; or (b) in the case of a Note to be held under the New Safekeeping Structure, be registered in the name of a common safekeeper (or its nominee) for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system and the relevant Global Registered Note will be deposited on or about the issue date with the common safekeeper for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and will be exchangeable for Individual Note Certificates in accordance with its terms.

If the relevant Pricing Supplement specifies the form of Notes as being "Individual Note Certificates", then the Notes will at all times be in the form of Individual Note Certificates issued to each Noteholder in respect of their respective holdings.

If the relevant Pricing Supplement specifies the form of Notes as being "Global Registered Note exchangeable for Individual Note Certificates", then the Notes will initially be in the form of a Global Registered Note which will be exchangeable in whole, but not in part, for Individual Note Certificates:

1. on the expiry of such period of notice as may be specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement; or
2. at any time, if so specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement; or
3. if the relevant Pricing Supplement specifies "in the limited circumstances described in the Global Registered Note", then if either of the following events occurs:
  - (a) Euroclear or 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) if the Trustee is satisfied that, on the occasion of the next payment due in respect of the Notes of the relevant Series, the relevant Issuer or any of the Transfer and Paying Agents would be required to make any deduction or withholding from any payment in respect of such Notes which would not be required were such Notes in definitive form.

In relation to any Notes issued with a denomination of EUR125,000 (or equivalent) and integral multiples of EUR1 (or equivalent), the Global Note Certificate representing such Notes shall only be exchangeable to Individual Note Certificates in the limited circumstances described above.

Whenever a Global Note Certificate is to be exchanged for Individual Note Certificates, each person having an interest in a Global Note Certificate must provide the Registrar (through the relevant clearing system) with such information as the Issuer and the Registrar may require to complete and deliver Individual Note Certificates (including the name and address of each person in which the Notes represented by the Individual Note Certificates are to be registered and the principal amount of each such person's holding).

Whenever the Global Registered Note is to be exchanged for Individual Note Certificates, the Issuer shall procure that Individual Note Certificates will be issued in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Registered Note within five business days of the delivery, by or on behalf of the registered holder of the Global Registered Note to the 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 the Global Registered Note at the specified office of the Registrar.

Such exchange will be effected in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement and the regulations concerning the transfer and registration of Notes scheduled to the Agency Agreement 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.

#### ***Terms and Conditions applicable to the Notes***

The terms and conditions applicable to any Individual Note Certificate will be endorsed on that

Individual Note Certificate and will consist of the terms and conditions set out under "*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*" below and the provisions of the relevant Pricing Supplement which completes those terms and conditions.

The terms and conditions applicable to any Global Registered Note 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*" below.

#### **CREST AND CREST DEPOSITARY INTERESTS**

If so specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, investors may also hold interests in the Notes through CREST either directly or through the issuance of CREST Depository Interests. See "*Book-Entry Clearing Systems*" for more information.



## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

The following is the text of the terms and conditions which, as completed by the relevant Pricing Supplement, will be endorsed on each Note in definitive form issued under the Programme. Subject to this, to the extent permitted by applicable law and/or regulation, the Pricing Supplement in respect of any Tranche of Notes may complete any information in this Offering Circular.

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*" below.

### 1. Introduction

- (a) *Programme*: Escher Marwick PLC (the "**Issuer**") has established a Secured Medium Term Note Programme (the "**Programme**") for the issuance 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) *Trust Deed*: The Notes are constituted by, are subject to, and have the benefit of, a trust deed made with effect from 31 May 2016 (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "**Trust Deed**") between the Issuer and GRM Law Trustees Limited as trustee (the "**Trustee**", which expression includes all persons for the time being trustee or trustees appointed under the Trust Deed).
- (d) *Deed of Charge*: Under a deed of charge made with effect from 31 May 2016 between the Issuer and the Trustee (the "**Issuer Deed of Charge**"), the obligations of the Issuer under the Notes of a Series will be secured in favour of the Trustee (for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Issuer Secured Creditors) (as defined below) by a fixed first priority charge over all of its rights in respect of Secured Assets and Transaction Documents to the extent that they relate to such Series and, where applicable, over any segregated bank accounts opened by the Issuer in respect of such Series.
- (e) *Intercreditor Deed*: The Notes have the benefit of an intercreditor deed dated 14 October 2016 between the Issuer and the Trustee (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "**Intercreditor Deed**").
- (f) *Agency Agreement*: The Notes are the subject of an issue and paying agency agreement made with effect from 31 May 2016 (the "**Agency Agreement**") between the Issuer, Avenir Registrars Limited as paying agent (the "**Paying Agent**", which expression includes any successor Paying Agent appointed from time to time in connection with the Notes), Avenir Registrars Limited as registrar and transfer agent (the "**Registrar**", which expression includes any successor registrar appointed from time to time in connection with the Notes), the paying agents named therein (together with the Paying Agent, the "**Paying Agents**", which expression includes any successor or additional paying agents appointed from time to time in connection with the Notes), 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) and the Trustee.
- (g) *Servicer Agreement*: The Notes are the subject of a Servicer Agreement (as modified and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the "**Servicer Agreement**") dated 31 May 2016 and made between the Issuer and Bedford Row Capital Advisers Limited as servicer (the "**Servicer**", which expression shall include any successor servicer). In these Conditions references to the "**Agents**" are to the Paying Agents, the Registrar, the Transfer

Agents, the Servicer and the Calculation Agent and any reference to an "**Agent**" is to any one of them.

- (h) *The Notes*: The Notes may be issued in bearer form ("**Bearer Notes**"), or in registered form ("**Registered Notes**"). Pursuant to the Issuer's Articles of Association, the execution by the Issuer of any Bearer Notes or Note Certificates (as defined below) representing Registered Notes issued under the Programme will be under hand and not under seal. 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 viewing at the registered office of the Trustee (GRM Law Trustees Limited) and the Specified Office of the Paying Agent.
- (i) *Summaries*: Certain provisions of these Conditions are summaries of the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement and are subject to their detailed provisions. 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 and are entitled to the benefit of, all the provisions of the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement applicable to them. Copies of the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement are available for inspection by Noteholders and Couponholders during normal business hours at the Specified Offices of each of the Agents, the initial Specified Offices of which are set out below. The Trustee acts for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Couponholders in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed.

## 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;

"**Borrower**" means each borrower party to a Borrower Loan Agreement;

"**Borrower Deed of Charge**" means each deed of charge entered into between the Issuer and a Borrower under which the obligations of each Borrower in respect of a Borrower Loan will be secured in favour of the Issuer;

"**Borrower Loan**" means a loan advanced by the Issuer to a Borrower pursuant to a Borrower Loan Agreement;

"**Borrower Loan Agreement**" means each loan agreement entered into between the Issuer and a Borrower;

"**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 London, 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**:
- (v) 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;
- (vi) 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
- (vii) 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
- (viii) "**No Adjustment**" means that the relevant date shall not be adjusted in accordance with any Business Day Convention;

"**Calculation Agent**" means Bedford Row Capital Advisers Limited 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:
    - (x) 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
    - (y) 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/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/365 (Sterling)**" is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365 or, in the case of an Interest Payment Date falling in a leap year, 366;
- (v) if "**Actual/360**" is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360;
- (vi) 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:

"**Y1**" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"**Y2**" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

"**M1**" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"**M2**" is the calendar month, expressed as number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

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

"**D2**" 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 D1 is greater than 29, in which case D2 will be 30";

- (vii) 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:

"**Y1**" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"**Y2**" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

"**M1**" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"**M2**" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

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

"D2" 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 D2 will be 30; and

- (viii) 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:

"Y1" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"Y2" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

"M1" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"M2" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

"D1" 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 D1 will be 30; and

"D2" 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 D2 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 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;

"**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;

"**EURIBOR**" means, in respect of any specified currency and any specified period, the interest rate benchmark known as the Euro zone interbank offered rate which is calculated and published by a designated distributor (currently Thomson Reuters) in accordance with the requirements from time to time of the European Banking Federation based on estimated interbank borrowing rates for a number of designated currencies and maturities which are provided, in respect of each such currency, by a panel of contributor banks (details of historic EURIBOR rates can be obtained from the designated distributor);

"**euro**" means the single currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union, and as defined in Article 2 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 974/98 of 3 May 1998 on the introduction of the euro as amended;

"**Extraordinary Resolution**" has the meaning given in the Trust Deed;

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

"**Financial Collateral Assets**" means, without limitation, (a) cash and (b) debt securities.

**"First Interest Payment Date"** means the date specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

**"Fitch"** means Fitch Ratings Limited or any successor thereof;

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

**"Indebtedness"** means any indebtedness for money borrowed or raised including (without limitation) any indebtedness for or in respect of:

- (i) amounts raised by acceptance under any acceptance credit facility;
- (ii) amounts raised under any note purchase facility;
- (iii) the amount of any liability in respect of leases or hire purchase contracts which would, in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting principles, be treated as finance or capital leases;
- (iv) the amount of any liability in respect of any purchase price for assets or services the payment of which is deferred for a period in excess of 60 days; and
- (v) amounts raised under any other transaction (including, without limitation, any forward sale or purchase agreement) having the commercial effect of a borrowing;

**"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 First Interest Payment Date and any other 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 Definitions"** means the 2000 ISDA Definitions (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) as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.) or, if so specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, the 2006 ISDA Definitions (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) as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.);

**"Issuer Secured Creditors"** means each of (a) the Noteholders, (b) the Couponholders, (c) the Trustee, and (d) the Agents;

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

**"LIBOR"** means, in respect of any specified currency and any specified period, the interest rate benchmark known as the London interbank offered rate which is calculated and published by a designated distributor (currently Thomson Reuters) in accordance with the requirements from time to time of the British Bankers' Association based on estimated interbank borrowing rates for a number of designated currencies and maturities which are provided, in respect of each such currency, by a panel of contributor banks (details of historic LIBOR rates can be obtained from the designated distributor);

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

**"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;

**"Moody's"** means Moody's Investors Service Limited or any successor thereof;

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

**"Official List"** means the Official List of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited;

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

**"Optional Redemption Date (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 European Communities 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;

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

**"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;

**"Redemption Amount"** means, as appropriate, the Final Redemption Amount, the Early 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 the relevant Pricing Supplement;

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

**"Reference Banks"** means four major banks selected by the Calculation Agent in the market that is most closely connected with the Reference Rate;

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

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

**"Reference Rate"** means EURIBOR or LIBOR as specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement in respect of the currency and period specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement;

**"Register"** means the register maintained by the Registrar in respect of the Notes in accordance with the Agency Agreement;

**"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 Paying Agent or the Trustee 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;

**"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 for the purpose of displaying rates or prices comparable to the Reference Rate;

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

**"Reserved Matter"** means any proposal to change any date fixed for payment of principal or interest in respect of the Notes, to reduce the amount of principal or interest payable on any date in respect of the Notes, to alter the method of calculating the amount of any payment in respect of the Notes or the date for any such payment, to change the currency of any payment under the Notes or to change the quorum requirements relating to meetings or the majority required to pass an Extraordinary Resolution;

**"Secured Assets"** means the Borrower Loans, the Financial Collateral Assets and each Borrower Deed of Charge.

**"Security"** means any Security Interest created, evidenced or conferred by or under the Trust Deed and the Issuer Deed of Charge;

**"Security Interest"** means any mortgage, charge, pledge, lien or other security interest including, without limitation, anything analogous to any of the foregoing under the laws of any jurisdiction;

**"Secured Liabilities"** means all present and future moneys, debts and liabilities due, owing or incurred by the Issuer to the Issuer Secured Creditors;

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

**"Specified Denomination(s)"** means EUR125,000;

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

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

**"Standard & Poor's"** means Standard & Poor's Rating Services or any successor thereof;

**"Subsidiary"** means, in relation to the Issuer, any company:

- (i) in which the Issuer holds a majority of the voting rights; or
- (ii) of which the Issuer is a member and has the right to appoint or remove a majority of the board of directors; or
- (iii) of which the Issuer is a member and controls a majority of the voting rights, and includes any company which is Subsidiary of a Subsidiary of the Issuer.

**"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 TARGET2 is open for the settlement of payments in euro;

**"Transaction Documents"** means the Trust Deed, the Issuer Deed of Charge, the Agency Agreement, the Intercreditor Deed and the Servicer Agreement;

"**Treaty**" means the Treaty establishing the European Communities, 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 and Couponholders shall be deemed to include references to Talons and holders of Talons, respectively;
- (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 additional amounts in respect of principal which may be payable under Condition 12 (Taxation), 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 additional amounts in respect of interest which may be payable under Condition 12 (Taxation) and 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 Trust Deed;
- (vii) if an expression is stated in Condition 2(a) (Definitions) 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 Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement shall be construed as a reference to the Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement, as the case may be, as amended and/or supplemented up to and including the Issue Date of the Notes.

### 3. **Form, Denomination and Title**

- (a) *Bearer Notes:* Bearer Notes are in the Specified Denomination(s) with Coupons and, if specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, one Talon 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 paragraphs (i) (*Closed periods*) and (j) (*Regulations concerning transfers and registration*) below and to the conditions set forth in the Agency Agreement, 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 paragraph (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 paragraph, "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 against such indemnity as the Registrar or (as the case may be) such 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 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.
- (k) *Where Global Notes is exchanged for Definitive Notes:* For so long as any Notes are listed on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited and the rules of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited so require, the Issuer shall appoint and maintain a Paying Agent in Singapore, where such Notes may be presented or surrendered for payment or redemption, in the event that any of the Global Notes representing such Notes is exchanged for Definitive Notes. In addition, in the event that any of the Global Notes is exchanged for Definitive Notes, an announcement of such exchange will be made by or on behalf of the Issuer through the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited and such announcement will include all material information with respect to the delivery of the Definitive Notes, including details of the Paying Agent in Singapore.

#### **4. Status and Application of Moneys**

- (a) *Status:* The Notes and Coupons constitute secured obligations of the Issuer which will at all times rank *pari passu* and without preference among themselves.

- (b) *Application of Moneys:* All moneys received by the Trustee in respect of the Notes or recovered by the Trustee or any Receiver following the enforcement of the Security despite any appropriation of all or part of them by the Issuer (including any moneys which represent principal or interest in respect of Notes or Coupons which have become void under the Conditions) shall be held by the Trustee on trust to apply them in the following order of priority pursuant to the terms of the Trust Deed:
- (i) first, in or towards satisfaction of (x) the costs, expenses, fees or other remuneration and indemnity payments (if any) and any other amounts incurred by the Trustee in preparing and executing the trusts and performing any obligations under the Transaction Documents; (y) the costs, expenses, fees or other remuneration and indemnity payments (if any) and any other amounts payable to any Receiver, including in the case of either the Trustee or a Receiver the costs of enforcing and/or realising any Security;
  - (ii) second, in or towards satisfaction of the costs, expenses, fees or other remuneration and indemnity payments (if any) and any other amounts payable to the Agents under the Transaction Documents;
  - (iii) third, in or towards payment of all arrears of interest remaining unpaid in respect of the Notes or Coupons and all principal moneys due on or in respect of the Notes; and
  - (iv) fourth, the balance (if any) in payment to the Issuer.

## **5. Security and Covenants**

- (a) *Grant of Security:* In relation to each Series, the Trustee, the Noteholders and the other Issuer Secured Creditors of such Series will share in the benefit of the Security granted in respect of such Series. The Security is granted by the Issuer under the Trust Deed and the Issuer Deed of Charge in the favour of the Trustee, on trust for and on behalf of itself, the Noteholders and the other Issuer Secured Creditors on the terms of the Trust Deed and the Issuer Deed of Charge, as security for the Secured Liabilities.
- (b) *Security:* The Security in relation to a Series comprises of:
- (i) an assignment by way of first fixed security of all of its right, title, benefit and interest, present and future, in, to and under each of the Transaction Documents to the extent that they relate to such Series;
  - (ii) an assignment by way of first fixed security of all of its right, title, benefit and interest, present and future, in, to and under each Borrower Loan Agreement, each Borrower Deed of Charge and each Financial Collateral Asset relating to such Series;
  - (iii) a first fixed charge of all monies from time to time standing to the credit of any segregated bank account with any bank, financial institution or other person opened in respect of such Series, together with all other rights and benefits accruing to or arising in connection with each account (including, but not limited to, entitlements to interest);
  - (iv) a first fixed charge of all its rights in respect of each Transaction Document, each Borrower Loan Agreement, each Borrower Deed of Charge and each Financial Collateral Asset, in each case relating to such Series, to the extent not effectively assigned under Condition 5(b)(i) or (ii) above; and
  - (v) a floating charge of all monies from time to time standing to the credit of any segregated bank account with any bank, financial institution or other person opened in respect of such Series, together with all other rights and benefits accruing to or arising in connection with each account (including, but not limited to, entitlements to interest) and a floating charge of all its rights in respect of each Transaction Document, each Borrower Loan Agreement, each Borrower Deed of Charge and each Financial Collateral Asset, in each case relating to such Series, in each case to the extent not effectively assigned under Condition 5(b)(i) or (ii) above or charged under 5(b)(iii) or (iv) above.

## 6. Fixed Rate Note Provisions

- (a) *Application:* This Condition 6 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 the Interest Commencement Date at the Rate of Interest payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date, subject as provided in Condition 10 (*Payments*). 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(b) (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 Paying Agent or the Trustee 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 and, if the Notes are in more than one Specified Denomination, shall be the relevant Fixed Coupon 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.

## 7. Floating Rate Note Provisions

- (a) *Application:* This Condition 7 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 the Interest Commencement Date at the Rate of Interest payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date, subject as provided in Condition 10 (*Payments*). 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 (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 Paying 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:* If Screen Rate 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 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 of 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.

- (d) *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 (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) is either (A) if the relevant Floating Rate Option is based on the London inter-bank offered rate (LIBOR) for a currency, the first day of that Interest Period or (B) in any other case, as specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement.
- (e) *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. Unless otherwise stated in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the Minimum Rate of Interest shall be deemed to be zero.
- (f) *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.

- (g) *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 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 fourth London Business Day thereafter. Notice thereof shall also promptly be given to the Noteholders. For the purposes of this paragraph (g) the expression "**London Business Day**" means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business in London. 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.
- (h) *Notifications etc.:* All notifications, opinions, determinations, certificates, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of this Condition 7 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 (in the absence of wilful default) 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.
- (i) All certificates, communications, opinions, determinations, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of the provisions of this Condition 7 by the Calculation Agent or the Trustee, as the case may be, shall (in the absence of manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Paying Agents and all Noteholders and Couponholders and (in the absence of wilful default) no liability to the Issuer, the Noteholders or the Couponholders shall attach to the Calculation Agent or the Trustee in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions pursuant to such provisions.

## **8. Zero Coupon Note Provisions**

- (a) *Application:* This Condition 8 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 Paying 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).

## 9. 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 10 (*Payments - Bearer Notes*) and Condition 11 (*Payments - Registered Notes*).
- (b) *Redemption for tax reasons*: The Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part:
- (i) at any time (if the Floating Rate Note Provisions are not specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement as being applicable); or
  - (ii) on any Interest Payment Date (if the Floating Rate Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement as being applicable),  
on giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Noteholders, the Trustee and the Paying Agent (which notice shall be irrevocable), at their Early Redemption Amount, together with interest accrued (if any) to the date fixed for redemption, if, immediately before giving such notice, the Issuer satisfies the Trustee that:
  - (iii) the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay additional amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 12 (Taxation) as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of the United Kingdom or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax, or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations (including a holding by a court of competent jurisdiction), which change or amendment becomes effective on or after the date of issue of the first Tranche of the Notes; and
  - (iv) such obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer taking reasonable measures available to it,  
**provided, however, that** no such notice of redemption shall be given earlier than:
    - (A) where the Notes may be redeemed at any time, 90 days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obliged to pay such additional amounts if a payment in respect of the Notes were then due; or
    - (B) where the Notes may be redeemed only on an Interest Payment Date, 60 days prior to the Interest Payment Date occurring immediately before the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obliged to pay such additional amounts if a payment in respect of the Notes were then due.

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this paragraph, the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee (a) if the Trustee so requests, an opinion of independent legal advisers to the effect that the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay such additional amounts as a result of such change or amendment, and (b) a certificate signed by two directors of the Issuer stating that the Issuer is entitled to effect such redemption and setting forth a statement of facts showing that the conditions precedent to the right of the Issuer so to redeem have occurred.

The Trustee shall be entitled to accept without liability such opinion and/ or such certificate as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the circumstances set out above, in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on the Noteholders and Couponholders.

Upon the expiry of any such notice as is referred to in this Condition 9(b), the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Notes in accordance with this Condition 9(b).

- (c) *Redemption at the option of the Issuer*: 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) on the Issuer's giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Noteholders, the Trustee and the Paying Agent, or such other period(s) as



may be specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, (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 applicable amount specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement (together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the relevant Optional Redemption Date) being the Optional Redemption Amount (Call).

On the date specified for redemption in the notice given by the Issuer, the Issuer shall redeem the Notes as specified in the notice in accordance with this Condition 9(c).

All notifications, opinions, determinations, certifications, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of this Condition 9(c) by the Paying Agent, shall (in the absence of manifest error), be binding on the Issuer, the Paying Agent, the Trustee, the Paying Agents, the Registrar (if applicable) and all Noteholders and Couponholders.

- (d) *Partial redemption:* If the Notes are to be redeemed in part only on any date in accordance with Condition 9(c) (*Redemption at the option of the Issuer*), each Note shall be redeemed in part in the proportion which the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes to be redeemed on the relevant Optional Redemption Date (Call) bears to the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes on such date. 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.
- (e) *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 9(e), the holder of a Note must, not less than 30 nor more than 60 days before the relevant Optional Redemption Date (Put) (or such other period(s) as may be specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement), 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 9(e), 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 mail such Note by uninsured post to, and at the risk of, the Noteholder at such address as may have been given by such Noteholder in the relevant Put Option Notice. Notes may be redeemed under this Condition 9(e) in any multiple of their lowest Specified Denomination.
- (f) *No other redemption:* The Issuer shall not be entitled to redeem the Notes otherwise than as provided in paragraphs (a) to (e) above.
- (g) *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 9(g) or, if none is so specified, a Day Count Fraction of 30/360, Actual 360 or Actual 365 (Fixed).

- (h) *Purchase*: The Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries may at any time purchase Notes in the open market or otherwise and at any price, provided that all unmatured Coupons are purchased therewith.
- (i) *Cancellation*: All Notes so redeemed or purchased by the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries and any unmatured Coupons attached to or surrendered with them shall be cancelled and may not be reissued or resold.

## 10. Payments - Bearer Notes

This Condition 10 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.
- (b) *Interest*: Payments of interest shall, subject to paragraph (h) 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 paragraph (a) above.
- (c) *Payments subject to fiscal laws*: All payments in respect of the Bearer Notes will be subject in all cases to (i) any applicable fiscal or other laws and regulations in the place of payment, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 12 (*Taxation*) and (ii) any withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "**Code**") or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 (inclusive) of the Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder, official interpretations thereof, or any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto.
- (d) *Deductions for unmatured Coupons*: If the relevant Pricing Supplement specifies that the Fixed Rate Note Provisions are applicable 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:

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-paragraph would otherwise require a fraction of a missing Coupon to become void, such missing Coupon shall become void in its entirety; and

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 paragraph (a) 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 10 is applicable or that the Floating Rate Note Provisions are applicable, on the due date for final redemption of any Note or early redemption in whole of such Note pursuant to Condition 9(b) (*Redemption for tax reasons*), Condition 9(e) (*Redemption at the option of Noteholders*), Condition 9(c) (*Redemption at the option of the Issuer*) or Condition 13 (*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 relevant Interest Payment Date in respect 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 Paying 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 14 (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.

## 11. Payments – Registered Notes

This Condition 11 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 Paying 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 Paying 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 Individual Note Certificates at the Specified Office of any Paying Agent.

- (c) *Payments subject to fiscal laws:* All payments in respect of the Registered Notes will be subject in all cases to (i) any applicable fiscal or other laws and regulations in the place of payment, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 12 (*Taxation*) and (ii) any withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "**Code**") or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 (inclusive) of the Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder, official interpretations thereof, or any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto.
- (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 Individual 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 11 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 Individual Note Certificate, that a statement indicating the amount and the date of such payment is endorsed on the relevant Individual 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.

## **12. Taxation**

- (a) *Gross up:* All payments of principal and interest in respect of the Notes and the Coupons by or on behalf of the Issuer shall be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for or on account of, any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed, *levied*, collected, withheld or assessed by or on behalf of the United Kingdom or any political subdivision therein or any authority therein or thereof having power to tax, unless the withholding or deduction of such taxes, duties, assessments, or governmental charges is required by law. In that event, the Issuer shall pay such additional amounts as will result in receipt by the Noteholders and the Couponholders after such withholding or deduction of such amounts as would have been received by them had no such withholding or deduction been required, except that no such additional amounts shall be payable in respect of any Note or Coupon presented for payment:
  - (i) by or on behalf of a holder which is liable to such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges in respect of such Note or Coupon by reason of its having some connection with the jurisdiction by which such taxes, duties, assessments or

charges have been imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed other than the mere holding of the Note or Coupon; or

- (ii) where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment to an individual and is required to be made pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, this Directive; or
- (iii) by or on behalf of a holder who would have been able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Note or Coupon to another Paying Agent in a Member State of the EU; or
- (iv) more than 30 days after the Relevant Date except to the extent that the holder of such Note or Coupon would have been entitled to such additional amounts on presenting such Note or Coupon for payment on the last day of such period of 30 days.

- (b) *Taxing jurisdiction:* If the Issuer becomes subject at any time to any taxing jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom references in these Conditions to the United Kingdom shall be construed as references to the United Kingdom and/or such other jurisdiction.

### 13. Events of Default

If any of the following events occurs and is continuing, the Trustee at its discretion may and, if so requested in writing by holders of at least one-quarter of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution, shall (subject to the Trustee having been indemnified and/or prefunded and/or provided with security to its satisfaction) give written notice to the Issuer declaring the Notes to be immediately due and payable, whereupon they shall become immediately due and payable at their Early Termination Amount together with accrued interest without further action or formality:

- (a) if default is made in the payment of any principal or interest due in respect of the Notes or any of them and the default continues for a period of 7 days in the case of principal and 14 days in the case of interest; or
- (b) if the Issuer fails to perform or observe any of its other obligations under the Conditions or the Trust Deed and (except in any case where, in the opinion of the Trustee, the failure is incapable of remedy when no such continuation or notice as is hereinafter mentioned will be required) the failure continues for the period of 30 days (or such longer period as the Trustee may agree) next following the service by the Trustee on the Issuer of notice requiring the same to be remedied; or
- (c) if:
  - (i) any Indebtedness of the Issuer becomes due and repayable prematurely by reason of an event of default (however described); or
  - (ii) the Issuer fails to make any payment in respect of any Indebtedness on the due date for payment as extended by any applicable grace period; or
  - (iii) default is made by the Issuer in making any payment due under any guarantee and/or indemnity given by it in relation to any Indebtedness of any other person on the due date for payment as extended by any applicable grace period,

provided that no event described in this subparagraph (c) shall constitute an Event of Default unless the relevant amount of Indebtedness or guarantee and/or indemnity given by it in relation to any Indebtedness, either alone or when aggregated (without duplication) with other amounts of Indebtedness and/or guarantee and/or indemnity given by it in relation to any Indebtedness relative to all (if any) other events specified in (i) to (iii) above which have occurred and are continuing, amounts to at least £20,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency).

A certificate or report by two directors of the Issuer whether or not addressed to the Trustee that in their opinion the £20,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency)

mentioned in the proviso to (c) above has been reached may be relied upon by the Trustee without liability and without further enquiry or evidence and, if relied upon by the Trustee, shall, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive and binding on all parties; or

- (d) if any order is made by any competent court or resolution passed for the winding up or dissolution of the Issuer save for the purposes of or pursuant to an amalgamation, reorganisation or restructuring whilst solvent or on terms previously approved in writing by the Trustee or by an Extraordinary Resolution; or
- (e) if the Issuer ceases to carry on all or substantially all of its business, save for the purposes of or pursuant to an amalgamation, reorganisation or restructuring whilst solvent or on terms previously approved in writing by the Trustee or by an Extraordinary Resolution, or the Issuer is unable to pay its debts (or any class of its debts) as they fall due, or is deemed unable to pay its debts pursuant to or for the purposes of any applicable law, or is adjudicated or found bankrupt or insolvent; or
- (f) if (A) proceedings are initiated against the Issuer under any applicable liquidation, insolvency, composition, or other similar laws, or an application is made (or documents filed with a court) for the appointment of an administrative or other receiver, manager, administrator or other similar official, or an administrative or other receiver, manager, administrator or other similar official is appointed, in relation to the Issuer in relation to the whole or a substantial part of the undertaking or its assets, or an encumbrancer takes possession of the whole or a substantial part of the undertaking or its assets, or a distress, execution, attachment, sequestration or other process is levied, enforced upon, sued out or put in force against the whole or a substantial part of the undertaking or its assets and (B) in any case is not being contested in good faith by the Issuer or is not discharged or stayed within 45 days; or
- (g) if the Issuer initiates or consents to judicial proceedings relating to itself under any applicable liquidation, insolvency, composition, or other similar laws (including the obtaining of a moratorium) or makes a conveyance or assignment for the benefit of, or enters into any composition or other arrangement with, its creditors generally (or any class of its creditors) or any meeting is convened to consider a proposal for an arrangement or composition with its creditors generally (or any class of its creditors) otherwise than for the purposes of or pursuant to an amalgamation, reorganisation or restructuring whilst solvent or on terms previously approved in writing by the Trustee or by an Extraordinary Resolution.

#### **14. 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 (which for this purpose shall not include Talons) 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.

#### **15. Replacement of Notes, Coupons or Talons**

If any Note, Note Certificate, Coupon or Talon is lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced at the Specified Office of the Paying 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, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

## 16. Trustee and Agents

- (a) Under the Trust Deed, the Trustee is entitled to be indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded and relieved from responsibility in certain circumstances and to be paid its costs and expenses in priority to the claims of the Noteholders. In addition, the Trustee is entitled to enter into business transactions with the Issuer and any entity relating to the Issuer without accounting for any profit.
- (b) The Trust Deed provides that, when determining whether an indemnity or any security or pre-funding is satisfactory to it, the Trustee shall be entitled (i) to evaluate its risk in any given circumstance by considering the worst-case scenario and (ii) to require that any indemnity or security given to it by the Noteholders or any of them be given on a joint and several basis and be supported by evidence satisfactory to it as to the financial standing and creditworthiness of each counterparty and/or as to the value of the security and an opinion as to the capacity, power and authority of each counterparty and/or the validity and effectiveness of the security.
- (c) In the exercise of its trusts, rights, powers and discretions under these Conditions and the Trust Deed, the Trustee will have regard to the general interests of the Noteholders as a class and will not have regard or be responsible for any consequence for individual Holders of Notes as a result of such Holders being connected in any way with a particular territory or taxing jurisdiction and the Trustee shall not be entitled to require, nor shall any Noteholder or Couponholder be entitled to claim, from the Issuer, the Trustee or any other person any indemnification or payment in respect of any tax consequence of any such exercise upon individual Noteholders or Couponholders except to the extent already provided for in Condition 12 (*Taxation*) and/or any undertaking given in addition to, or in substitution for, Condition 12 (*Taxation*) pursuant to the Trust Deed.
- (d) In acting under the Agency Agreement and in connection with the Notes and the Coupons, the Agents act solely as agents of the Issuer and (to the extent provided therein) the Trustee and do not assume any obligations towards or relationship of agency or trust for or with any of the Noteholders or Couponholders.
- (e) The initial Agents and their initial Specified Offices are listed below. The initial Calculation Agent (if any) is specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement. The Issuer reserves the right (with the prior approval of the Trustee) at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of any Agent and to appoint a successor Paying Agent or Registrar or Calculation Agent and additional or successor Paying Agents in the manner specified in the Agency Agreement; **provided, however, that:**
  - (i) the Issuer shall at all times maintain a Paying Agent and a Registrar; and
  - (ii) the Issuer shall at all times maintain a paying agent in an EU member state that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC; and
  - (iii) if a Calculation Agent is specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, the Issuer shall at all times maintain a Calculation Agent; and
  - (iv) 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.
- (f) Notice of any change in any of the Agents or in their Specified Offices shall *promptly* be given to the Noteholders.

## 17. Meetings of Noteholders; Modification and Waiver; Substitution

- (a) *Meetings of Noteholders:* The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening meetings of Noteholders to consider matters relating to the Notes, including the modification of any provision of these Conditions. Any such modification may be made if sanctioned by an Extraordinary Resolution. Such a meeting may be convened by the Issuer or by the Trustee and shall be convened by the Trustee upon the request in writing of Noteholders holding not less than one-tenth of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes. The quorum at any meeting convened to vote on an Extraordinary Resolution will be one or more Persons holding or representing one more than half of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes or, at any adjourned meeting, one or more Persons being or representing Noteholders whatever the principal amount of the Notes held or represented; **provided, however, that** Reserved Matters may only be sanctioned by an Extraordinary Resolution passed at a meeting of Noteholders at which one or more Persons holding or representing not less than three-quarters or, at any adjourned meeting, one quarter of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes form a quorum. Any Extraordinary Resolution duly passed at any such meeting shall be binding on all the Noteholders and Couponholders, whether present or not.

In addition, a resolution in writing signed by or on behalf of the holders of not less than 90 per cent. in nominal amount of the Notes which resolution of will take effect as if it were an Extraordinary Resolution. Such a resolution in writing may be contained in one document or several documents in the same form, each signed by or on behalf of one or more Noteholders.

- (b) *Modification and waiver:* The Trustee and the Issuer may, without the consent of the Noteholders, agree to any modification of the Notes, these Conditions, the Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement (other than in respect of a Reserved Matter) which is, in the opinion of the Trustee, proper to make if, in the opinion of the Trustee, such modification will not be materially prejudicial to the interests of Noteholders and to any modification of the Notes, these Conditions, the Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is to correct a manifest error.

In addition, the Trustee may, without the consent of the Noteholders or Couponholders, authorise or waive any proposed breach or breach of the Notes, these Conditions or the Trust Deed (other than a proposed breach or breach relating to the subject of a Reserved Matter) if, in the opinion of the Trustee, the interests of the Noteholders will not be materially prejudiced thereby.

Unless the Trustee agrees otherwise, any such authorisation, waiver or modification shall be notified to the Noteholders as soon as practicable thereafter. Any such authorisation, waiver or modification shall be binding on the Noteholders and the Couponholders.

- (c) *Substitution:* The Trust Deed contains provisions under which the Trustee may, without the consent of the Noteholders, agree with the Issuer to the substitution in place of the Issuer (or of any previous substitute under this Condition) of any other company being a Subsidiary of the Issuer as the principal debtor under the Notes, the Coupons and the Trust Deed **provided that** certain conditions specified in the Trust Deed are fulfilled.

No Noteholder or Couponholder shall, in connection with any substitution, be entitled to claim any indemnification or payment in respect of any tax consequence thereof for such Noteholder or Couponholder, except to the extent provided for in Condition 12 (*Taxation*) (or any undertaking given in addition to or substitution for it pursuant to the provisions of the Trust Deed).

The Issuer shall procure that, so long as the Notes are listed on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited, any material amendments or modifications to the Conditions, the Trust Deed or such other conditions made pursuant to this Condition 17(c) (*Substitution*) shall be notified to the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited.



## 18. Enforcement

- (a) The Trustee may at any time, at its discretion and without notice, institute such proceedings and/or steps or action (including lodging an appeal in any proceedings) as it thinks fit to enforce its rights under the Transaction Documents or the Notes or the Coupons and, at any time after the Security has become enforceable, the Trustee may at its discretion and without notice, take such steps, actions and proceedings as it may see fit to enforce the Security, but it shall not be bound to do so unless:
  - (i) it has been so requested in writing by the Holders of at least one quarter of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes or has been so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution; and
  - (ii) it has been indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to its satisfaction.
- (b) No Noteholder or Couponholder may proceed directly against the Issuer unless the Trustee, having become bound to do so, fails to do so within a reasonable time and such failure is continuing.
- (c) The Trustee may refrain from taking any action in any jurisdiction if the taking of such action in that jurisdiction would, in its opinion based upon legal advice in the relevant jurisdiction, be contrary to any law of that jurisdiction. Furthermore, the Trustee may also refrain from taking such action if it would otherwise render it liable to any person in that jurisdiction or if, in its opinion based upon such legal advice, it would not have the power to do the relevant thing in that jurisdiction by virtue of any applicable law in that jurisdiction or if it is determined by any court or other competent authority in that jurisdiction that it does not have such power.

## 19. Further Issues

The Issuer may from time to time, without the consent of the Noteholders or Couponholders and in accordance with the Trust Deed, create and issue further notes having the same terms and conditions as the Notes in all respects (or in all respects except for the first payment of interest) so as to form a single series with the Notes. The Issuer may from time to time, without the consent of the Noteholders or Couponholders, incur, create or issue further secured or unsecured notes or other Indebtedness.

## 20. Notices

- (a) *Bearer Notes*: Notices to the Holders of Bearer Notes shall be valid if published in a leading English language daily newspaper published in London (which is expected to be the *Financial Times*) or, if such publication is not practicable, in a leading English language daily newspaper having general circulation in Europe. 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 Holders of Bearer Notes.
- (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 Europe. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the fourth day after the date of mailing.
- (c) The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly published in a manner which complies with the rules and regulations of any stock exchange or other relevant authority on which the Notes are for the time being listed or by which they have been admitted to trading.

## 21. Currency Indemnity

- (a) If any sum due from the Issuer in respect of the Notes or the Coupons or any order or judgment given or made in relation thereto has to be converted from the currency (the "first currency") in which the same is payable under these Conditions or such order or judgment into another currency (the "second currency") for the purpose of (a) making or

filing a claim or proof against the Issuer, (b) obtaining an order or judgment in any court or other tribunal or (c) enforcing any order or judgment given or made in relation to the Notes, the Issuer shall indemnify each Noteholder, on the written demand of such Noteholder addressed to the Issuer and delivered to the Issuer or to the Specified Office of the Paying Agent, against any loss suffered as a result of any discrepancy between (i) the rate of exchange used for such purpose to convert the sum in question from the first currency into the second currency and (ii) the rate or rates of exchange at which such Noteholder may in the ordinary course of business purchase the first currency with the second currency upon receipt of a sum paid to it in satisfaction, in whole or in part, of any such order, judgment, claim or proof.

- (b) This indemnity constitutes a separate and independent obligation of the Issuer and shall give rise to a separate and independent cause of action.

## **22. 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 U.S. 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.

## **23. Limited Recourse and Non-Petition**

- (a) All payments to be made by the Issuer in respect of the Notes of a particular Series will be made only from and to the extent of the sums received or recovered from time to time by or on behalf of the Issuer and which are attributable to the relevant Series.
- (b) In relation to any sums received or recovered, the Issuer shall determine to which Series such sums relate and such determination shall be binding on Noteholders of all Series in the absence of manifest error.
- (c) In the event that the Issuer is unable to make or, following a request by the Trustee fails to make, the determination in Condition 23(b), such determination may be made by the Trustee or by such person as is directed by the Trustee. No liability shall attach to the Trustee as a result of such determination.
- (d) To the extent that the sums referred to in Condition 23(a) are less than the amount which the Noteholders may have expected to receive (the difference being referred to as the shortfall), such shortfall will be borne by the Noteholders.
- (e) Each Noteholder, by subscribing for and purchasing Notes, will be deemed to accept and acknowledge that it is fully aware that:
  - (i) the Noteholders shall look solely to the sums referred to in this Condition 23 as applied in accordance with the above paragraphs (the "Relevant Sums"), for payments to be made by the Issuer in respect of the Notes;
  - (ii) the Noteholders of any Series shall not look to the sums which are attributable to another Series in satisfaction of the obligations of the Issuer;
  - (iii) the obligations of the Issuer to make payments in respect of the Notes will be limited to the Relevant Sums and the Noteholders shall have no further recourse to the Issuer or its shareholders, directors, officers, successors or assigns in respect of the Notes;
  - (iv) without prejudice to the foregoing, any right of the Noteholders to claim payment of any amount exceeding the Relevant Sums shall be automatically extinguished; and

- (v) the Noteholders shall not be able to petition for the winding up of the Issuer as a consequence of such shortfall.
- (f) Non-payment of any shortfall shall not constitute an Event of Default under Condition 13 (*Events of Default*).
- (g) None of the Trustee and the Agents has any obligation to any Noteholder for payment of any amount by the Issuer in respect of the Notes.

#### **24. Governing Law**

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

## FORM OF PRICING SUPPLEMENT

*Set out below is the form of Pricing Supplement which will be completed for each Tranche of Notes issued under the Programme with a denomination of at least EUR125,000 (or its equivalent in another currency).*

### Pricing Supplement dated [•]

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

**under the £1,000,000,000 Secured Medium Term Note Programme**

### PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the "**Conditions**") set forth in the Offering Circular dated [•] [and the supplemental Offering Circular dated [•]] which [together] constitute[s] an Offering Circular (the "**Offering Circular**").

Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of this Pricing Supplement and the Offering Circular. The Offering Circular [is] [are] available for viewing [at [website]] [and] during normal business hours at [address] [and copies may be obtained from [address]].

1.	Issuer:	Escher Marwick PLC
2.	[(i) Series Number:]	[•]
	[(ii) Tranche Number:]	[•]
	[(iii) Date on which the Notes become fungible:]	[Not Applicable/The Notes shall be consolidated, form a single series and be interchangeable for trading purposes with the [•] on [[•]/the Issue Date/exchange of the Temporary Global Note for interests in the Permanent Global Note [which is expected to occur on or about [•]].]
3.	Specified Currency or Currencies:	[•]
4.	Aggregate Nominal Amount:	[up to/[•]]
	[(i) [Series]:]	[•]
	[(ii) Tranche:]	[•]
5.	Issue Price:	[•] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [•]]
6.	(i) Specified Denominations:	EUR125,000 (equivalent to SGD 200,000)
	(ii) Calculation Amount:	[•]
7.	(i) Issue Date:	[•]
	(ii) Interest Commencement	[[•]/Issue Date/Not Applicable]

	Date:	
8.	Maturity Date:	[•] [Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to [•]]
9.	Interest Basis:	[[•] per cent. Fixed Rate]
		[•] [•] [EURIBOR]/[LIBOR]] +/- [•] per cent. Floating Rate]
		[Zero Coupon]
10.	Redemption/Payment Basis:	Subject to any purchase and cancellation or early redemption, the Notes will be redeemed on the Maturity Date at [100] per cent. of their nominal amount.
11.	Change of Interest or Redemption/Payment Basis:	[•]/[Not Applicable]
12.	Put/Call Options:	[Put Option]/[Not Applicable]
		[Call Option]/[Not Applicable]
13.	Date [Board] approval for issuance of Notes obtained:	[•] [and [•], respectively]
<b>PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE</b>		
14.	Fixed Rate Note Provisions	[Applicable/Not Applicable]
	(i) Rate[(s)] of Interest:	[•] per cent. per annum payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date
	(ii) Interest Payment Date(s):	[•] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date
	(iii) Fixed Coupon Amount[(s)]:	[•] per Calculation Amount
	(iv) Day Count Fraction:	[Actual/Actual(ICMA)][Actual/Actual(ISDA)] [Actual/365(Fixed)][Actual/365(Sterling)] [Actual/360][30/360][30E/360 or Eurobond Basis] [30E/360(ISDA)]
15.	Floating Rate Note Provisions	[Applicable/Not Applicable]
	(i) Interest Period(s):	[•]
	(ii) Specified Period:	[•]
	(iii) Specified Interest Payment Dates:	[Not Applicable/[•], subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention set out in (v) below]

	(iv) [First Interest Payment Date]:	[•]
	(v) Business Day Convention:	[Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/ Preceding Business Day Convention]
	(vi) Additional Business Centre(s):	[Not Applicable/[•]]
	(vii) Manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined:	[Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination]
	(viii) Party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of Interest and/or Interest Amount(s) (if not the [Paying Agent]):	[[•] shall be the Calculation Agent]
	(ix) Screen Rate Determination:	[Applicable/Not Applicable]
	• Reference Rate:	[•] [•] [EURIBOR]/[LIBOR]]
	• Interest Determination Date(s):	[•]
	• Relevant Screen Page:	[•]
	• Relevant Time:	[•]
	• Relevant Financial Centre:	[•]
	(x) ISDA Determination:	[Applicable/Not Applicable]
	• Floating Rate Option:	[•]
	• Designated Maturity:	[•]
	• Reset Date:	[•]
	• ISDA Definitions:	2006
	(xi) Margin(s):	[+/-][•] per cent. per annum
	(xii) Minimum Rate of Interest:	[•] per cent. per annum
	(xiii) Maximum Rate of Interest:	[•] per cent. per annum
	(xiv) Day Count Fraction:	[Actual/Actual(ICMA)][Actual/Actual(ISDA)] [Actual/365(Fixed)][Actual/365(Sterling)] [Actual/360][30/360][30E/360 or Eurobond Basis] [30E/360(ISDA)]

16.	Zero Coupon Note Provisions	[Applicable/Not Applicable]
	(i) Accrual Yield:	[•] per cent. per annum
	(ii) Reference Price:	[•]
	(iii) Day Count Fraction:	[Actual/Actual(ICMA)][Actual/Actual(ISDA)] [Actual/365(Fixed)][Actual/365(Sterling)] [Actual/360][30/360][30E/360 or Eurobond Basis] [30E/360(ISDA)]
<b>PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION</b>		
17.	Call Option	[Applicable/Not Applicable]
	(i) Optional Redemption Date(s):	
	(ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s):	[[•] per Calculation Amount]
	(iii) If redeemable in part:	
	(a) Minimum Redemption Amount:	[•] per Calculation Amount
	(b) Maximum Redemption Amount	[•] per Calculation Amount
	(iv) Notice period:	[•]
18.	Put Option	[Applicable/Not Applicable]
	(i) Optional Redemption Date(s):	[•]
	(ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Note and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s):	[•] per Calculation Amount
	(iii) Notice period:	[•]
19.	Final Redemption Amount of each Note	[•] per Calculation Amount
20.	Early Redemption Amount	
	Early Redemption Amount(s) per Calculation Amount payable on redemption:	[•] per Calculation Amount
21.	Early Termination Amount	[•] per Calculation Amount
22.	Unmatured coupons void	[Condition 10(e) ( <i>Unmatured Coupons Void</i> ) applicable/Not Applicable]

<b>GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES</b>		
23.	Form of Notes:	Bearer Notes:
		[Temporary Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note which is exchangeable for Definitive Notes on [•] days' notice/at any time/in the limited circumstances specified in the Permanent Global Note]
		[Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes on [•] days' notice]
		[Permanent Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes on [•] days' notice/at any time/in the limited circumstances specified in the Permanent Global Note]
		[Registered Notes]
		Global Registered Note exchangeable for Individual Note Certificates on [•] days' notice/at any time/in the limited circumstances described in the Global Registered Note; and
		Global Registered Note [(U.S.\$/Euro [•] nominal amount)] registered in the name of a nominee for [a common depository for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg/a common safekeeper for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (that is, held under the New Safekeeping Structure (NSS)).]
		[CREST Depository Interests (CDIs) representing the Notes may also be issued in accordance with the usual procedures of Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited (CREST)]
24.	New Global Note:	[Yes] [No]
25.	Additional Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to payment dates:	[Not Applicable/[•]]
26.	Talons for future Coupons to be attached to Definitive Notes (and dates on which such Talons mature):	[Yes, as the Notes have more than 27 coupon payments, talons may be required if, on exchange into definitive form, more than 27 coupon payments are left.][No]
<b>DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLATERAL</b>		
27.	Information relating to the Secured Assets:	[•]
28.	Amount of Borrower Loans:	[•]



29.	Amount of Financial Collateral Assets:	[•]
30.	Range of value of the Secured Assets:	[•]
31.	Range of loan to value ratios of Secured Assets:	[•]
32.	Range of maturity dates of the Secured Assets:	[•]
<b>THIRD PARTY INFORMATION</b>		
[[•] has been extracted from [•]. The Issuer confirms that such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware, and is able to ascertain from information published by [•], no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced inaccurate or misleading.]		
Signed on behalf of Escher Marwick PLC: By: ..... Duly authorised		

**PART B – OTHER INFORMATION**

1.	(i) Listing and admission to trading	[Application has been made to the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to listing on the Official List and trading on its regulated market with effect from [•].] [Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to listing on [•] and trading on [•] with effect from [•].] [Application is expected to be made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to listing on [•] and trading on [•] with effect from [•].] [Not Applicable.]
	(ii) Estimated total expenses related to admission to trading:	[•]
2.	Ratings	Ratings: The Notes to be issued [are not/have been/are expected to be] rated: [Standard & Poor's: [•]] [Moody's: [•]] [Fitch: [•]]
3.	Interests of natural and legal persons involved in the issue/offer	[Save as discussed in " <i>Subscription and Sale</i> ", so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the offer of the Notes has an interest material to the offer.]

4.	[Fixed Rate Notes only – Yield]	
5.	Indication of Yield: [•]	[•]
6.	[Floating rate notes only - historic interest rates]	Details of historic [LIBOR/EURIBOR] rates can be obtained from [Reuters].]
7.	Operational information	
8.	ISIN code:	[•]
9.	Common code:	[•]
10.	Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank SA/NV and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme and the relevant identification number(s):	[Not Applicable][The Notes will also be made eligible for CREST via the issue of CDIs representing the Notes]
11.	[Intended to be held in a manner which would allow eurosystem eligibility:	[Yes][No]
12.	Distribution	
13.	U.S. selling restrictions:	Regulation S Compliance Category 2; [TEFRA C/TEFRA D/TEFRA not Applicable]
14.	Name and address of any paying agents and depositary agents:	[None/[•]]
15.	Name and address of any Promoters:	[None/[•]]

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

The net proceeds from each issue of Notes will be used to make the Borrower Loans, acquire Financial Collateral Assets and/or make any payments required to be made pursuant to any Transaction Document.

## SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE NOTES WHILE IN GLOBAL FORM

### CLEARING SYSTEM ACCOUNTHOLDERS

In relation to any Tranche of Notes represented by a Global Note in bearer form, references in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes to "Noteholder" are references to the bearer of the relevant Global Note which, for so long as the Global Note is held by a depositary or a common depositary, in the case of a CGN, or a common safekeeper, in the case of an NGN for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system, will be that depositary or common depositary or, as the case may be, common safekeeper.

In relation to any Tranche of Notes represented by a Global Registered Note, references in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes to "Noteholder" are references to the person in whose name such Global Registered Note is for the time being registered in the Register which, for so long as the Global Registered Note is held by or on behalf of a depositary or a common depositary or a common safekeeper for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system, will be that depositary or common depositary or common safekeeper or a nominee for that depositary or common depositary or common safekeeper.

Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system as being entitled to an interest in a Global Note or a Global Registered Note (each an "**Accountholder**") must look solely to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or such other relevant clearing system (as the case may be) for such Accountholder's share of each payment made by the Issuer to the holder of such Global Note or Global Registered Note and in relation to all other rights arising under such Global Note or Global Registered Note. The extent to which, and the manner in which, Accountholders may exercise any rights arising under the Global Note or Global Registered Note will be determined by the respective rules and procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and any other relevant clearing system from time to time. For so long as the relevant Notes are represented by a Global Note or Global Registered Note, Accountholders shall have no claim directly against the Issuer in respect of payments due under the Notes and such obligations of the Issuer will be discharged by payment to the holder of such Global Note or Global Registered Note.

### CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO GLOBAL NOTES

1. Each Global Note and Global Registered Note will contain provisions which modify the Terms and Conditions of the Notes as they apply to the Global Note or Global Registered Note. The following is a summary of certain of those provisions:
2. *Payments:* All payments in respect of the Global Note or Global Registered Note which, according to the Terms and Conditions of the Notes, require presentation and/or surrender of a Note, Note Certificate or Coupon will be made against presentation and (in the case of payment of principal in full with all interest accrued thereon) surrender of the Global Note or Global Registered Note to or to the order of any Paying Agent and will be effective to satisfy and discharge the corresponding liabilities of the Issuer in respect of the Notes. On each occasion on which a payment of principal or interest is made in respect of the Global Note, the Issuer shall procure that in respect of a CGN the payment is noted in a schedule thereto and in respect of an NGN the payment is entered pro rata in the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.
3. *Payment Business Day:* In the case of a Global Note, or a Global Registered Note, shall be, if the currency of payment is euro, 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 payment is not euro, 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.
4. *Payment Record Date:* Each payment in respect of a 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 the Global Registered Note is being held is open for business.

5. *Exercise of put option:* In order to exercise the option contained in Condition 9(e) (*Redemption at the option of Noteholders*) the bearer of the Permanent Global Note or the holder of a Global Registered Note must, within the period specified in the Conditions for the deposit of the relevant Note and put notice, give written notice of such exercise to the Paying Agent specifying the principal amount of Notes in respect of which such option is being exercised. Any such notice will be irrevocable and may not be withdrawn.
6. *Partial exercise of call option:* In connection with an exercise of the option contained in Condition 9(c) (*Redemption at the option of the Issuer*) in relation to some only of the Notes, the Permanent Global Note or Global Registered Note may be redeemed in part in the principal amount specified by the Issuer in accordance with the Conditions and the Notes to be redeemed will not be selected as provided in the Conditions but in accordance with the rules and procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (to be reflected in the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg as either a pool factor or a reduction in principal amount, at their discretion).
7. *Notices:* Notwithstanding Condition 20 (*Notices*), while all the Notes are represented by a Permanent Global Note (or by a Permanent Global Note and/or a Temporary Global Note) or a Global Registered Note and the Permanent Global Note is (or the Permanent Global Note and/or the Temporary Global Note are), or the Global Registered Note is, deposited with a depository or a common depository for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system or a common safekeeper, notices to Noteholders may be given by delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system and, in any case, such notices shall be deemed to have been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 20 (*Notices*) on the date of delivery to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system. Whilst any of the Notes held by a Noteholder are represented by a Global Note, notices to be given by such Noteholder may be given by such Noteholder (where applicable) through Euroclear Bank and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, and otherwise in such manner as the Paying Agent and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, may approve for this purpose.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE ISSUER

### *General*

Escher Marwick PLC (the "**Issuer**") was incorporated in England (registered number 10112860) on 8 April 2016 as a public limited company under the Companies Act 2006. The Issuer's registered office is 1 Bedford Row, London WC1R 4BZ. The contact telephone number for the Issuer is +44 (0)207 030 4970.

The legislation under which the Issuer operates is the Companies Act 2006.

The authorised share capital of the Issuer is 50,000 ordinary shares of £1 each. Each ordinary share is partly paid up at 0.25p. The entire issued share capital of the Issuer is owned by The Castello Trust, a discretionary trust established under the laws of England and Wales pursuant to a deed dated 1 June 2016.

### *Principal Activities*

The Issuer's objects and purposes are unrestricted. The Issuer is a special purpose company and was established to raise money for the purposes set out in this Offering Circular, to enter into the transactions set out herein and to issue asset backed securities.

There are no recent events particular to the Issuer which are to a material extent relevant to the evaluation of the Issuer's solvency.

### *Directors and Secretary*

The directors of the Issuer and their other principal activities are:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position in the Issuer</b>	<b>Position in relation to outside activities</b>	<b>Principal outside activities</b>
David Raymond Davies	Director	Company Director	AIG Global Capital PLC Affinity Alpha Capital PLC Audley Funding PLC Balise Springs PLC Dover Harcourt PLC Ethika Finance PLC Index Ecogen PLC OMNIA Bonds II PLC Porus Capital PLC Shenton Finance PLC White Arch Capital PLC
Kevin Richard Haines	Director	Company Director	AIG Global Capital PLC Affinity Alpha Capital PLC Audley Funding PLC Balise Springs PLC Dover Harcourt PLC Ethika Finance PLC Index Ecogen PLC OMNIA Bonds II PLC Shenton Finance PLC White Arch Capital PLC
Roger Daniel Lunn Johnson	Director	Company Director	AIG Global Capital PLC Affinity Alpha Capital PLC Audley Funding PLC Balise Springs PLC

			Dover Harcourt PLC Ethika Finance PLC Index Ecogen PLC OMNIA Bonds II PLC Shenton Finance PLC White Arch Capital PLC
S.C.R Secretaries Limited	Company Secretary	Professional Company Secretary	

The business address of the above person is 1 Bedford Row, London WC1R 4BZ.

There are no potential conflicts of interest between the private interests or other duties to third parties of the directors of the Issuer and their duties to the Issuer.

### ***Corporate Governance***

The Issuer will adopt corporate governance policies which comply with the Combined Code and the Model Code on Directors' Dealings. The Issuer is committed to the principles of corporate governance contained in the UK Corporate Governance Code issued by the Financial Reporting Council in May 2010 and which is publicly available on their website at [www.frc.org](http://www.frc.org).

### ***Existing Notes***

As at the date of this Offering Circular, the Issuer has the following notes in issue, each listed on either the Irish Stock Exchange (the Global Exchange Market), the Channel Islands Stock Exchange (the International Stock Exchange) or the Frankfurt Stock Exchange as applicable:

Irish Stock Exchange:

1. Series 2016-4: GBP30,000,000 Secured Notes due 2031 with ISIN GB00BD4F3X58;
2. Series 2016-4: EUR10,000,000 Secured Notes due 2031 with ISIN GB00BD4F4095;
3. Series 2016-5: GBP20,000,000 5% Secured Fixed Rate Notes due 2019 with ISIN GBO0BDD88415;
4. Series 2016-6: GBP200,000,000 5.5% Secured Fixed Rate Notes due 2036 with ISIN GBO0BDOFRG07;
5. Series 2016-IR10: USD20,000,000 3.5% Secured Fixed Rate Notes due 2031 with ISIN GBO0BDHF4S41.

Channel Islands Stock Exchange:

6. Series 2016-CI7: GBP25,000,000 7.25% Secured Fixed Rate Notes due 2019 ISIN GBO0BDHDRL27;
7. Series 2016-CI8: GBP25,000,000 8.5% Secured Fixed Rate Notes due 2021 with ISIN GBO0BDH37892;
8. Series 2016-CI11: GBP10,000,000 6% Secured Fixed Rate Notes due 2022 with ISIN GBO0BD36YT22.

Frankfurt Stock Exchange:

9. Series 2017-F1: EUR350,000,000 7% Secured Fixed Rate Notes due 2022 with ISIN GBO0BF0L7628.

### ***Financial Information***

Since the date of its incorporation, the financial statements of the Issuer have been prepared as at the date of this Offering Circular. The Issuer intends to publish its first financial statements in respect of the period ending on 30 April 2018. The financial year of the Issuer ends on 30 April in each year.

Reports and accounts published by the Issuer will, when published, be available for inspection during normal office hours at its business address set out above.

The Issuer has appointed MHA MacIntyre Hudson of New Bridge Street House, 30–34 New Bridge Street, London EC4V 6BJ as its auditors. MHA MacIntyre Hudson is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

***Conflict of Interest***

The Directors hereby confirm that there are no current conflicts of interest in respect of the Issuer or the issuance, and they are not aware of any potential conflicts of interest that will arise in the future.



## BOOK-ENTRY CLEARING SYSTEMS

*The information set out below is subject to any change in or reinterpretation of the rules, regulations and procedures of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or CREST (together the "Clearing Systems") currently in effect. Investors wishing to use the facilities of any of the Clearing Systems are advised to confirm the continued applicability of the rules, regulations and procedures of the relevant Clearing System. None of the Issuer, the Dealers, the Trustee, the Registrar and any other party to the Agency Agreement will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to, or payments made on account of, beneficial ownership interests in the Notes or, in the case of CREST only, CDIs held through the facilities of any Clearing System or for maintaining, supervising or review any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.*

### CREST

Notes issued under the Programme may be issued in registered form and settled and transferred through Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited (formerly known as CREST Co Limited) ("**CREST**") in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/3755) (the "**Regulations**").

Investors wishing to have their Notes delivered to a CREST stock account in their own name should include their CREST details in the relevant section of the application form. Dealing in the Notes in advance of the crediting of the relevant CREST accounts will be at the risk of the person concerned.

The Registrar may decline to register a transfer of an uncertificated Note which is traded through the CREST system in accordance with the CREST rules where, in the case of a transfer to joint holders, the number of joint holders to whom uncertificated Notes is to be transferred exceeds four.

The settlement of Notes through CREST means an investor will:

1. authorise the Registrar to credit the CREST account specified with the number of Notes for which the application is accepted;
2. agree that, in the event of any difficulties or delays in the admission of the Notes to CREST or the use of CREST in relation to the issue, the Issuer and the Registrar may agree that all of the Notes should be issued in certificated form.

### EUROCLEAR AND CLEARSTREAM, LUXEMBOURG

Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg each holds securities for its customers and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions by electronic book-entry transfer between their respective account holders. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg provide various services including safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg also deal with domestic securities markets in several countries through established depository and custodial relationships. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have established an electronic bridge between their two systems across which their respective participants may settle trades with each other.

Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg customers are world-wide financial institutions, including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations. Indirect access to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg is available to other institutions that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with an account holder of either system.

### CREST DEPOSITORY INTERESTS

If so specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, following the delivery of an issue of Notes into Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (the "**Relevant Clearing Systems**" and each a "**Relevant Clearing System**"), investors may also hold interests in the Notes through CREST through the issuance of dematerialised depository interests ("**CREST Depository Interests**") or

"CDIs") issued, held, settled and transferred through CREST, representing interests in the relevant Notes underlying the CDIs (the "**Underlying Notes**"). CREST Depository Interests are independent securities distinct from the Notes, constituted under, and governed by, English law and transferred through CREST and will be issued by CREST Depository Limited (the "**CREST Depository**") pursuant to the global deed poll dated 25 June 2001 (as subsequently modified, supplemented and/or restated) (the "**CREST Deed Poll**").

The CDIs will represent indirect interests in the interest of CREST International Nominees Limited (the "**CREST Nominee**") in the Underlying Notes. Pursuant to the CREST Manual (as defined below), Notes held in global form by the common depository or common safekeeper may be settled through CREST, and the CREST Depository will issue CDIs. The CDIs will be independent securities distinct from the Notes, constituted under English law, and may be held and transferred through CREST.

Interests in the Underlying Notes will be credited to the CREST Nominee's account with a Relevant Clearing System and the CREST Nominee will hold such interests as nominee for the CREST Depository which will issue CDIs to the relevant CREST participants.

Each CDI will be treated by the CREST Depository as if it were one Underlying Note, for the purposes of determining all rights and obligations and all amounts payable in respect thereof. The CREST Depository will pass on to holders of CDIs ("**CDI Holders**") any interest or other amounts received by it as holder of the Underlying Notes on trust for such CDI Holders. CDI Holders will also be able to receive from the CREST Depository notices of meetings of holders of Underlying Notes and other relevant notices issued by the Issuer.

Transfers of interests in Underlying Notes by a CREST participant to a participant of a Relevant Clearing System will be effected by cancellation of the corresponding CDIs and transfer of an interest in such Underlying Notes to the account of the relevant participant with a Relevant Clearing System.

The CDIs will have the same ISIN as the ISIN of the Underlying Notes and will not require a separate listing on the Official List.

Prospective subscribers for Notes represented by CDIs are referred to Section 3 (Crest International Manual) of the CREST Manual issued by Euroclear UK & Ireland (including the CREST International Manual dated 14 April 2008) as amended, modified, varied or supplemented from time to time (the "**CREST Manual**") which contains the form of the CREST Deed Poll to be entered into by the CREST Depository. The rights of the CDI Holders will be governed by the arrangements between CREST, the Relevant Clearing Systems and the Issuer including the CREST Deed Poll (in the form contained in Section 3 of the CREST Manual) executed by the CREST Depository. These rights may be different from those of holders of Notes which are not represented by CDIs.

If issued, CDIs will be delivered, held and settled in CREST, by means of the CREST International Settlement Links Service (the "**CREST International Settlement Links Service**"). The settlement of the CDIs by means of the CREST International Settlement Links Service has the following consequences for CDI Holders:

1. CDI Holders will not be the legal owners of the Underlying Notes. The CDIs are separate legal instruments from the Underlying Notes to which they relate and represent an indirect interest in such Underlying Notes.
2. The Underlying Notes themselves (as distinct from the CDIs representing indirect interests in such Underlying Notes) will be held in an account with a custodian. The custodian will hold the Underlying Notes through a Relevant Clearing System. Rights in the Underlying Notes will be held through custodial and depository links through the appropriate Relevant Clearing Systems. The legal title to the Underlying Notes or to interests in the Underlying Notes will depend on the rules of the Relevant Clearing System in or through which the Underlying Notes are held.
3. Rights under the Underlying Notes cannot be enforced by CDI Holders except indirectly through the intermediary depositories and custodians described above. The enforcement of

rights under the Underlying Notes will therefore be subject to the local law of the relevant intermediary. The rights of CDI Holders to the Underlying Notes are represented by the entitlements against the CREST Depository which (through the CREST Nominee) holds interests in the Underlying Notes. This could result in an elimination or reduction in the payments that otherwise would have been made in respect of the Underlying Notes in the event of any insolvency or liquidation of the relevant intermediary, in particular where the Underlying Notes held in Relevant Clearing Systems are not held in special purpose accounts and are fungible with other securities held in the same accounts on behalf of other customers of the relevant intermediaries.

4. The CDIs issued to CDI Holders will be constituted and issued pursuant to the CREST Deed Poll. CDI Holders will be bound by all provisions of the CREST Deed Poll and by all provisions of or prescribed pursuant to the CREST Manual and the CREST Rules (the "**CREST Rules**") (contained in the CREST Manual) applicable to the CREST International Settlement Links Service and CDI Holders must comply in full with all obligations imposed on them by such provisions.
5. Potential investors should note that the provisions of the CREST Deed Poll, the CREST Manual and the CREST Rules contain indemnities, warranties, representations and undertakings to be given by CDI Holders and limitations on the liability of the issuer of the CDIs, the CREST Depository.
6. CDI Holders may incur liabilities resulting from a breach of any such indemnities, warranties, representations and undertakings in excess of the money invested by them. The attention of potential investors is drawn to the terms of the CREST Deed Poll, the CREST Manual and the CREST Rules, copies of which are available from the CREST website at [www.euroclear.com/site/public/EUI](http://www.euroclear.com/site/public/EUI).
7. Potential investors should note that CDI Holders may be required to pay fees, charges, costs and expenses to the CREST Depository in connection with the use of the CREST International Settlement Links Service. These will include the fees and expenses charged by the CREST Depository in respect of the provision of services by it under the CREST Deed Poll and any taxes, duties, charges, costs or expenses which may be or become payable in connection with the holding of the Notes through the CREST International Settlement Links Service.
8. Potential investors should note that none of the Issuer, the relevant Dealer, the Trustee and the Paying Agents will have any responsibility for the performance by any intermediaries or their respective direct or indirect participants or accountholders of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

Potential investors should note that Bearer Notes represented upon issue by a Temporary Bearer Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Bearer Global Note will not be immediately eligible for CREST settlement as CDIs. In such case, investors investing in the Underlying Notes through CDIs will only receive the CDIs after such Temporary Bearer Global Note is exchanged for a Permanent Bearer Global Note, which could take up to 40 days after the issue of the Notes. It is anticipated that Notes eligible for CREST settlement as CDIs will be issued (i) (in the case of Bearer Notes) directly in permanent global form or (ii) in registered global form.

## TAXATION

The following is a general description of certain United Kingdom, American and European tax considerations relating to the Notes. It does not purport to be a complete analysis of all tax considerations relating to the Notes, whether in those countries or elsewhere. Prospective purchasers of Notes should consult their own tax advisers as to which countries' tax laws could be relevant to acquiring, holding and disposing of Notes and receiving payments of interest, principal and/or other amounts under the Notes and the consequences of such actions under the tax laws of those countries. This summary is based upon the law as in effect on the date of this Offering Circular and is subject to any change in law that may take effect after such date.

### UNITED KINGDOM

The following applies only to persons who are the beneficial owners of Notes and is a summary of the Issuer's understanding of current United Kingdom law and published HM Revenue and Customs ("HMRC") practice in the United Kingdom relating only to United Kingdom withholding tax treatment of payments of principal and interest in respect of Notes. It does not deal with any other United Kingdom taxation implications of acquiring, holding or disposing of Notes. The United Kingdom tax treatment of prospective Noteholders depends on their individual circumstances and may be subject to change in the future (possibly with retroactive effect). Prospective Noteholders who may be subject to tax in a jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom or who may be unsure as to their tax position should seek their own professional advice.

#### *Interest on the Notes*

Payments of interest on the Notes may be made without deduction of or withholding on account of United Kingdom income tax provided that the Notes continue to be listed on a "recognised stock exchange" within the meaning of section 1005 of the Income Tax Act 2007. The Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited is a recognised stock exchange. Securities will be treated as listed on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited if they are included on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited and admitted to trading. Notes to be traded on any other recognised stock exchange will be treated as listed on a recognised stock exchange if (and only if) they are admitted to trading on that exchange and they are officially listed, in accordance with provisions corresponding to those generally applicable in European Economic Area states, in a country outside the United Kingdom in which there is a recognised stock exchange. Provided, therefore, that the Notes remain listed on a recognised stock exchange, interest on the Notes will be payable without withholding or deduction on account of United Kingdom tax.

Interest on the Notes may also be paid without withholding or deduction on account of United Kingdom tax where interest on the Notes is paid by a company and, at the time the payment is made, the Issuer reasonably believes (and any person by or through whom interest on the Notes is paid reasonably believes) that the beneficial owner is within the charge to United Kingdom corporation tax as regards the payment of interest; provided that HMRC has not given a direction (in circumstances where it has reasonable grounds to believe that the above exemption is not available in respect of such payment of interest at the time the payment is made) that the interest should be paid under deduction of tax.

Interest on the Notes may also be paid without withholding or deduction on account of United Kingdom tax where the maturity of the Notes is less than 365 days from the date of issue and those Notes do not form part of a scheme or arrangement of borrowing intended to be capable of remaining outstanding for more than 364 days.

In other cases, an amount must generally be withheld from payments of interest on the Notes on account of United Kingdom income tax at the basic rate (currently 20 per cent.). However, where an applicable double tax treaty provides for a lower rate of withholding tax (or for no tax to be withheld) in relation to a Noteholder, HMRC can issue a notice to the Issuer to pay interest to the Noteholder without deduction of tax (or for interest to be paid with tax deducted at the rate provided for in the relevant double tax treaty).

### ***Other Rules Relating to United Kingdom Withholding Tax***

Notes may be issued at an issue price of less than 100 per cent. of their principal amount. Any discount element on any such Notes should not be subject to any United Kingdom withholding tax pursuant to the provisions mentioned in the paragraph headed "*Interest on Notes*" above, but may be subject to reporting requirements as outlined under the paragraphs headed "*Provision of Information*" below.

Where interest has been paid under deduction of United Kingdom income tax, Noteholders who are not resident in the United Kingdom for United Kingdom tax purposes may be able to recover all or part of the tax deducted subject to an appropriate provision in any applicable double taxation treaty and the laws of the jurisdiction in which the Noteholder is resident for tax purposes.

The references to "interest" above mean "interest" as understood in United Kingdom tax law. The statements above do not take any account of any different definitions of "interest" or "principal" which may prevail under any other law or which may be created by the Terms and Conditions of the Notes or any related documentation. Noteholders should seek their own professional advice as regards the withholding tax treatment of any payment on the Notes which does not constitute "interest" or "principal" as those terms are understood in United Kingdom tax law.

### ***Further United Kingdom income tax issues***

Interest, discount and premium on the Notes may be subject to United Kingdom income tax or corporation tax by direct assessment even where paid without deduction or withholding for on account of United Kingdom income tax.

However, interest, discount and premium which is properly received without deduction or withholding for or on account of United Kingdom income tax will not be chargeable to United Kingdom tax in the hands of a Noteholder (other than certain trustees) who is not resident for tax purposes in the United Kingdom unless that Noteholder (i) carries on a trade, profession or vocation in the United Kingdom through a United Kingdom branch or agency or (ii) is a company carrying on a trade in the United Kingdom through a permanent establishment, in connection with which the interest, discount or premium is received or to which the Notes are attributable. In such a case, United Kingdom income tax or corporation tax may be levied on the branch, agency or permanent establishment, although there are exceptions for certain types of agent (such as some brokers and investment managers). The provisions of any applicable double tax treaty may be relevant to such a Noteholder.

Where interest or premium on the Notes has been paid under deduction of United Kingdom income tax, Noteholders who are not resident in the United Kingdom for United Kingdom tax purposes may be able to recover all or part of the tax deducted or withheld for, or on account of, United Kingdom income tax, subject to an appropriate provision in any applicable double taxation treaty and the laws of the jurisdiction in which the Noteholder is resident for tax purposes.

### ***Provision of Information***

Noteholders should note that, in certain circumstances, HMRC has power to obtain information (including the name and address of the beneficial owner of the interest) from any person in the United Kingdom who either pays or credits interest to or receives interest for the benefit of a Noteholder. In certain circumstances, the information so obtained may be passed by HMRC to the tax authorities of certain other jurisdictions.

The provisions referred to above may also apply, in certain circumstances, to payments made on redemption of any Notes which constitute "deeply discounted securities" for the purposes of section 430 of the Income Tax (Trading and Other Income) Act 2005 (although, in this regard, HMRC published guidance for the year 2012/2013 indicates that HMRC will not exercise its power to obtain information in relation to such payments in that year).

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

### *Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act*

FATCA imposes a new reporting regime and potentially a U.S. withholding tax of 30% on certain payments made by a non-U.S. financial institution (a "**foreign financial institution**" or "**FFI**" (as defined by FATCA)) to (i) any FFI that does not become a "**Participating FFI**" by entering into an agreement with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service ("**IRS**") to provide the IRS with certain information in respect of its account holders and investors or is not otherwise exempt from or in deemed compliance with FATCA, and (ii) any investor (unless otherwise exempt from FATCA) that does not provide information sufficient to determine whether the investor is a U.S. person or should otherwise be treated as a "**U.S. account holder**", which can include non-U.S. entities with substantial U.S. owners, (a "**Recalcitrant Holder**"). The Issuer will be classified as an FFI.

As relevant to payments made by the Issuer, this new withholding regime will apply to "foreign passthru payments" (a term not yet defined) no earlier than 1 January 2019. This withholding would potentially apply to all or a portion of any payments of interest or principal in respect of any Notes characterised as debt for U.S. federal tax purposes that are issued after the "**grandfathering date**", which is the date that is six months after the date on which final U.S. Treasury regulations defining the term "foreign passthru payment" are promulgated, or which are issued on or before the grandfathering date and "materially modified" after the grandfathering date. If Notes are issued on or before the grandfathering date and additional Notes of the same series are issued after that date, the additional Notes may not be treated as grandfathered, which may have negative consequences for the existing Notes (including a negative impact on price).

The United States and a number of other jurisdictions have entered into intergovernmental agreements to facilitate the implementation of FATCA (each, an "**IGA**"). Pursuant to the "Model 1" IGA released by the United States, an FFI in an IGA signatory country could be treated as a "Reporting FI" and such Reporting FI generally would not be required to withhold from any payments it makes. A Reporting FI would still be required to report certain information in respect of its account holders and investors to its home government. The United States and the United Kingdom have entered into an IGA based largely on the Model 1 IGA.

Whilst the Notes are in global form and held by the ICSDs, it is expected that FATCA will not affect the amount of any payments made under, or in respect of, the Notes and received by the ICSDs, even after the term "foreign passthru payment" is defined, given that the ICSDs have announced that they are Participating FFIs. Nevertheless, payments made to the participants in the ICSDs and thereafter to any other intermediary FFIs in the custodial chain through to the ultimate investors may constitute in whole or part foreign passthru payments (as eventually defined) which are subject to FATCA withholding, and so investors are encouraged to consider the compliance with FATCA of such participants and intermediaries and to provide them with any information, forms, or consents that may be necessary for them to make payments free of FATCA withholding. Also, it is contemplated that the Global Registered Notes may be exchanged into definitive form and so be taken out of the ICSDs. If this were to happen, a non-FATCA compliant holder or Recalcitrant Holder of a definitive Note could be subject to FATCA withholding under certain circumstances. There is no obligation on the Issuer to gross up any deduction for FATCA withholding made anywhere in the payment chain.

**FATCA is particularly complex and prospective investors should consult their tax advisers on how these rules may apply to payments they receive in connection with the Notes.**

## EUROPEAN UNION

### *The Proposed Financial Transactions Tax*

The European Commission has published a proposal for a Directive for a common financial transaction tax ("**FTT**") in certain participating Member States.

The Commission's Proposal has very broad scope and could, if introduced, apply to certain dealings in the Notes (including secondary market transactions) in certain circumstances. Under the Commission's Proposal the FTT could apply in certain circumstances to persons both within

and outside of the participating Member States. Generally, it would apply to certain dealings in the Notes where at least one party is a financial institution, and at least one party is established in a participating Member State. A financial institution may be, or be deemed to be, "established" in a participating Member State in a broad range of circumstances, including (a) by transacting with a person established in a participating Member State or (b) where the financial instrument which is subject to the dealings is issued in a participating Member State.

However, the FTT proposal remains subject to negotiation between participating Member States. It may therefore be altered prior to any implementation, the timing of which remains unclear. Additional EU Member States may decide to participate.

Prospective holders of the Notes are advised to seek their own professional advice in relation to the FTT.

## SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE

All Notes will initially be sold to Bedford Row Capital Advisers Limited as the settlement agent (the "**Settlement Agent**") and may be resold at prevailing market prices, or at prices related thereto, at the time of such resale, as determined by the Settlement Agent. Potential investors in the Notes must apply directly to the Settlement Agent through a broker or other custodian or intermediary via the appropriate clearing system (see the section "*Book-Entry Clearing Systems*"). Applications may not be made directly to the Issuer. Details of the Settlement Agent are set out in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

Notes may be offered for sale from time to time by any entity appointed as a promoter (the "**Promoters**") and listed as such in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except in certain transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S.

Each Promoter and the Settlement Agent has agreed that it will not offer, sell or deliver Notes, (i) as part of their distribution at any time or (ii) otherwise until 40 days after the completion of the distribution of the Notes comprising the relevant Tranche, as certified to the Paying Agent or the Issuer by such Promoter or the Settlement Agent (or, in the case of a sale of a Tranche of Notes to or through more than one Promoter, by each of such Promoters as to the Notes of such Tranche offered by or through it, in which case the Paying Agent or the Issuer shall notify each such Promoter when all such Promoters have so certified) within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons, and the Settlement Agent or such Promoter will have sent to each entity to which it sells Notes during the distribution compliance period relating thereto a confirmation or other notice setting forth the restrictions on offers and sales of the Notes within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons.

In addition, until 40 days after the commencement of the offering of Notes comprising any Tranche, any offer or sale of Notes within the United States by any entity (whether or not participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

### EUROPEAN UNION

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a "**Relevant Member State**"), each Promoter and the Settlement Agent has represented, warranted and agreed, and each further Promoter appointed under the Programme will be required to represent, warrant and agree, that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the "**Relevant Implementation Date**") it has not made and will not make an offer of Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by the Offering Circular as completed by the Pricing Supplement in relation thereto (or are the subject of the offering contemplated by a Drawdown Particulars, as the case may be) to the public in that Relevant Member State except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of such Notes to the public in that Relevant Member State:

1. *Qualified investors*: at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
2. *Fewer than 150 offerees*: at any time to fewer than 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), subject to obtaining the prior consent of the Settlement Agent; or
3. *Other exempt offers*: at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,



**provided that** no such offer of Notes referred to in (1) to (3) above shall require the Issuer or the Settlement Agent to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an "**offer of Notes to the public**" in relation to any Notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the Notes, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State, the expression "**Prospectus Directive**" means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member State), and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State and the expression "**2010 PD Amending Directive**" means Directive 2010/73/EU.

## **UNITED KINGDOM**

Each Promoter and the Settlement Agent has represented, warranted and agreed that:

1. *No deposit-taking*: in relation to any Notes having a maturity of less than one year:
  - (a) it is a person whose ordinary activities involve it in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of its business; and
  - (b) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Notes other than to persons:
    - (i) whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses; or
    - (ii) who it is reasonable to expect will acquire, hold, manage or dispose of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses,where the issue of the Notes would otherwise constitute a contravention of Section 19 of the FSMA by the Issuer;
2. *Financial promotion*: it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated any invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Notes in circumstances in which section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the Issuer; and
3. *General compliance*: it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

## **SINGAPORE**

Each Promoter and the Settlement Agent has represented, and agreed that this Offering Circular has not been registered as an Offering Circular with the Monetary Authority of Singapore (the "MAS"). Accordingly, each Promoter and the Settlement Agent has represented, and agreed that it has not offered or sold any Notes or caused the Notes to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase and will not offer or sell any Notes or cause the Notes to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase and has not circulated or distributed, nor will it circulate or distribute the Offering Circular or any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale or invitation for subscription or purchase of any Notes, whether directly or indirectly, to any person in Singapore other than (a) to an institutional investor (as defined in Section 4A of the Securities and Futures Act (Chapter 289 of Singapore) (the "SFA")) pursuant to Section 274 of the SFA, (b) to a relevant person (as defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA) pursuant to Section 275(1) of the SFA, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A) of the SFA, and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the SFA, or (c) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the Notes are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA by a relevant person which is:

- (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or
  - (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor,
- securities (as defined in Section 239(1) of the SFA) of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferred within six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the Notes pursuant to an offer under Section 275 of the SFA except:
- (a) to an institutional investor or to a relevant person defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA, or to any person arising from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) or Section 276(4)(i)(B) of the SFA;
  - (b) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer;
  - (c) where the transfer is by operation of law;
  - (d) as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA; or
  - (e) as specified in Regulation 32 of the Securities and Futures (Offers of Investments) (Shares and Debentures) Regulations 2005 of Singapore.

## **GENERAL**

Each Promoter and the Settlement Agent has represented, warranted and agreed that (to the best of its knowledge and belief) it has complied and will comply with all applicable laws and regulations in each country or jurisdiction in or from which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Notes or possesses, distributes or publishes this Offering Circular or any Pricing Supplement or any related offering material, in all cases at its own expense.

Other persons into whose hands this Offering Circular or any Pricing Supplement comes are required by the Issuer and the Settlement Agent to comply with all applicable laws and regulations in each country or jurisdiction in or from which they purchase, offer, sell or deliver Notes or possess, distribute or publish this Offering Circular or any Pricing Supplement or any related offering material, in all cases at their own expense.

Selling restrictions may be supplemented or modified with the agreement of the Issuer. Any such supplement or modification may be set out in the relevant Pricing Supplement or in a supplement to this Offering Circular.

## **POTENTIAL INVESTORS**

Potential investors will be required to confirm that they are: (a) persons who have professional experience in matters relating to investments falling within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, as amended (the "**Order**") and/or (b) high net worth companies (or persons to whom it may otherwise be lawfully communicated) falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order and/or (c) certified high net worth individuals falling within Article 48 of the Order and/or (d) sophisticated investors falling within Article 50 of the Order and/or (e) self-certified sophisticated investors falling within Article 50A of the Order, so that, in each case, section 21(1) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 does not apply to the Issuer and/or (f) persons to whom this Offering Circular can be sent lawfully in accordance with all other applicable securities laws.

Each potential investor who is a certified high net worth individual pursuant to Article 48 of the Order must complete the certification below under "Statement for Certified High Net Worth Individual".

Each potential investor who is a certified sophisticated investor pursuant to Article 50 of the Order must complete the certification below under "Statement for Certified Sophisticated Investor".

Each potential investor who is a self-certified sophisticated investor pursuant to Article 50A of the Order must complete the certification below under "Statement for Self-Certified Sophisticated

Investor".

***Statement for Certified High Net Worth Individual***

I declare that I am a certified high net worth individual for the purposes of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005.

I understand that this means:

- (a) I can receive financial promotions that may not have been approved by a person authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority;
- (b) the content of such financial promotions may not conform to rules issued by the Financial Conduct Authority;
- (c) by signing this statement I may lose significant rights;
- (d) I may have no right to complain to either of the following:
  - (i) the Financial Conduct Authority; or
  - (ii) the Financial Ombudsman Scheme;
- (e) I may have no right to seek compensation from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

I am a certified high net worth individual because **at least one of the following applies:**

- (a) I had, during the financial year immediately preceding the date below, an annual income to the value of £100,000 or more;
- (b) I held, throughout the financial year immediately preceding the date below, net assets to the value of £250,000 or more. Net assets for these purposes do not include—
  - (i) the property which is my primary residence or any loan secured on that residence;
  - (ii) any rights of mine under a qualifying contract of insurance within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001; or
  - (iii) any benefits (in the form of pensions or otherwise) which are payable on the termination of my service or on my death or retirement and to which I am (or my dependants are), or may be, entitled.

I accept that I can lose my property and other assets from making investment decisions based on financial promotions.

I am aware that it is open to me to seek advice from someone who specialises in advising on investments.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Statement for Certified Sophisticated Investor***

I make this statement so that I am able to receive promotions which are exempt from the restrictions on financial promotion in the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. The exemption relates to certified sophisticated investors and I declare that I qualify as such in relation to investments of the kind set out in the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005. I accept that the contents of promotions and other material that I receive may not have been approved by an authorised person and that their content may not therefore be subject to controls which would apply if the promotion were made or approved by an authorised person. I am aware that it is open to me to seek advice from someone who specialises in advising on this kind of investment.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please also supply certificate from FCA authorised person confirming that you are sufficiently

knowledgeable to understand the risks associated with the type of investments being issued by the Issuer.

***Statement for Self-Certified Sophisticated Investor***

I declare that I am a self-certified sophisticated investor for the purposes of the Financial Services and Markets Act (Financial Promotion) Order 2005.

I understand that this means:

- (a) I can receive financial promotions that may not have been approved by a person authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority;
- (b) the content of such financial promotions may not conform to rules issued by the Financial Conduct Authority;
- (c) by signing this statement I may lose significant rights;
- (d) I may have no right to complain to either of the following—
  - (i) the Financial Conduct Authority; or
  - (ii) the Financial Ombudsman Scheme;
- (e) I may have no right to seek compensation from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

I am a self-certified sophisticated investor **because at least one of the following applies:**

- (a) I am a member of a network or syndicate of business angels and have been so for at least the last six months prior to the date below;
- (b) I have made more than one investment in an unlisted company in the two years prior to the date below;
- (c) I am working, or have worked in the two years prior to the date below, in a professional capacity in the private equity sector, or in the provision of finance for small and medium enterprises;
- (d) I am currently, or have been in the two years prior to the date below, a director of a company with an annual turnover of at least £1 million.

**I accept that I can lose my property and other assets from making investment decisions based on financial promotions.**

I am aware that it is open to me to seek advice from someone who specialises in advising on investments.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### AUTHORISATION

The establishment of the Programme was authorised by a resolution of the board of directors of the Issuer passed on 31 May 2016. The Issuer has obtained or will obtain from time to time all necessary consents, approvals and authorisations in connection with the issue and performance of the Notes.

### LEGAL AND ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS

There are not, and have not been, any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings, (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened, of which the Issuer is aware), which may have, or have had during the 12 months prior to the date of this Offering Circular, a significant effect on the financial position or profitability of the Issuer.

### SIGNIFICANT/MATERIAL CHANGE

There has been no material adverse change in the financial position or prospects of the Issuer since the date of its incorporation.

### MATERIAL CONTRACTS

There are no other contracts having been entered into outside the ordinary course of any of the Issuer's businesses, which are, or may be, material and contain provisions under which the Issuer has an obligation or entitlement which is, or may be, material to the ability of the Issuer to meet its obligations in respect of the Notes, except for the;

1. **The Trust Deed;** dated 31 May 2016 and made between Escher Marwick PLC as Issuer and GRM Law Trustees Limited as Trustee;

Summary: The Notes are constituted by, are subject to, and have the benefit of the Trust Deed in an aggregate issue amount outstanding at any one time not exceeding the Programme Limit of £1,000,000,000 and to be constituted under the Trust Deed in separate Series from time to time, which Notes shall be secured separately and apart from the Notes of any other Series;

2. **The Deed of Charge;** dated 31 May 2016 and made between Escher Marwick PLC as Issuer and GRM Law Trustees Limited as Trustee;

Summary: The Notes of a Series will be secured in favour of the Trustee (for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Issuer Secured Creditors in respect of such Series) by a fixed first priority charge over all of its rights in respect of the Secured Assets and the Transaction Documents to the extent that they relate to such Series and, where applicable, over any segregated bank accounts opened by the Issuer in respect of such Series;

3. **The Intercreditor Deed;** dated 14 October 2016 and made between Escher Marwick PLC as Issuer and GRM Law Trustees Limited as Trustee;

Summary: The Trustee and the Issuer agree that the Secured Assets in respect of a Series shall be held separately by the Trustee in respect of each Series, that any amounts recovered by way of enforcement by the Trustee of the Secured Assets in respect of a Series shall be applied only to the relevant Series in accordance with the Priority of Payments for such Series; and the proceeds of enforcement and/or other realisations derived from the assets of the Issuer in relation to any Series shall be applied exclusively towards the Secured Liabilities of the Issuer in respect of that Series (in accordance with the Priority of Payments) and shall not be applied towards the Secured Liabilities of any other Series in any circumstances;

4. **The Issuer Administration Agreement**; dated 31 May 2016 and made between Escher Marwick PLC as Issuer, S.C.R. Secretaries Limited as Issuer Administrator and GRM Law Trustees Limited as Trustee;

Summary: The Issuer appoints the Issuer Administrator to perform each of the obligations set out in the Issuer Administration Agreement applicable to it and the Issuer Administrator therein accepts such appointments with such obligations on the Issuer Administrator including, but not limited to, responsibility for the corporate administration of the Issuer, determination of the total amount of any Expenses payable during the next following Interest Period and procure the appointment of one person in the capacity of company secretary;

5. **Agency Agreement**: dated 31 May 2016 and made between the Issuer, Avenir Registrars Limited as paying agent, registrar and transfer agent and the Trustee;

Summary: the Issuer and Avenir Registrars Limited agree that the Avenir Registrars Limited shall provide the Client the securities registration services which include providing a registration and transfer office for the Client, acting as the Client's securities registrar and maintaining equipment, telephone lines and other relevant facilities;

6. **The Servicer Agreement**; dated 31 May 2016 and made between Escher Marwick PLC as Issuer, Bedford Row Capital Advisers Limited as Servicer and GRM Law Trustees Limited as Trustee;

Summary: The Issuer appoints the Servicer to perform various duties with respect to the Borrower Loans in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Servicer Agreement, such duties including, but not limited to, review Borrower Loans for compliance with applicable eligibility criteria, arrange and broker the entry into or purchase of the Borrower Loans by the Issuer, prior to any Issue Date collect from potential purchasers of Notes the fees in respect of the costs necessarily incurred by the Issuer, make indicative pricing on an appropriate and perform such other activities as shall be agreed from time to time.

#### **CLEARING OF THE NOTES**

The Notes may be accepted for clearance through CREST. CREST is the electronic system for paperless settlement of trades in securities and the holding of uncertificated securities operated by Euroclear in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/3755). The address of CREST is Euroclear UK & Ireland, 33 Cannon Street, London EC4M 5SB.

The Notes may be accepted for clearance through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. The address of Euroclear is Euroclear Bank SA/NV, 1 Boulevard du Roi Albert II, B-1210 Brussels. The address of Clearstream, Luxembourg is Clearstream Banking, 42 Avenue JF Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg.

The appropriate common code and the International Securities Identification Number in relation to the Notes of each Tranche will be specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement. The relevant Pricing Supplement shall specify any other clearing system as shall have accepted the relevant Notes for clearance together with any further appropriate information.

If so specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, interests in the Notes may also be held through CREST through the issuance of CDIs representing Underlying Notes. The address of CREST is Euroclear UK & Ireland, 33 Cannon Street, London EC4M 5SB.

#### **NOTES HAVING A MATURITY OF LESS THAN ONE YEAR**

Any Notes having a maturity of less than one year must (a) have a minimum redemption value of £100,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies) and be issued only to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses; or who it is reasonable to expect will acquire, hold, manage or dispose of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their

businesses or (b) be issued in other circumstances which do not constitute a contravention of section 19 of the FSMA by the Issuer.

### **ISSUE PRICE AND YIELD**

Notes may be issued at any price. The issue price of each Tranche of Notes to be issued under the Programme will be determined by the Issuer and the Settlement Agent at the time of issue in accordance with prevailing market conditions and the issue price of the relevant Notes will be set out in the applicable Pricing Supplement. In the case of different Tranches of a Series of Notes, the issue price may include accrued interest in respect of the period from the interest commencement date of the relevant Tranche (which may be the issue date of the first Tranche of the Series or, if interest payment dates have already passed, the most recent interest payment date in respect of the Series) to the issue date of the relevant Tranche.

The yield of each Tranche of Notes set out in the applicable Pricing Supplement will be calculated as of the relevant issue date on an annual or semi-annual basis using the relevant issue price. It is not an indication of future yield.

### **DEALERS TRANSACTING WITH THE ISSUER**

Certain of the Dealers and their affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform other services for, the Issuer and its affiliates in the ordinary course of business.

### **TRUSTEE'S ACTION**

The Conditions and the Trust Deed provide for the Trustee to take action on behalf of the Noteholders in certain circumstances, but only if the Trustee is indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to its satisfaction. It may not always be possible for the Trustee to take certain actions, notwithstanding the provision of an indemnity and/or security and/or pre-funding to it. Where the Trustee is unable to take any action, the Noteholders are permitted by the Conditions and the Trust Deed to take the relevant action directly.

### **POST-ISSUANCE REPORTING**

The Issuer does not intend to provide post-issuance transaction information regarding any issues of Notes or regarding the Issuer Security.

### **LEGAL COUNSEL - DISCLAIMER**

GRM Law acts as English legal counsel to the Issuer and the Trustee. In connection with the Issuer's offering of Notes and subsequent advice to the Issuer and the Trustee, GRM Law will not be representing Noteholders or applicants. No independent legal counsel has been retained to represent the Noteholders. GRM Law's representation of the Issuer is limited to specific matters as to which it has been consulted by the Issuer. There may exist other matters that could have a bearing on the Issuer as to which GRM Law has not been consulted. In addition, GRM Law does not undertake to monitor compliance by the Issuer of its obligations under the Notes nor does GRM Law monitor ongoing compliance with applicable laws.

In connection with the preparation of this Offering Circular, GRM Law's responsibility is limited to acting as English legal counsel to the Issuer. It does not accept responsibility in relation to any other matters referred to or disclosed in this Offering Circular. In the course of advising the Issuer, there are times when the interests of Noteholders may differ from those of the Issuer. GRM Law does not represent the Noteholders' interests in resolving these issues. In reviewing this Offering Circular, GRM Law has relied upon information furnished to it by the Issuer and has not investigated or verified the accuracy and completeness of information set forth herein concerning the Issuer.

### **DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY**

Copies of the following documents may be inspected physically in hard copy during normal business hours at the offices of the Issuer at Escher Marwick PLC, 1 Bedford Row, London WC1R 4BZ from the date of this Offering Circular and throughout the entire lifespan of the

securities being listed on the Official List and throughout the entire lifespan of the securities being admitted to trading on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited:

1. the constitutive documents of the Issuer;
2. the Trust Deed;
3. the Deed of Charge;
4. the Intercreditor Deed;
5. the Agency Agreement; and
6. the Servicer Agreement.

The documents set out under "Documents on Display" above are incorporated into these Offering Circular by reference.



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