
LaunchPAD Programme

Supplementary Prospectus dated 13 May 2013

FOURTEENTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUSES IN RESPECT OF THE LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES AND WARRANTS; FIFTEENTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS IN RESPECT OF THE LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TURBOS; AND SEVENTEENTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUSES IN RESPECT OF THE LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES AND OPEN END CERTIFICATES



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- 5 The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge of the Issuer (which has taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this Supplement is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.
- 6 On 9 May 2013, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc published via the Regulatory News Service of the London Stock Exchange plc a press release entitled “RBS announces planned management changes” (the “**9 May RNS**”).
- 7 By virtue of this Supplement, the 9 May RNS shall be incorporated in, and form part of, each of the Base Prospectuses.
- 8 A copy of this Supplement, the Base Prospectuses and all other supplements thereto and all documents incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectuses are accessible on <http://markets.rbs.com/bparchive> or <http://markets.rbs.com/launchpad> and can be obtained, on request, free of charge, by writing or telephoning, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group Investor Relations, 280 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4RB, United Kingdom, telephone +44 207 672 1758, e-mail investor.relations@rbs.com.
- 9 If the documents which are incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectuses by virtue of this Supplement themselves incorporate any information or other documents therein, either expressly or implicitly, such information or other documents will not form part of the Base Prospectuses for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive except where such information or other documents are specifically incorporated by reference in, or attached to, each of the Base Prospectuses by virtue of this Supplement.
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- 11 Save as disclosed in any previous supplement to any of the Base Prospectuses or this Supplement, no other significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in the Base Prospectuses (as supplemented at the date hereof) has arisen or has been noted since the publication of the each of the Base Prospectuses.

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Supplementary Prospectus dated 3 May 2013

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- 6 On 3 May 2013, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc (“**RBSG**”) published via the Regulatory News Service of the London Stock Exchange plc its unaudited Interim Management Statement Q1 2013 (the “**RBSG Interim Management Statement**”).
- 7 By virtue of this Supplement, the RBSG Interim Management Statement shall be incorporated in, and form part of, each of the Base Prospectuses.
- 8 A copy of this Supplement, the Base Prospectuses and all other supplements thereto and all documents incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectuses are accessible on <http://markets.rbs.com/bparchive> or <http://markets.rbs.com/launchpad> and can be obtained, on request, free of charge, by writing or telephoning, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group Investor Relations, 280 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4RB, United Kingdom, telephone +44 207 672 1758, e-mail investor.relations@rbs.com.
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- 11 Save as disclosed in any previous supplement to any of the Base Prospectuses or this Supplement, no other significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in the Base Prospectuses (as supplemented at the date hereof) has arisen or has been noted since the publication of the each of the Base Prospectuses.

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Supplementary Prospectus dated 8 April 2013

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- 2 Each of the Base Prospectuses was approved as a base prospectus pursuant to Directive 2003/71/EC (the “**Prospectus Directive**”) by the AFM. This Supplement constitutes a supplemental prospectus to each of the Base Prospectuses for the purposes of Article 5:23 of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*).

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- 6 On 5 April 2013, the Issuer published via the Regulatory News Service of the London Stock Exchange plc (“RNS”) its annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2012 (the “**2012 Audited Annual Report and Accounts of RBS**”).
- 7 On 13 March 2013, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc (“RBSG”) announced a further sale of Direct Line Group (“DLG”) ordinary shares held by RBSG, reducing RBSG’s ownership of DLG below the 50 per cent. level (the “**DLG Share Sale**”). As a result, DLG has ceased to be a principal subsidiary undertaking of RBSG.
- 8 By virtue of this Supplement, the 2012 Audited Annual Report and Accounts of RBS (excluding the sections headed “Financial Review – Risk Factors” on page 7 and “Additional Information – Risk Factors” on pages 323 to 335) shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and form part of, each of the Base Prospectuses.
- 9 The following amendments are made to each of the Base Prospectuses as a result of the publication (and incorporation by reference into each of the Base Prospectuses, by virtue of this Supplement) of the 2012 Audited Annual Report and Accounts of RBS and as a result of the DLG Share Sale:
 - 9.1 the following documents (or sections of documents, as the case may be) shall no longer be incorporated by reference:
 - 9.1.1 the preliminary unaudited annual report and accounts of the Issuer for the year ended 31 December 2012, which were published via RNS on 27 March 2013;
 - 9.1.2 all sections previously incorporated by reference, of the 2010 annual report and accounts of the Issuer, which were published via RNS on 15 April 2011;
 - 9.2 the sub-section entitled “No Significant Change and No Material Adverse Change” in (i) the section entitled “General Information” and (ii) the section entitled “Form of Final Terms” in each of the Base Prospectuses, shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the paragraphs set out in Schedule 1; and
 - 9.3 a new paragraph as set out in Schedule 2 shall be inserted below the paragraph entitled “Assets, owners’ equity and capital ratios” in the sub-section entitled “Recent Developments” under the section entitled “General Information” in each of the Base Prospectuses.
- 10 Following the grant of a direction by the Prudential Regulation Authority, the Issuer is no longer in breach of certain current rules relevant to intra-group exposures, and the sub-section entitled “Large exposure regime” on page 26 of the registration document of the Issuer dated 12 March 2013 shall be deemed to be deleted and no longer to be incorporated by reference into each of the Base Prospectuses.

- 11** A copy of this Supplement, the Base Prospectuses and all other supplements thereto and all documents incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectuses are accessible on <http://markets.rbs.com/bparchive> or <http://markets.rbs.com/launchpad> and can be obtained, on request, free of charge, by writing or telephoning, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group Investor Relations, 280 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4RB, United Kingdom, telephone +44 207 672 1758, e-mail investor.relations@rbs.com.
- 12** If the documents which are incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectuses by virtue of this Supplement themselves incorporate any information or other documents therein, either expressly or implicitly, such information or other documents will not form part of the Base Prospectuses for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive except where such information or other documents are specifically incorporated by reference in, or attached to, each of the Base Prospectuses by virtue of this Supplement.
- 13** To the extent that there is any inconsistency between (a) any statement in this Supplement and (b) any other statement in any Base Prospectus or any previous supplement to any Base Prospectus, the statements referred to in (a) above will prevail.
- 14** Save as disclosed in any previous supplement to any of the Base Prospectuses or this Supplement, no other significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in the Base Prospectuses (as supplemented at the date hereof) has arisen or has been noted since the publication of the each of the Base Prospectuses.

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Schedule 1

No Significant Change and No Material Adverse Change

There has been no significant change in the trading or financial position of the Issuer Group taken as a whole since 31 December 2012 (the end of the last financial period for which audited financial information of the Issuer Group has been published).

There has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the Issuer Group taken as a whole since 31 December 2012 (the date of the last published audited financial information of the Issuer Group).

Schedule 2

Direct Line Group – Further Share Sale

On 13 March 2013, the Group announced a further sale of Direct Line Group (“**DLG**”) ordinary shares held by the Group, reducing the Group’s ownership of DLG below the 50 per cent. level. As a result, DLG has ceased to be a principal subsidiary undertaking of RBSG.

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- 6 On 27 March 2013, the Issuer published via the Regulatory News Service of the London Stock Exchange plc (“RNS”) its preliminary unaudited Annual Results for the year ended 31 December 2012 (the “**2012 Preliminary Annual Results of RBS**”).
- 7 On 27 March 2013, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc (“RBSG”) published via RNS its annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2012 (the “**2012 Annual Report and Accounts of RBSG**”).
- 8 By virtue of this Supplement, the 2012 Preliminary Annual Results of RBS shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and form part of, each of the Base Prospectuses.
- 9 By virtue of this Supplement, the following sections of the 2012 Annual Report and Accounts of RBSG shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and form part of, each of the Base Prospectuses:
 - (i) Independent auditor’s report on page 352;
 - (ii) Consolidated income statement on page 353;
 - (iii) Consolidated statement of comprehensive income on page 354;
 - (iv) Consolidated balance sheet on page 355;
 - (v) Consolidated statement of changes in equity on pages 356 to 358;
 - (vi) Consolidated cash flow statement on page 359;
 - (vii) Accounting policies on pages 360 to 372;
 - (viii) Notes on the consolidated accounts on pages 373 to 474;
 - (ix) Parent company financial statements and notes on pages 475 to 486;
 - (x) Essential reading – Highlights on pages 2 to 3;
 - (xi) Chairman’s statement on pages 10 to 11;
 - (xii) Group Chief Executive’s review on pages 12 to 13;
 - (xiii) Our key targets on page 15;
 - (xiv) Our business and our strategy on pages 16 to 20;

- (xv) Divisional review on pages 21 to 32;
- (xvi) Business review on pages 36 to 293;
- (xvii) Corporate governance on pages 303 to 308;
- (xviii) Letter from the Chair of the Group Performance and Remuneration Committee on pages 320 to 321;
- (xix) Directors' remuneration report on pages 322 to 342;
- (xx) Compliance report on pages 343 to 344;
- (xxi) Report of the Directors on pages 345 to 349;
- (xxii) Statement of directors' responsibilities on page 350;
- (xxiii) Financial Summary on pages 488 to 497;
- (xxiv) Exchange rates on page 498;
- (xxv) Economic and monetary environment on page 499;
- (xxvi) Supervision on page 500;
- (xxvii) Description of property and equipment on page 501;
- (xxviii) Major shareholders on page 501;
- (xxix) Material contracts on pages 501 to 502; and
- (xxx) Glossary of terms on pages 528 to 535.

10 The following amendments are made to each of the Base Prospectuses as a result of the publication (and incorporation by reference into each of the Base Prospectuses, by virtue of this Supplement) of the 2012 Preliminary Annual Results of RBS and the 2012 Annual Report and Accounts of RBSG:

- 10.1 in the section entitled "Summary", the fourth paragraph of the sub-section entitled "Issuer" shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the paragraph set out in Schedule 1;
- 10.2 the following documents (or sections of documents, as the case may be) shall no longer be incorporated by reference:
 - 10.2.1 the unaudited annual results of RBSG for the year ended 31 December 2012, which were published via RNS on 28 February 2013;
 - 10.2.2 the unaudited Interim Results 2012 of the Issuer for the six months ended 30 June 2012, which were published via RNS on 31 August 2012;
 - 10.2.3 all sections previously incorporated by reference, of the 2010 annual report and accounts of RBSG, which were published via RNS on 17 March 2011;
 - 10.2.4 the sub-section entitled "Assets, owners' equity and capital ratios" in the section of the registration document of the Issuer dated 12 March 2013 (the "**Registration Document**") entitled "Description of The Royal Bank of Scotland plc";

- 10.2.5 the sub-section entitled “No Significant Change and No Material Adverse Change” in the section of the Registration Document entitled “General Information”;
- 10.3 two new sub-sections entitled “Recent Developments” and “No Significant Change and No Material Adverse Change”, as set out in Schedule 2, shall be inserted immediately after the sub-section entitled “Listing” in the section of each of the Base Prospectuses entitled “General Information”; and
- 10.4 the sub-section entitled “No Significant Change and No Material Adverse Change” in the section entitled “Form of Final Terms” in each of the Base Prospectuses shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the paragraphs set out in Schedule 3.
- 11** A copy of this Supplement, the Base Prospectuses and all other supplements thereto and all documents incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectuses are accessible on <http://markets.rbs.com/bparchive> or <http://markets.rbs.com/launchpad> and can be obtained, on request, free of charge, by writing or telephoning, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group Investor Relations, 280 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4RB, United Kingdom, telephone +44 207 672 1758, e-mail investor.relations@rbs.com.
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Schedule 1

The Issuer Group had total assets of £1,284 billion and owners' equity of £59 billion as at 31 December 2012. The Issuer Group's capital ratios as at 31 December 2012 were a total capital ratio of 15.4 per cent., a Core Tier 1 capital ratio of 9.5 per cent. and a Tier 1 capital ratio of 11.0 per cent.

Schedule 2

Recent Developments

Assets, Owners' Equity and Capital Ratios

The Group had total assets of £1,312 billion and owners' equity of £68 billion as at 31 December 2012. The Group's capital ratios as at 31 December 2012 were a total capital ratio of 14.5 per cent., a Core Tier 1 capital ratio of 10.3 per cent. and a Tier 1 capital ratio of 12.4 per cent.

The Issuer Group had total assets of £1,284 billion and owners' equity of £59 billion as at 31 December 2012. The Issuer Group's capital ratios as at 31 December 2012 were a total capital ratio of 15.4 per cent., a Core Tier 1 capital ratio of 9.5 per cent. and a Tier 1 capital ratio of 11.0 per cent.

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Schedule 3

No Significant Change and No Material Adverse Change

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LaunchPAD Programme

Supplementary Prospectus dated 19 March 2013

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The Royal Bank of Scotland plc LaunchPAD Programme

- 1** This Supplement dated 19 March 2013 (this **Supplement**) constitutes the thirteenth supplement to the base prospectus dated 25 May 2012 in relation to the Issuer's LaunchPAD Programme for the issuance of Certificates, approved by the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets (*Stichting Autoriteit Financiële Markten*, the **AFM**) on 25 May 2012 (the **Base Prospectus**).
- 2** The Base Prospectus was approved as a base prospectus pursuant to Directive 2003/71/EC (the **Prospectus Directive**) by the AFM. This Supplement constitutes a supplemental prospectus to the Base Prospectus for the purposes of Article 5:23 of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*).
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- 6 The Issuer proposes to amend the Product Conditions and form of Final Terms in relation to Multi-Asset Basket Linked Certificates to accommodate Index Futures as an Underlying. Accordingly, by virtue of this Supplement, the following amendments are made to the Base Prospectus:
- (a) The Product Conditions on pages 587 to 633 of the Base Prospectus shall be deemed deleted in their entirety and replaced with the Product Conditions as set out in Annex A to this supplement; and
 - (b) The form of Final Terms on pages 790 to 797 of the Base Prospectus shall be deemed deleted in their entirety and replaced with the form of Final Terms as set out in Annex B to this supplement.
- 7 A copy of this Supplement, the Base Prospectus and all other supplements thereto and all documents incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus are accessible on <http://markets.rbs.com/bparchive> or <http://markets.rbs.com/launchpad> and can be obtained from the registered office of the Issuer at 36 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YB, United Kingdom, telephone +44 131 523 3636 or e-mail investor.relations@rbs.com.
- 8 To the extent that there is any inconsistency between (a) any statement in this Supplement or any statement incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus by virtue of this Supplement and (b) any other statement in or incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus, the statements referred to in (a) above will prevail.
- 9 Save as disclosed in this Supplement, no other significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in the Base Prospectus (as supplemented at the date hereof) has arisen or been noted since the publication of the Base Prospectus.

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Annex A

CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS RELATING TO MULTI-ASSET BASKET LINKED CERTIFICATES

The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Additional Fund Events**” means those events specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Additional Market Disruption Events**” means those events specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and/or The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, 8022 Zurich, Switzerland (the “**Swiss Agent**”), acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Basket**” means the basket specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Basket Constituent**” means each Certificate, Commodity, FX Rate, Index Future, Share, Fund (including, where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, the Reference Asset) or Index, as the case may be, specified as such in the definition of Basket in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and “**Basket Constituents**” means each or all of the Certificates, Commodities, FX Rates, Index Futures, Shares, Funds (including, where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, the Reference Asset) and Indices as the case may be;

“**Basket Constituent Currency**” means, in relation to each Basket Constituent in the applicable Final Terms, the currency specified as such in the definition of the Basket in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Basket Return**” means an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Business Day” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“Cash Amount” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“Certificate” means each certificate specified as such in the definition of the Basket in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“Certificate Final Reference Price” (“**CertFRP**”) means in respect of each Certificate, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Certificate Reference Price on the Valuation Date;

“Certificate Initial Reference Price” (“**CertIRP**”) means, in respect of each Certificate, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Certificate Reference Price on the Pricing Date;

“Certificate Reference Price” means in respect of each Certificate, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, equal to the price of the Certificate at the Valuation Time on a Trading Day, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Certificate on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Certificate on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“Certificate Return” means an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Clearing Agent” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a **“Clearing Agent”** and together the **“Clearing Agents”**);

“Commodity” means each commodity specified as such in the definition of the Basket in the relevant

Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“Commodity Final Reference Price” (“CFRP”) means in respect of each Commodity, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Commodity Reference Price on the Valuation Date;

“Commodity Index” means the commodity index (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“Commodity Initial Reference Price” (“CIRP”) means, in respect of each Commodity, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Commodity Reference Price on the Pricing Date;

“Commodity Reference Price” means in respect of each Commodity, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, equal to the price of the Commodity at the Valuation Time on a Trading Day, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Commodity on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Commodity on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“Commodity Return” means an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Coupon” means an interest coupon attached to each Security (if in definitive form) (if any) representing an entitlement in respect of an Interest Amount;

“Early Termination Amount” means the amount or amounts (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

“Early Termination Date” means the date or dates (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or if, in respect of any Basket Constituent, any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, either:

- (i) a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the applicable Early Termination Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless

the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been an Early Termination Date. In that case (A) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Early Termination Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (B) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall determine the Early Termination Amount having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Basket Constituent and such other factors as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines to be relevant; or

- (ii) a Fund Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the provisions of Product Condition 4(k) shall apply and the Early Termination Date shall be adjusted accordingly;

“Early Termination Event” means the event or events (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf;

“Emerging Market Disruption Event” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into

such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or

- (iv) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“Entitlement” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Exchange” means, (i) with respect to each Certificate, Commodity, Fund which is an exchange traded fund, Index Future or Share, the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of Basket in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to such exchange or quotation system, (ii) with respect to an Index which is not a Commodity Index,, each exchange or quotation system from which the Index Sponsor takes the prices

of the shares or other securities that comprise the Index (the “**Index Shares**”) to compute the Index or any successor to that exchange or quotation system or (iii) with respect to a Commodity Index, the exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system in which trading of the futures or options contracts in the Index or its components principally occurs or the exchange or quotation system where trading has a material effect on the overall market for futures or options contracts relating to the Index or its components, in each case as determined by the Issuer, acting in good faith;

“**Exchange Rate**” means each prevailing rate of exchange between each Basket Constituent Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise**” means a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Exercisable Certificates**” means, if “Exercisable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be exercisable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“**Exercise Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction, exercise or redemption charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties, arising in connection with (i) the exercise or redemption, as the case may be, of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or redemption, as the case may be, or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Fund**” means each fund (including exchange traded funds) specified as such in the definition of Basket in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Fund Administrator**” means, in respect of the Fund, the fund administrator, manager, trustee or similar person with the primary administrative responsibilities for such Fund according to the Fund Documents;

“**Fund Adviser**” means, in respect of any Fund, any person appointed in the role of discretionary investment manager or non-discretionary investment adviser (including a non-discretionary investment adviser to a discretionary investment manager or to another non-discretionary investment adviser) for such Fund;

“Fund Documents” means, with respect to any Fund or Reference Asset, the constitutive and governing documents, subscription agreements and other agreements of the related Fund or Reference Asset specifying the terms and conditions relating to such Fund or Reference Asset and which shall include any Hedging Agreement, each as amended from time to time;

“Fund Event” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4(j), any Potential Fund Event and any Additional Fund Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Fund Final Reference Price” (“FFRP”) means in respect of each Fund, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Fund Reference Price on the Valuation Date;

“Fund Initial Reference Price” (“FIRP”) means, in respect of each Fund, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Fund Reference Price on the Pricing Date;

“Fund Prospectus” means the disclosure document howsoever described prepared in connection with the marketing of the Fund and, in relation to any Replacement Fund, means the disclosure document howsoever described prepared in connection with the marketing of the Replacement Fund and that, as at the Inclusion Date, was the most recent version thereof, each as amended from time to time;

“Fund Reference Price” means in respect of each Fund, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the NAV of such Fund as quoted by the fund manager or, where such Fund is an exchange traded fund, the trading price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange, in each case at the Valuation Time on a Trading Day, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction, or (if in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price or NAV(as the case may be) can be determined and no Emerging Market Disruption Event or Fund Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its estimate of the NAV of such Fund or, where such Fund is an exchange traded fund, the trading price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange, in each case having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported NAV of such Fund or, where such Fund is an exchange traded fund, the last reported trading price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“Fund Return” means an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Fund Service Provider” means, in respect of any Fund, any person who is appointed to provide

services, directly or indirectly, for that Fund, whether or not specified in the Fund Documents or the Fund Prospectus, including but not limited to any Fund Adviser, Fund Administrator, operator, management company, depository, custodian, sub-custodian, prime broker, trustee, registrar and transfer agent or domiciliary agent;

“FX Rate” means each rate specified as such in the definition of the Basket in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to the Screen Page (if any) or to such other sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time, subject to Product Condition 4;

“FX Rate Final Reference Price” (“FXFRP”) means in respect of each FX Rate, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the FX Rate Reference Price on the Valuation Date;

“FX Rate Initial Reference Price” (“FXIRP”) means, in respect of each FX Rate, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the FX Rate Reference Price on the Pricing Date;

“FX Rate Reference Price” means in respect of each FX Rate, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, equal to the FX Rate at the Valuation Time on a Trading Day, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such rate can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the FX Rate on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported FX Rate and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“FX Rate Return” means an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Governmental Authority” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“Hedging Agreement” means any agreement, whether by way of side letter or otherwise, in respect of any hedging arrangement entered into between: (a) the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider; and (b) the Fund, the Fund Adviser, any other Fund Service Provider or the directors of the Fund;

“Inclusion Date” means (i) in respect of the Fund, the Issue Date and (ii) in respect of any

Replacement Fund, means the Substitution Date of that Fund;

“**Index**” means each index or Commodity Index specified as such in the definition of the Basket in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Index Final Reference Price**” (“**IFRP**”) means in respect of each Index, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Index Reference Price on the Valuation Date;

“**Index Initial Reference Price**” (“**IIRP**”) means, in respect of each Index, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Index Reference Price on the Pricing Date;

“**Index Reference Price**” means in respect of each Index, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the level of the Index at the Valuation Time on a Trading Day, as determined by the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such level can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) a level determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the official closing level of the Index on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price(s) of (a) the Index Shares (in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index) or (b) the components of the Index (in respect of a Commodity Index) and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“**Index Return**” means an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Index Future**” means each index future specified as such in the definition of the Basket in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Index Future Final Reference Price**” (“**IFFRP**”) means, in respect of each Index Future, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Index Future Reference Price on the Valuation Date;

“**Index Future Initial Reference Price**” (“**IFIRP**”) means, in respect of each Index Future, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Index Future Reference Price on the Pricing Date;

“**Index Future Price**” means in respect of each Index Future, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the current price of the Index Future. For the avoidance of any doubt, this shall not be the futures contract value but the futures contract value divided by the applicable contract factor (the value of 1.0 future’s point) specified on the applicable Bloomberg page referred to in the definition of the Basket, and if no such page reference

exists, such other page reference as the Calculation Agent determines;

“Index Future Reference Price” means, in respect of each Index Future, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the Index Future Price quoted on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on a Trading Day as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the closing Index Future Price on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported Index Future Price on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Index Future Return” means an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Index Sponsor” means the corporation or other entity that (i) is responsible for setting and reviewing the rules and procedures and the methods of calculation and adjustments, if any, related to the relevant Index and/or (ii) announces (directly or through an agent) the level of the relevant Index on a regular basis during each Trading Day and references to Index Sponsor shall include any successor index sponsor pursuant to Product Condition 4;

“Interest Amount” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Interest Payment Dates” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Interest Period” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period commencing on (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Interest Payment Date;

“Interest Rate” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, the rate specified as such, or determined in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Interest Rate Day Count Fraction” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the

definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, that interest shall be calculated on the basis specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms; **“Issue Date”** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“Issuer” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“Issuer Call” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3(b);

“Issuer Call Cash Amount” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the amount specified, or determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of Issuer Call Cash Amount for the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Issuer Call Cash Amount payable to a Holder shall be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“Issuer Call Commencement Date” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Issuer Call Date” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if no such date is specified, the date specified as such in the notice delivered by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3 and, if such day is not a Trading Day, means the first succeeding Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf either:

- (i) a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day with respect to any Basket Constituent in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Issuer or Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Issuer or Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is a Market Disruption Event, occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (A) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (B) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall determine the Issuer Call Cash Amount having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Basket Constituent or, where the Basket Constituent is an exchange traded fund,

the last reported trading price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent deems relevant; or

- (ii) a Fund Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the provisions of Product Condition 4(k) shall apply and the Issuer Call Date shall be adjusted accordingly;

“Issuer Call Notice Period” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Launch Date” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“Market Disruption Event” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“Merger Event” means, in respect of any relevant shares, units or interests issued by a Relevant Party, any (i) reclassification or change of such shares, units or interests that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all of such shares, units or interests outstanding to another entity or person, (ii) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of such Relevant Party with or into another entity or person (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Relevant Party is the continuing entity and which does not result in a reclassification or change of all of such shares, units or interests outstanding), (iii) takeover offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person to purchase or otherwise obtain 100 per cent. of the outstanding shares, units or interests of such Relevant Party that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all such shares, units or interests (other than such shares, units or interests owned or controlled by such other entity or person), or (iv) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of the Relevant Party or its subsidiaries with or into another entity in which the Relevant Party is the continuing entity and which does not result in a reclassification or change of all such shares, units or interests outstanding but results in the outstanding shares, units or interests (other than shares, units or interests owned or controlled by such other entity) immediately prior to such event collectively representing less than 50 per cent. of the outstanding shares, units or interests immediately following such event;

“NAV” means net asset value;

“Payment Day” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System is open;

“Portfolio Guidelines” means the investment guidelines and restrictions specified in respect of a Fund and as set out in the relevant Fund Prospectus and/or the relevant Fund Documents;

“Potential Fund Event” means any event or circumstance which would or may (with the expiry of a grace period, the giving of notice, the making of any determination or any combination of any of the foregoing), in the determination of the Calculation Agent, constitute or cause a Fund Event or where the Calculation Agent reasonably believes in good faith that a Fund Event may have occurred but does not at that time have evidence thereof;

“Pricing Date” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf if, in adverse market conditions, in the opinion of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, the circumstances so require;

“Redeemable Certificates” means, if “Redeemable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be redeemable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Redemption Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Reference Asset” means the relevant interests in each Fund or if the Fund is an exchange traded fund the relevant interests specified as “Reference Assets” in the definition of Basket in the applicable Final Terms;

“Related Exchange” means in respect of each Certificate, Commodity, Share, Index Future or Index, an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the relevant Certificate, Commodity, Share, Index Future or Index are traded;

“Relevant Currency” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“Relevant Currency Exchange Rate” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“Relevant Number of Trading Days” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Relevant Party” means each of the Fund and the Fund Adviser;

“Replacement Fund” means, in relation to a Fund, the fund selected by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf to replace that Fund in accordance with clause 4(k)(B). Such Replacement Fund will have a similar risk profile as the Fund replaced, as determined by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf.

“Screen Page” means each page specified as such in the definition of the Basket in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to any such page which contains the same information, or any other such page reference as the Calculation Agent determines and **“Screen Pages”** shall be construed accordingly;

“Securities” means each Series of multi-asset basket linked certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms which may either be Exercisable Certificates or Redeemable Certificates and each such certificate a **“Security”**. References to the terms **“Securities”** and **“Security”** shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“Series” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“Settlement Currency” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Settlement Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Share” means each share specified as such in the definition of Basket in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“Share Company” means for each Share, the share company specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“Share Final Reference Price” (**“SFRP”**) means in respect of each Share, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Share Reference Price on the Valuation Date;

“Share Initial Reference Price” (“SIRP”) means, in respect of each Share, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Share Reference Price on the Pricing Date;

“Share Reference Price” means in respect of each Share, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the price determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Share on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of such Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Share Return” means an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Standard Currency” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“Substitution Date” means, in relation to a Fund, the date selected by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf for the replacement of the Fund by a Replacement Fund.

“Trading Day” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, (i) with respect to each Certificate, Commodity, Fund that is an exchange traded fund, Index Future or Share, any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event or Fund Event, as applicable, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time, (ii) with respect to a Fund, any day (or, but for the occurrence of a Fund Event, would have been a day) on which trading in the Fund can take place, (iii) with respect to an Index, any day on which the Index Sponsor should calculate and publish the closing level of the Index according to its rules and (v) with respect to an FX Rate, any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the principal financial centre of the Settlement Currency;

“Valuation Date” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, either

- (i) a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day with respect to any Basket Constituent, in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is no Market Disruption Event unless the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (b) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall determine the price, level or NAV, as applicable, having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Basket Constituent and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; or
- (ii) a Fund Event has occurred on that day in which case the provisions of Product Condition 4(k) shall apply and the Valuation Date shall be adjusted accordingly;

“Valuation Time” means (i) with respect to each Commodity and FX Rate at or around the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, (ii) in respect of (x) the AEX-index, the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the exchange delivery settlement price (the average of the prices of the AEX-index calculated at one minute intervals between 15.30 and 16.00 Amsterdam time) or (y) any other Index, the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the closing level of the Index or in relation to (x) and (y) at such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, (iii) with respect to each Certificate, Index Future or Share, the official close of trading on the relevant Exchange, (iv) with respect to each Fund (other than those Funds which are exchange traded funds) the time with reference to which the fund manager publishes the NAV or value and (v) with respect to Funds which are exchange traded funds the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant series in the applicable Final Terms. All unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, such other time as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; and

“Weight” means, for each Basket Constituent, the percentage specified as such in the definition of Basket of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

2. FORM

(a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depository for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

(b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

If CREST is specified as the Clearing Agent in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will be cleared through CREST. Such Securities will be registered securities in dematerialised and uncertificated form, and will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “**Regulations**”).

Securities cleared through CREST may be transferred in accordance with the Regulations and the rules, procedures and practices of the relevant Operator (as defined below). No transfer of such Securities will be valid unless and until entered on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in and in accordance with, the Regulations).

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator and the Regulations. Subject to this requirement, (i) each person who is for the time being shown in the Register as the holder of such Securities shall be treated by the Issuer and the Registrar as the holder of such Securities for all purposes and (ii) neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be liable in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done by it or on its behalf in reliance upon the assumption that the particulars entered in the Register which the Registrar maintains are in accordance with particulars entered in the Operator register of corporate securities relating to such Securities (and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

Any reference to the “**Operator**” (as such term is used in the Regulations) shall be to CREST and shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any such additional or alternative Operator approved by the Issuer from time to time in accordance with the Regulations and notified to the relevant Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase indicating that they are obliged to or will carry out any role or obligation described in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, is given without any assumption by the Issuer, the relevant Registrar or the Calculation Agent of responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised

Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Early Termination Event has occurred and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call, Securities which are Exercisable Certificates will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.
- (b) Issuer Call. If “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may terminate, subject to a valid Exercise or Early Termination Event (if applicable), the Securities in whole, but not in part, on any Business Day at the Issuer Call Cash Amount by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4 and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.
- (c) Early Termination Event: Upon the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities will terminate automatically and the Issuer will give notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. An Early Termination Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Early Termination Event occurs prior to an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date as the case may be.
- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate upon Exercise, subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date; and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate upon redemption, entitles its Holder to receive from the

Issuer on the Redemption Date, in each case, the Cash Amount. Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate following an Early Termination Event, subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date; and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate an Early Termination Event, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date, in each case, the Early Termination Amount. Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate upon termination pursuant to an Issuer Call, subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date; and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate upon termination pursuant to an Issuer Call, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date, in each case, the Issuer Call Cash Amount.

- (e) Interest Amount. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall bear interest at the Interest Rate. The Interest Amount is calculated by reference to the relevant Interest Period, the Interest Rate and the Interest Rate Day Count Fraction, and is payable on each Interest Payment Date.
- (f) Interest Accrual. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall cease to accrue interest from (and including) (i) exercise (in the case of Exercisable Certificates); or (ii) redemption (in the case of Redeemable Certificates). No interest shall accrue after the Exercise Date, the Redemption Date, the Issuer Call Date in respect of an Issuer Call or after the Early Termination Date in respect of which an Early Termination Event occurs, as the case may be, in the event that payment of any amount is postponed due to a Market Disruption Event or a Fund Event.
- (g) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (h) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount, Early Termination Amount or Interest Amount, if applicable.
- (i) Notice. All payments in relation to Securities which are Exercisable Certificates shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through

CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount or Early Termination Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
- (vi) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

- (vii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (j) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, in either case reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar of its holding of such Securities.
- (k) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount (if any) for each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate with respect to which a Notice has been delivered, to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date; or (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, to the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar into which the Cash Amount is to be credited for value on the Redemption Date.
- (l) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is not delivered to the Registrar, in each case as provided in the Conditions shall be void.

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, at the time such correction is delivered to the Registrar as provided in the Conditions.

Any Security with respect to which a Notice has not been duly completed and delivered in the manner set out above by the time specified in Product Condition 3 shall become void.

The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (m) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable

with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.

- (n) Exercise and Settlement or Redemption Risk. Exercise and settlement or redemption, as the case may be, of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (o) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (p) Presentation and Surrender. Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) Market Disruption in relation to a Commodity. The Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has

occurred.

In this Product Condition 4(a), a “**Market Disruption Event**” means:

- (i) Price Source Disruption. The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the price for the Commodity (or the information necessary for determining such price), or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price by the Exchange; or
- (ii) Trading Suspension. The material suspension of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange; or
- (iii) Disappearance of Price. The failure of trading to commence, or the permanent discontinuation of trading of the Commodity on the Exchange; or
- (iv) Material Change in nature of or pricing method. The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the basis for (including but not limited to the quantity, quality or currency), or method of calculating the price of the Commodity; or
- (v) Material Change in Content. The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the content, composition of the Commodity; or
- (vi) De Minimis Trading. The number of contracts traded on the Exchange with respect to the Commodity is such that the Issuer declares that its ability to enter into hedging transactions with respect to the Commodity has been impaired due to a lack of, or, a material reduction in, trading in the Commodity on the Exchange; or
- (vii) Tax Disruption. The imposition of, change in, or removal of an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, the Commodity (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Issue Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the price of the Commodity on the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be, and/or on each of the three Trading Days following the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be, from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; or
- (viii) Trading Limitation. The material limitation imposed on trading in the Commodity with respect to it or any contract with respect thereto on any exchange or principal trading market; or
- (ix) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.

- (b) Market Disruption in relation to an FX Rate. The Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

In this Product Condition 4(b), a “**Market Disruption Event**” means:

- (i) Price Source Disruption. If it becomes impossible to obtain any one or more FX Rates on the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be; or
- (ii) Governmental Default. If with respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (i) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (ii) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (iii) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iii) Inconvertibility/non-transferrability. The occurrence of any event which (i) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in any one or more FX Rates through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of a Basket Constituent Currency or (ii) generally makes it impossible to deliver a Basket Constituent Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of that Basket Constituent Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Settlement Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (iv) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalization

or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates), of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of a Basket Constituent Currency; or

- (v) Illiquidity. Any impossibility in obtaining a firm quote for any one or more FX Rates or the Settlement Currency for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vi) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of a Basket Constituent Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of that Basket Constituent Currency; or
- (vii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of a Basket Constituent Currency; or
- (viii) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of a Basket Constituent Currency; or
- (ix) Other Events. Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.

For this purpose a “**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of the Settlement Currency.

- (c) Market Disruption in relation to a Certificate and a Share. The Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

In this Product Condition 4(c), “**Market Disruption Event**” means:

- (1) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding

limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):

- (A) in the Shares or Certificates, as applicable, on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed; or
 - (B) in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Shares or Certificates, as applicable, on any Related Exchange if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material; or
- (2) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located.

For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (d) Market Disruption in relation to an Index Future. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

In this Product Condition 4(d), a Market Disruption Event means:

- (i) Price Source Disruption. The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the Index Future Price (or the information necessary for determining such price), or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price by the Exchange on a Valuation Date; or
- (ii) Trading Suspension. The material suspension of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange; or
- (iii) Disappearance of Price. The failure of trading to commence, or the permanent discontinuation of trading of the Index Future on the Exchange; or
- (iv) Material Change in Formula. The occurrence, since the Pricing Date, of a material change in the basis for (including but not limited to the quantity, quality or currency), or method of, calculating the Index Future Price; or

- (v) **Material Change in Content.** The occurrence, since the Pricing Date, of a material change in the content or composition of the Index Future Price; or
 - (vi) **De Minimis Trading.** The number of contracts traded on the Exchange with respect to the Index Future is such that the Issuer declares that its ability to enter into hedging transactions with respect to the Index Future has been impaired due to a lack of, or a material reduction in, trading in the Index Future on the Exchange; or
 - (vii) **Tax Disruption.** The imposition of, change in, or removal of, an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, the Index Future (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Pricing Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the Index Future Price on a Valuation Date and/or on each of the three Trading Days following a Valuation Date from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; or
 - (viii) **Trading Limitation.** The material limitation imposed on trading in the Index Future with respect to it or any contract with respect to it on any exchange or principal trading market; or
 - (ix) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or Related Exchange is located; or
 - (x) **Other Events.** Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.
- (e) **Market Disruption in relation to an Index.** The Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

In this Product Condition 4(e), in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, “**Market Disruption Event**” means (i) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which any Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or (ii) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any

Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):

- (1) on any Exchange(s) in securities that comprise 20 per cent or more of the level of the relevant Index if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material. For the purpose of determining whether such suspension or limitation is material, if trading in a security included in the Index is suspended or materially limited at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security to the level of the Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that security relative to (y) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately before that suspension or limitation; or
- (2) on any Related Exchange in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the relevant Index. In any event, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the relevant exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the relevant exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

In this Product Condition 4(e), In respect of a Commodity Index, “**Market Disruption Event**” means, in relation to the Commodity Index or its components:

- (i) **Price Source Disruption.** The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the price of the Commodity Index or any of its components (or the information necessary for determining such price(s)) or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price(s) by the Exchange; or
- (ii) **Trading Suspension.** The material suspension of trading on the Exchange; or
- (iii) **Disappearance of Price.** The permanent discontinuation of trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Exchange, disappearance of, or of trading in, the Commodity Index or any of its components or the disappearance or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of a reference price, notwithstanding the availability of the

related price source or the status of trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components;

- (iv) **Material Change in Formula.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the basis for (including but not limited to the quantity, quality or currency), or method of, calculating the price of a component of the Commodity Index; or
- (v) **Material Change in Content.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the content or composition of a Commodity Index or any of its components; or
- (vi) **De Minimis Trading.** The number of contracts traded on the Exchange with respect to a Commodity Index or any of its components is such that the Issuer declares that its ability to enter into hedging transactions with respect to the Commodity Index or any of its components has been impaired due to a lack of, or a material reduction in, trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Exchange; or
- (vii) **Tax Disruption.** The imposition of, change in, or removal of, an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, a Commodity Index or any of its components (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Issue Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the price of the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be, and/or on each of the three Trading Days following the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be, from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; or
- (viii) **Trading Limitation.** The material limitation imposed on trading in a Commodity Index or any of its components on

any exchange or principal trading market; or

(ix) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange is located; or

(x) **Other Events.** Any other event similar to any of the above which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.

(f) Potential Adjustment Events in relation to a Share. Following a declaration by the Share Company of the terms of any Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent will determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Share and, if so, will:

(1) make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any one or more of the Conditions as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect; and

(2) determine the effective date of that adjustment.

The Calculation Agent may, but need not, determine the adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of such Potential Adjustment Event made by an options exchange to options on the Shares traded on that options exchange. Upon making any such adjustment, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the adjustment to be made to the Conditions and giving brief details of the Potential Adjustment Event.

“**Potential Adjustment Event**” means any of the following: (A) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Shares (unless a Merger Event) or a free distribution or dividend of such Shares to existing holders of the relevant Shares by way of bonus, capitalisation, recapitalisation or similar issue; (B) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the relevant Shares of (aa) such Shares, or (bb) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the Share Company equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of such Shares, or (cc) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (cash or other) at less than the prevailing market price as determined by the Calculation Agent; (C) an extraordinary dividend; (D) a distribution of cash dividends on the Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (E) a call by the Share Company in respect of relevant Shares that are not fully paid; (F) a repurchase

by the Share Company of relevant Shares whether out of profits or capital and whether the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise; or (G) any other similar event that may have a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares.

(g) De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation and Insolvency. If a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to the Share Company, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (1), (2) or (3) below:

- (1) require the Calculation Agent to determine in its sole and absolute discretion the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any of the other terms of these Conditions to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, and determine the effective date of that adjustment. The Calculation Agent may (but is under no obligation to) determine the appropriate adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency made by any Related Exchange to options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on such Related Exchange; or
- (2) cancel the Securities by giving notice to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. If the Securities are to be cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each Security held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a Security (taking into account the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be)) on the day selected for cancellation as shall be selected by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion adjusted to account fully for any losses, expenses and costs to the Issuer and/or any affiliate of the Issuer of unwinding or adjusting any underlying or related hedging arrangements (including but not limited to any equity options or selling or otherwise realising any Shares or other instruments of any type whatsoever which the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates may hold as part of such hedging arrangements), all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; or
- (3) following any adjustment to the settlement of terms of options contracts or futures contracts or any other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on any Related Exchange, require the Calculation Agent to make a

corresponding adjustment to any of the other terms of these Conditions, which adjustment will be effective as of the date determined by the Calculation Agent to be the effective date of the corresponding adjustment made by the Related Exchange. If options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are not traded on the Related Exchange, the Calculation Agent will make such adjustment, if any, to any of the other terms of these Conditions as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines appropriate, with reference to the rules and precedents (if any) set by the Related Exchange to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) that in the determination of the Calculation Agent would have given rise to an adjustment by the Related Exchange if such options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts were so traded.

Upon the occurrence of a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the occurrence of such De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto.

“De-listing” (in this Product Condition 4(g) only) means a Share for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Share is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

“Merger Date” means the closing date of a Merger Event or, where a closing date cannot be determined under the local law applicable to such Merger Event, such other date as determined by the Calculation Agent.

“Merger Event” (in this Product Condition 4(g) only) means any (i) reclassification or change to the Shares that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all or a majority of the outstanding Shares; (ii) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of a Share Company with or into another entity (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Share Company is the continuing entity and which does not result in any such reclassification or change to all the outstanding Shares); or (iii) take-over offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person to purchase or otherwise obtain 100 per cent. of the outstanding Shares that

results in a transfer of, or an irrevocable commitment to transfer a majority of the voting power of the Share Company to the offeror, in each case if the Merger Date is on or before the Determination Date.

“**Nationalisation**” means that all the Shares of a Share Company or all the assets or substantially all the assets of a Share Company are nationalised, expropriated or are otherwise required to be transferred to any governmental agency, authority or entity.

“**Insolvency**” means that by reason of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, bankruptcy or insolvency of or any analogous proceeding affecting a Share Company (1) all the Shares are required to be transferred to a receiver, trustee, liquidator or other similar official or (2) holders of the Shares of that Share Company become legally prohibited from transferring them.

(h) Potential Adjustment Events in relation to an Index. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made by it pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2), (3) or (4) below.

(1) If any Index is (A) not calculated and announced by the Index Sponsor but is calculated and published by a successor to the Index Sponsor (the “**Successor Sponsor**”) acceptable to the Calculation Agent; or (B) replaced by a successor index using, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of the relevant Index, then (in either case) the relevant Index will be deemed to be the index so calculated and announced by such Successor Sponsor or that successor index, as the case may be.

(2) If (A) on or prior to the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be, the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor makes a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating any Index or in any other way materially modifies an Index (other than a modification prescribed in that formula or method to maintain the Index in the event of changes in constituent securities or components, as the case may be, and other routine events); or (B) on or prior to the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be, the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor fails to calculate and/or publish any Index; then (in either case) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Index Final Reference Price using, in lieu of a published level for the relevant Index on the Valuation Date, the level for the relevant Index as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the relevant Index last

in effect prior to the change or failure, but using only those (a) in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, securities that comprised the relevant Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those securities that have since ceased to be listed on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed); or (b) in respect of a Commodity Index, commodity components that comprised the Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those components that have since ceased to be traded on the Exchange or any other exchange) or, in the case of a material modification of the Index only, shall deem such modified Index to be the Index so calculated and announced or shall (if so required by the Issuer), by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4, terminate the Securities and pay to each Holder in respect of each Security held by such Holder an amount equal to the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such material modification of the Index less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements (as determined by the Issuer).

- (3) If, at any time, any of the events specified in (A) to (H) below occurs and the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor has not in the opinion of the Calculation Agent made an appropriate adjustment to the level of the relevant Index (which term excludes, for these purposes of this paragraph (iii), any Commodity Index) in order to account fully for such event, notwithstanding that the rules published or applied by the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor pertaining to the Index have been applied, the Calculation Agent shall make such adjustment to the level of the relevant Index as it considers appropriate in order so to account for: (A) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the Index Shares (i) the Index Shares; or (ii) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the issuer of the Index Shares equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of Index Shares or (iii) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (in cash or otherwise) at less than the prevailing market price; (B) a free distribution or dividend of any Index Shares to existing holders of the Index Shares by way of bonus, capitalisation or similar issue; (C) an extraordinary dividend; (D) any cash dividends declared on the Index Shares at a time when the relevant issuer of the Index Shares has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Index Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (E) any non-cash dividends declared on the Index Shares at a time when the relevant issuer of the Index Shares has not

previously declared or paid dividends on such Index Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (F) any other extraordinary cash or non-cash dividend on, or distribution with respect to, the Index Shares which is, by its terms or declared intent, declared and paid outside the normal operations or normal dividend procedures of the relevant issuer of the Index Shares, provided that, in all cases, the related ex-dividend date occurs during the period from but including the Issue Date up to and excluding the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be; (G) a distribution of cash dividends on the Index Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Index Shares; and (H) any other similar event having a dilutive or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Index Shares.

(4) The Issuer reserves the right to issue further Securities, make adjustments or to distribute to the Holders any rights in connection with the Securities as it reasonably believes are appropriate in circumstances where an event or events occur which the Issuer (in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any adjustments previously made to the Securities) believes should, in the context of the issue of Securities and its obligations hereunder, give rise to such adjustment or distribution, provided that such adjustment is considered by the Calculation Agent either to be appropriate generally (without considering the individual circumstances of any Holder or the tax or other consequences of such adjustment in any particular jurisdiction) or to be required to take account of provisions of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction or the practices of the Exchange. The Issuer, in any event, reserves the right to in its absolute discretion terminate Securities linked to any Proprietary Index by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4, in the event that the relevant Index Sponsor terminates, cancels or suspends, as the case may be, any such Proprietary Index.

(i) Adjustments to the Basket

If a De-Listing occurs with respect to a Fund, Certificate or a Share, as applicable or a Fund, Certificate or Share, as applicable is for any reason cancelled or ceases to exist, the Calculation Agent may determine in its sole discretion to either (A) replace the de-listed or cancelled Fund, Certificate or Share, as applicable by a successor fund, certificate or share, as applicable which has in the determination of the Calculation Agent the same or substantially similar structure and a substantially similar economic impact, and is linked to the same asset as such Fund, Certificate or Share, as applicable (B) remove the de-listed or cancelled Fund, Certificate or Share, as

applicable and allocate the Fund Final Reference, Certificate Final Reference Price or Share Final Reference Price, as applicable of such Fund, Certificate or Share, as applicable as of the effective date of the de-listing or cancellation, pro rata to the remaining Funds, Certificates or Shares, as applicable or (C) make such other adjustments to the Conditions as the Calculation Agent sees fit, acting in its absolute discretion.

The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made pursuant to the foregoing paragraph.

“**De-listing**” means, for the purpose of the foregoing paragraph, a Basket Constituent for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange or any other exchanges on which they are listed (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and they are not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

(j) Fund Events.

Each of the following events constitutes a “**Fund Event**”. The Fund Events are for the benefit of the Issuer in order that the Issuer is protected against any adverse effects of such Fund Events on its Hedge Position. The Issuer, or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, shall make all determinations in respect of such Fund Events including as to whether such Fund Event has occurred and the effective date of such occurrence. In order to constitute a Fund Event, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf must conclude that the event in question either has resulted or is reasonably likely to result in an adverse effect on the value of the Reference Assets or the NAV of the Fund or on the rights of any investor therein with respect to the Reference Assets or the Fund or otherwise has materially adversely affected its Hedge Position.

(A) Global Events:

- (1) Any of: (a) the investment strategy and/or the investment objective of the Fund has changed so that it is materially different from that applicable at its Inclusion Date or (b) a material change has been made to the underlying nature, strategy or risk of the Fund’s portfolio from that which prevailed at its Inclusion Date and that is over and above that expected by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf as of the Inclusion Date with respect to the trading strategies

employed by the Fund as of that date or (c) the operation or organisation of the Fund or the Fund Adviser (including, without limitation, its organisational structure and its procedures, processes or policies in respect of investment selection, due diligence, asset allocation, risk management or investment monitoring) has changed from that at the Inclusion Date or are other than as represented at such Inclusion Date or (d) any such procedures, processes or policies as are referred to in (c) above are either not being applied or are not being applied consistently with their application on the Inclusion Date or (e) an event or change affecting any of the structure, ownership, management or reputation or liquidity of the Fund or the Reference Assets and/or any other units in the capital of the Fund and/or any Fund Service Provider occurs or (f) any other amendments, changes, modifications or variations are made after the Inclusion Date to any of the Fund Documents, the Fund Prospectus or the Portfolio Guidelines.

- (2) (a) the Fund is not being managed in accordance with the Fund Documents and/or the Fund Prospectus as they prevailed on the Inclusion Date, and no action satisfactory to the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf has been taken by the Fund or any person on its behalf with a view towards correcting such breach within five calendar days from the date on which the Fund was notified of the breach, or (b) any event occurs which causes, or will with the passage of time (in the opinion of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf) cause, the failure of the Fund and/or any Fund Service Provider to meet or maintain any obligation or undertaking under the Fund Documents.
- (3) The Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that (a) the obligations of any of the Fund or any Fund Service Provider or the directors of the Fund under any Hedging Agreement do not comprise legal, valid and binding obligations of such person, enforceable in accordance with their terms or (b) any of the Fund or any Fund Service

Provider was acting outside its powers or authority in executing any Hedging Agreement or in making any agreement or undertaking therein. Each of (a) and (b) shall be conclusively presumed to be the case if the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf is advised that such is the case by reputable legal counsel having expertise in such matters.

- (4) The activities of the Fund or any Fund Service Provider and/or any of their respective directors, officers, employees or agents are placed under review or become subject to any investigation, proceeding or litigation by any relevant governmental, legal, administrative or regulatory authority or court of competent jurisdiction and/or are subject to any charges or actions by any governmental, legal, administrative or regulatory authority for reasons of wrongdoing, suspected wrongdoing, alleged engagement in fraudulent activities, breach of any rule or regulation or other similar reason and/or the Fund or any Fund Service Provider and/or any of their respective directors, officers, employees or agents have any of their respective registrations, approvals, authorisations, licences or memberships with any administrative or regulatory authorities revoked, suspended, terminated, limited or qualified.
- (5) Written notification is given by the Fund or any Fund Service Provider (or any person acting on behalf thereof) to holders of Reference Assets or to the Fund Administrator of a proposed cessation of operation of the Fund or the Fund or any Fund Service Provider (a) is dissolved or has a resolution passed for its dissolution, winding-up, official liquidation; (b) makes a general assignment or arrangement with or for the benefit of its creditors; (c) (I) institutes or has instituted against it, by a regulator, supervisor or any similar official with primary insolvency, rehabilitative or regulatory jurisdiction over it in the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization or the jurisdiction of its head or home office, a proceeding seeking a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy

or any other relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law or other similar law affecting creditors' rights, or a petition is presented for its winding-up or liquidation by it or such regulator, supervisor or similar official, or (II) has instituted against it a proceeding seeking a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or any other relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law or other similar law affecting creditors' rights, or a petition is presented for its winding-up or liquidation, and such proceeding or petition is instituted or presented by a person or entity not described in clause 4(j)(A)(5)(c)(I) above and in the case of this clause 4(j)(A)(5)(c)(II) either (x) results in a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or the entry of an order for relief or the making of an order for its winding-up or liquidation or (y) is not dismissed, discharged, stayed or restrained in each case within fifteen days of the institution or presentation thereof; (d) seeks or becomes subject to the appointment of an administrator, provisional liquidator, conservator, receiver, trustee, custodian or other similar official for it or for all or a substantial part of its assets; (e) any security granted by the Fund or any Fund Service Provider over any of its assets is enforced or becomes capable of being enforced or any arrangement which in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf is comparable to security over any such assets (including without limitation any repurchase agreement or prime brokerage arrangement) becomes enforceable or capable of early termination or any derivatives, repurchase agreement, securities lending or other trading or dealing arrangement relating to the assets of the Fund becomes enforceable or capable of early termination by reason of any event of default (howsoever described) relating to the Fund or the relevant Fund Service Provider; or (f) causes or is subject to any event with respect to it which, under the applicable laws of any jurisdiction, has an analogous effect to any of the events specified in clauses 4(j)(A)(5)(a) through 4(j)(A)(5)(f) above.

- (6) The Fund or any Fund Service Provider becomes party to any litigation or dispute.
- (7) Any Merger Event occurs or is threatened.
- (8) The Fund or any Fund Service Provider has experienced or is experiencing a material adverse change in its business, assets, operations or financial condition which adversely impacts its ability to provide services to the Fund and/or the quality of such services.
- (9) In respect of any Reference Assets, any fraudulent or negligent entry is made on the register of such Reference Assets maintained by or on behalf of the Fund or there is a reduction in the number of such Reference Assets held for the account of any investor in the Fund for reasons beyond the control of that investor.
- (10) (a) any change occurs in the legal, tax, accounting or regulatory treatment of (i) the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider by reason of its investment in the Fund or the Reference Assets or (ii) the Fund or any Fund Service Provider, in each case from that which was applicable at the Inclusion Date or (b) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that any of Issuer, its affiliates or any Hedge Provider is or may in the future be unable, or it may be unduly onerous or impractical for any such entity, to perform any obligation (including, without limitation, any regulatory or accounting reporting obligation) imposed on any such entity by the law or regulation of any relevant jurisdiction, any relevant regulatory or administrative body or any court of competent jurisdiction, in each case by reason of its investment in the Fund or the Reference Assets or (c) the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider deems it necessary or appropriate, in order to comply with or remain within (i) any applicable legal and/or regulatory limits on the amounts of Reference Assets that it may hold and/or (ii) any internal exposure limits governing the maximum exposure (direct and indirect) that the Issuer, any relevant affiliate or

the Hedge Provider as the case may be, is permitted to have to the Fund, to redeem all or some of the Reference Assets held by them.

- (11) A cross-contamination or other failure effectively to segregate the portfolio of assets occurs between different series, classes and/or sub-funds in relation to the Fund (if the Fund is part of an umbrella structure with more than one sub-fund).
- (12) A significant market, trading or exchange disruption and/or crisis in the major financial markets occurs.

(B) NAV/Price and Reporting:

- (1) There is (a) a failure to calculate and/or publish the NAV of the Fund on any day on which such calculation or publication was scheduled to be made in accordance with the Fund Documents and/or the Fund Prospectus as they prevailed on the Inclusion Date or (b) a failure to calculate and publish the NAV of the Fund with the frequency set out in the Fund Documents and/or the Fund Prospectus as they prevailed on the Inclusion Date or (c) where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, a failure to publish the trading price of the Reference Assets on the Exchange.
- (2) (a) Any change is made to the methodology used for calculating either the NAV of the Fund or any estimate of the NAV of the Fund from that which prevailed on the Inclusion Date or (b) there is a failure to calculate and deliver any estimate of the NAV of the Fund in accordance with the timing within which such information has previously been provided to the Issuer, the Calculation Agent, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider.
- (3) (a) The time delay between calculation of the NAV (or any estimated NAV) of the Fund and the publication of such NAV (or estimated NAV) is changed so that it is no longer the same as set out in the Fund Prospectus as it prevailed on the Inclusion Date or (b) any other information relating to the Fund that was specified to be published in accordance with

the Fund Documents or the Fund Prospectus as they respectively prevailed on the Inclusion Date is not published in accordance with the timetable there for set out in such documents.

- (4) The audited NAV of the Fund varies by more than 0.50 per cent. from the related NAV previously published by or on behalf of the Fund, or the auditors of the Fund qualify any audit report, or refuse to provide an unqualified audit report, in respect of the Fund, or the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf considers that the unaudited official NAV of the Fund published by or on behalf of the Fund in respect of any date does not reflect the NAV of such Fund as it would have been determined by the independent auditors of that Fund using the generally accepted accounting standards adopted by the Fund.
- (5) (i) In respect of any Reference Asset, the occurrence of any event affecting such Reference Asset that, in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, would make it impossible or impracticable for the Issuer or the Calculation Agent to determine the value of such Reference Asset, and the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that such event will not be, or has not been, resolved within 15 calendar days from the occurrence of such event; (ii) any failure of the Fund, any Fund Service Provider or any director of the Fund to deliver, or cause to be delivered, (A) information that such person has agreed to deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Issuer, the Calculation Agent, any of the Issuer's affiliates or any Hedge Provider in respect of the Fund (including, without limitation, any information required by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent in the execution of its duties and obligations under the Securities or required by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent in order to determine whether any Fund Event has occurred or to make any other determination permitted by it in respect of the Securities) or (B) information that has been previously delivered to the Issuer,

the Calculation Agent, any of the Issuer's affiliates or any Hedge Provider, in accordance with such person's, or its authorised representative's, normal practice and that the Issuer or the Calculation Agent deems necessary for it to perform its duties and obligations under the Securities or that the Issuer or the Calculation Agent deems is required by it in order to determine whether any Fund Event has occurred or to make any other determination permitted by it in respect of the Securities (including, in either case, monitoring the Fund's compliance with any Portfolio Guidelines, asset allocation methodologies, the occurrence of any Fund Event or any other similar policies relating to such Reference Assets).

(C) Reference Assets:

Any of the following events relating to the Reference Assets occurs:

- (1) a subdivision, reclassification or distribution of Reference Assets which has a diluting or concentrative or other effect on the value (theoretical or otherwise) of the Reference Assets;
- (2) a portion of each Reference Asset is converted (whether by way of redemption and re-issue or otherwise) into new securities participating in the capital of the Fund, which securities are subject to lock-up periods during which they may not be redeemed and which relate to any segregated assets of the Fund, or the Fund creates any other form of "side-pocket" which affects the Reference Assets;
- (3) a (i) dividend (including cash and whether ordinary or extraordinary), (ii) distribution or (iii) issue of Reference Assets, capital, securities, rights or other assets or interests to existing holders of Reference Assets which has or is likely to have an adverse effect on the value (theoretical or otherwise) of the Reference Assets;
- (4) any suspension or limitation on the trading of the relevant currencies in which the Reference Assets are denominated or

any amendment to the currency of denomination of the Reference Assets so that their price is no longer calculated in the same currency as at the Inclusion Date of the Fund; or

(D) Trading and Fees:

- (1) In respect of the Reference Assets, the Fund or any Fund Service Provider increases the level of any redemption fee, subscription fee, management fee, performance fee or a bid/offer spread (or other charge however described) above the level that would have been applicable to any Reference Assets held by any of the Issuer, any affiliate of the Issuer or any Hedge Provider on the Inclusion Date (regardless of whether any such person actually holds any Reference Assets as of such date).
- (2) Any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading of the Fund or on trading in the Reference Assets (for any reason, including, without limitation, by reason of liquidity restrictions) or any dealing request made by any investor or prospective investor in the Fund or the Reference Assets is deferred in whole or in part or is made at a value other than the related NAV or price, as applicable.
- (3) The frequency at which Reference Assets can be traded is amended or the timing for subscription or redemption of Reference Assets is amended, in each case so that it is no longer that specified in the Fund Documents and/or Fund Prospectus as they prevailed on the Inclusion Date, including, without limitation, an amendment to the timetable for payment of redemption proceeds upon redemption.
- (4) If any of the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider redeems Reference Assets or is entitled to any other amount and:
 - (I) does not receive the full proceeds of such redemption or amount in cash in accordance with the timing set out in the Fund Documents or the Fund Prospectus; or

(II) receives any in-kind distribution in full or part satisfaction of the redemption proceeds or such other amount paid or payable to it,

or the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that either (I) or (II) above would be applicable were the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider to redeem Reference Assets or be entitled to actual payment of any such other amount.

(E) Fund Adviser and Fund Service Provider Failures:

- (1) The Fund Adviser indicates or acknowledges that in its opinion the strategy/investment objective of the Fund will not be, or is no longer able to be, met.
- (2) Any representations, covenants or agreements of the Fund Adviser under the investment management agreement or investment advisory agreement (howsoever described) relating to the Fund have been breached and not cured.
- (3) Any of: (a) the resignation, termination of appointment or replacement of the Fund Adviser from its role as such occurs or the resignation, termination of appointment or replacement of any other Fund Service Provider from its role as such occurs with respect to the Fund or (b) any change in the personnel of any Fund Service Provider occurs which the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf considers materially adversely affects the ability of such Fund Service Provider to carry out its duties with respect to the Fund.
- (4) The Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf becomes aware of any failure by the Fund or any person on its behalf to disclose to the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, on or before the Inclusion Date, any information, event or circumstance that was in existence on such date and that would have been necessary to enable the Issuer or the Calculation Agent to make an informed assessment of the assets and liabilities, financial position and prospects of the Fund and of the rights attaching to the Reference Assets.

(F) General: Any other event occurs which the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines is analogous to any of the events specified in sub-paragraphs (A) to (E) above.

(k) Consequences of a Fund Event.

In respect of each Fund Event, following the occurrence of such an event (and regardless of whether or not such event is then continuing) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may take any of following actions (each, a **“Permitted Action”**):

(A) (1) make such adjustments to any variable, calculation methodology, valuation, settlement or payment terms or any other terms and conditions of the Securities as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines appropriate to account for the economic effect on the Securities of such Fund Event and (2) determine the effective date of the relevant adjustments; or

(B) select a Replacement Fund and a Substitution Date. Following any such selection (1) the Replacement Fund shall replace the affected Fund on the Substitution Date, (2) references herein to the name of the affected Fund shall be deemed to be references to the name of the Replacement Fund with effect from the Substitution Date and (3) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may make such adjustment as it determines to be appropriate, if any, to any variable, calculation methodology, valuation, settlement or payment terms or any other terms and conditions in relation to the Securities to reflect such substitution; or

(C) terminate all, but not some only, of the Securities, on the date notified to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 and redeem the Securities at their fair market value immediately prior to such Fund Event less (i) the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging and funding arrangements (as determined by the Issuer); and (ii) the deduction of taxes, expenses and other similar charges; or

(D) make such adjustments to any variable, calculation methodology, valuation, settlement or payment terms or any other terms and conditions of the Securities as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines are necessary to reflect a notional liquidation of

all of the Reference Assets (with the timing of such notional liquidations being the same timing as would be the case on an actual liquidation of Reference Assets at the relevant time) and a notional investment of the liquidation proceeds in either (1) a zero coupon bond, or equivalent, such that, if the proceeds allow, the amount payable at redemption of such zero coupon bond is at least an amount per Security equal to the Issue Price of the Security, (2) an interest bearing deposit bearing interest at prevailing rates that would be offered by the Issuer in respect of such a deposit as determined by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, or (3) commercial paper rated at least A1/P1 or above by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (any transaction costs that would be incurred in respect of an actual such investment may be notionally charged to the Securities) (any of (1), (2) or (3), a "**Suspension Asset**").

Notwithstanding that the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may have previously determined not to take a Permitted Action, or to take one Permitted Action, it shall not be prevented from subsequently or concurrently deciding to adopt an additional or different Permitted Action in respect of the same Fund Event (whether on one or any number of occasions). In such respect, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may make such adjustments to any variable, calculation methodology, valuation, settlement or payment terms or any other terms and conditions of the Securities as it determines appropriate to account for the decision subsequently or concurrently made.

Notwithstanding anything in this sub-paragraph 4(k), neither the Issuer nor the Calculation Agent is under any obligation to determine that a Fund Event has occurred or to take any or all of the Permitted Actions. Any determinations made by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf in respect of any of the Permitted Actions shall, in the absence of manifest error, be binding.

- (l) Fund Event Methodology and Determinations:
 - (A) If, in respect of any determination or calculation hereunder which is made by reference to an official or estimated NAV of a Fund provided or published by or on behalf of the Fund or, where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, the last reported trading price of the

Reference Asset on the Exchange in respect of a particular date, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that such value does not fairly represent the value of the Fund or Reference Asset as of such date, or that no such value is provided or published, then the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may use such other value as it determines as representing a fair NAV or price, as applicable, as of such date or, alternatively, may use a preceding official or estimated value where it believes that such preceding official or estimated value gives a fairer representation than the more recent figure.

- (B) Should the Fund operate equalisation procedures in respect of performance or incentive based fees, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may make such adjustments to these Product Conditions as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines appropriate to account for such equalisation in an equitable manner and, where such equalisation procedures operate by the issuance of different classes of shares in the Fund, then each of the Issuer and the Calculation Agent is permitted to deem any notional subscription or redemption on behalf of the Securities to be in such order and in respect of such classes as appear to it to be equitable and reasonable or to deem the return of such shares to be based on a benchmark or average of the different classes.
- (C) For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding any other Condition, the Issuer and the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall be entitled to make any determination, waiver, declaration or decision with regard to a Fund Event and, without limitation, may make such determination, waiver, declaration or decision by reference to the establishment, operation and/or efficacy (whether actual or anticipated) of any Relevant Hedging Transaction. Neither the Issuer nor the Calculation Agent is under any obligation to monitor or determine whether or not a Fund Event has occurred and will not be required to, and will not be responsible for any failure to, make any determination, waiver, declaration or decision whatsoever in relation to a Fund Event. In making or omitting to make any such determination, waiver, declaration or decision, neither the Issuer nor the Calculation Agent shall be under any fiduciary duty towards the

Holders and, for the avoidance of doubt, neither the Issuer nor the Calculation Agent shall be responsible for any loss, underperformance or opportunity cost suffered or incurred by Holders in connection with the Securities as a result thereof, howsoever arising.

- (m) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

Annex B

MULTI-ASSET BASKET LINKED CERTIFICATES

Series: *Multi-Asset Basket Linked Certificates due []*[Specify other]

Issue Price: []

Additional Fund Events: [None] [Specify other]

Additional Market Disruption Events: [None] [Specify other]

Basket:

[“Basket Constituent”	“Weight”	“Share Company”	“Exchange”	“Basket Constituent Currency”
[specify each Basket Constituent and Bloomberg Code]	[Specify % Weight]	[Specify]	[Specify]	[Specify]
	[Not Applicable]	[Not Applicable]	[Not Applicable]	[Not Applicable]
[first rate]				
Screen Page: [specify]				
[repeat as appropriate for other rates]				
[“FX Rate1”]				
[“FX Rate2”]				
[“FX Rate3”]				
[“FX Rate4”]				
[“FX Rate5”]				
[“FX Rate6”]				
[“Certificate1”]				
[“Certificate2”]				
[“Commodity1”]				
[“Commodity2”]				
[“Commodity3”]				
[“Commodity4”]				
[“[Commodity]Index1”]				
[“[Commodity]Index2”]				
[“[Commodity]Index3”]				
[“[Commodity]Index4”]				

["Index5"]

["Index Future1"] ["Index Future2"] ["Index Future3"]

["Share1"] ["Share2"]

["Share3"]

["Fund1"] ["Fund2"]

["Fund3"] [Where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, include details of the Reference Asset]

Basket Return: [20% x Index Return + 20% x Certificate Return + 20% x Commodity Return + 20% x FX Rate Return + 20% x Fund Return]

[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Business Day: [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]

[Specify other]

Cash Amount: (90% + 100% x Max [0; Basket Return – 0.9] + 100% x Max [0; Basket Return – 1])

[Specify other]

Certificate Final Reference Price (CertFRP): [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]

[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Certificate Initial Reference Price (CertIRP): [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]

[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Certificate Reference Price: [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]

[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Certificate Return: $50\% \times \frac{\text{CertFRP of Commodity1}}{\text{CertIRP of Commodity1}} + 50\% \times \frac{\text{CertFRP of Commodity2}}{\text{CertIRP of Commodity2}}$

[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Commodity Final Reference Price (CFRP): [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]

[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Commodity Initial Reference Price (CIRP): [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]

[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Commodity Reference Price:	[The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] [Specify other] [Not Applicable]
Commodity Return:	$25\% \times \frac{\text{CFRP of Commodity1}}{\text{CIRP of Commodity1}} + 25\% \times \frac{\text{CFRP of Commodity2}}{\text{CIRP of Commodity2}} + 25\% \times \frac{\text{CFRP of Commodity3}}{\text{CIRP of Commodity3}} + 25\% \times \frac{\text{CFRP of Commodity4}}{\text{CIRP of Commodity4}}$
Early Termination Amount:	[Specify other][Not Applicable] <input type="checkbox"/> [Not Applicable]
Early Termination Date:	<input type="checkbox"/> [Not Applicable]
Early Termination Event:	[The Final Reference Price [of the[Certificate] [Commodity] [Fund] [FX Rate] [Index] [Index Future] [Share] Basket Constituent]] on the Early Termination Date is equal to or higher than [its/the] [Certificate] [Commodity] [Fund] [FX Rate] [Index] [Index Future] [Share] Initial Reference Price] [specify other] [Not Applicable]
Emerging Market Disruption Events:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]
Entitlement:	[Specify] [Not Applicable]
Exercise Date:	<input type="checkbox"/> [Not Applicable]
Fund Final Reference Price (FFRP):	[The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] [Specify other] [Not Applicable]
Fund Initial Reference Price (FIRP):	[The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] [Specify other] [Not Applicable]
Fund Reference Price:	[The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] [Specify other] [Not Applicable]
Fund Return:	[Specify] [Not Applicable]
FX Rate Final Reference Price (FXFRP):	[The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] [Specify other] [Not Applicable]
FX Rate Initial Reference Price (FXIRP):	[The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] [Specify other] [Not Applicable]
FX Rate Reference Price:	[The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] [Specify other] [Not Applicable]
FX Rate Return:	$25\% \times \frac{\text{FXFRP of FX Rate1}}{\text{FXIRP of FX Rate1}} + 25\% \times \frac{\text{FXFRP of FX Rate2}}{\text{FXIRP of FX Rate2}} + 16.67\% \times \frac{\text{FXFRP of FX Rate3}}{\text{FXIRP of FX Rate3}} + 16.67\% \times \frac{\text{FXFRP of FX Rate4}}{\text{FXIRP of FX Rate4}} + 16.66\% \times \frac{\text{FXFRP of FX Rate5}}{\text{FXIRP of FX Rate5}}$

	[Specify other] [Not Applicable]
Index Final Reference Price (IFRP):	[The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] [Specify other] [Not Applicable]
Index Initial Reference Price (IIRP):	[The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] [Specify other] [Not Applicable]
Index Reference Price:	[The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] [Specify other] [Not Applicable]
Index Return:	$25\% \times \frac{\text{IFRP of Index 1}}{\text{IIRP of Index 1}} + 25\% \times \frac{\text{IFRP of Index 2}}{\text{IIRP of Index 2}} + 25\% \times \frac{\text{IFRP of Index 3}}{\text{IIRP of Index 3}} + 25\%$
	[Specify other] [Not Applicable]
Index Future Final Reference Price (IFFRP):	[The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] [Specify other] [Not Applicable]
Index Future Initial Reference Price (IFIRP):	[The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] [Specify other] [Not Applicable]
Index Future Price:	[The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] [Specify other] [Not Applicable]
Index Future Reference Price:	[The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] [Specify other] [Not Applicable]
Index Future Return:	$50\% \times \frac{\text{IFFRP of Index Future 1}}{\text{IFIRP of Index Future 1}} + 50\% \times \frac{\text{IFFRP of Index Future 2}}{\text{IFIRP of Index Future 2}}$
	[Specify other] [Not Applicable]
Interest:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]
Interest Amount	[Specify] [Not Applicable]
Interest Payment Dates:	[Not Applicable] [] [and []] in each year up to and including the [Settlement Date][Redemption Date], with the first Interest Payment Date being [] [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] [Specify other]
Interest Period:	[As stated in Product Condition 1][specify other][Not Applicable]
Interest Rate:	[Not Applicable] [[] per cent.] [per annum] [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] [Specify other]

Interest Rate Day Count [Not Applicable]

Fraction: [The actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 365 save that for a portion which any such period falls in a leap year, the number of days in such portion shall be divided by 366]

[The number of days in the relevant period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months (unless (i) the last day of the Interest Period is the 31st day of a month but the first day of the Interest Period is a day other than the 30th or 31st day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-day month, or (ii) the last day of the Interest Period is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30 day month)))]

[Specify other]

Issuer Call: [Not Applicable] [Applicable]

Issuer Call Cash Amount: [Not Applicable] [Cash Amount][Specify other]

Issuer Call Commencement Date: [Not Applicable][Specify other]

Issuer Call Date: [Not Applicable] [Specify other] [See Issuer notice of call]

Issuer Call Notice Period: [Not Applicable] [Specify other]

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]

Relevant Number of Trading Days: For the purpose of:

Early Termination Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only,180]

Issuer Call Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only,180]

Valuation Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only,180]

[Not Applicable]

Settlement Currency: []

Settlement Date: [The fifth Business Day following (i) the Issuer Call Date following an Issuer Call, (ii) the Early Termination Date if an Early Termination Event has occurred or (iii) the Valuation Date]]

[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Redemption Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Share Final Reference Price (SFRP): [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] [Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Share Initial Reference Price (SIRP): [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] [Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Share Reference Price: [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] [Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Share Return: [Specify] [Not Applicable]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]

Trading Day: [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] [Specify other]

Valuation Date(s): []

Valuation Time: [(i) in respect of each Index, Fund, Certificate, Index Future and Share the definition in Product Condition 1 applies, (ii) in respect of each Commodity [The time of the London [morning] [daily] fixing currently [10:30am] [12:15pm] London time] [The time at which the Exchange publishes the daily closing price] and (iii) in respect of each FX Rate [11.00 hours Central European Time]] [Specify other]

ISIN: []

Common Code: []

Fondscore: [Not Applicable] [Specify other]

Other Securities Code: [Not Applicable] [Specify other] [Symbol:]

Sales Restriction: The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("**Securities Act**") and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.

Amendments to General [Additional Condition 2.1: Applicable] [Additional Condition 4.1: A14836806/3.0/25 May 2012]

Conditions or Product Applicable][Not Applicable]
 Conditions: [Amendments to the General Conditions and/or Product Conditions as required by applicable consumer protection and other laws and/or clearing system and exchange rules. Such amendments may be (i) deletion of one or more General Conditions and/or Product Conditions in part or in its entirety; (ii) addition of disclosure and/or publication requirements; (iii) changes to pay off and other formulae; (iv) addition of clearing system details and applicable clearing rules and arrangements agreed between the Issuer and the relevant clearing system; (v) disclosure of fees applicable in connection with any exercise rights the Holders of Securities may have and (vi) other changes which are not materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of Securities.]

(When making any such amendments consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)

Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: []

(When making any such amendments consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)

INFORMATION ON THE BASKET CONSTITUENT

Performance of Underlying/formula/ other variable, explanation of effect on value of investment and associated risks and other information concerning the Underlying: [Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the Underlying/formula/other variable can be obtained.]

[Need to include a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value of the investment is affected by the Underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most evident.]

(When completing this paragraph, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)

Page where information about the past and future performance of a Basket Constituent and its volatility can be obtained: [Bloomberg][Reuters][specify other]

(Insert the following where the Securities are sold to Italian investors)

[Website: []]

Italian Newspaper: []]

[Secondary Market:

(i) Under normal market conditions, the Issuer intends (but is not obliged) to provide a secondary market throughout the term of the Securities with an indicative spread of [specify].[specify other]] (only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB);or

(ii) The Royal Bank of Scotland plc ("**RBS**") will use reasonable endeavours, under normal market conditions and at its discretion, to provide Holders with a bid/offer price for the Securities with a maximum spread of [specify]% on a daily basis and will indicate at the time of providing the quotation how long such quotation will remain actionable, or, in any event, not longer than what the Issuer considers a commercially reasonable time. RBS will not be required to provide a bid/offer price if an event or series of events occurs outside RBS's control (whether or not affecting the market generally) results in (i) the unscheduled closing, (ii) any suspension or (iii) the disruption of any (a) physical or electronic trading system or market affecting the Securities or(b) computer, communications or other service system used by RBS to generate a quotation in respect of the Securities. RBS may determine a bid/offer price in a different manner than other market participants and prices can vary. Sometimes this variance may be substantial. The bid/offer spread will be subject to RBS's discretion. [specify other]] (only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB)]

Index disclaimer(s):

LaunchPAD Programme

Supplementary Prospectus dated 13 March 2013

**TENTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUSES IN RESPECT OF THE
LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES, WARRANTS AND TURBOS;
TWELFTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS IN RESPECT OF THE
LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES; AND
THIRTEENTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS IN RESPECT OF THE
LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF OPEN END CERTIFICATES**



THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND PLC

*(incorporated in Scotland with limited liability under the Companies Acts 1948 to 1980,
registered number SC090312)
(the “Issuer” and “RBS”)*

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

LaunchPAD Programme

(the “Programme”)

- 1 This supplement dated 13 March 2013 (this “**Supplement**”) constitutes (i) the tenth supplement to each of the base prospectuses dated 25 May 2012 in relation to the Issuer’s LaunchPAD Programme for the issuance of Notes, Warrants and Turbos; (ii) the twelfth supplement to the base prospectus dated 25 May 2012 in relation to the Issuer’s LaunchPAD Programme for the issuance of Certificates; and (iii) the thirteenth supplement to the base prospectus dated 25 May 2012 in relation to the Issuer’s LaunchPAD Programme for the issuance of Open End Certificates, each approved by the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets (*Stichting Autoriteit Financiële Markten*, the “**AFM**”) on 25 May 2012 (the “**Base Prospectuses**” and, each, a “**Base Prospectus**”).
- 2 Each of the Base Prospectuses was approved as a base prospectus pursuant to Directive 2003/71/EC (the “**Prospectus Directive**”) by the AFM. This Supplement constitutes a supplemental prospectus to each of the Base Prospectuses for the purposes of Article 5:23 of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*).

- 3 This Supplement is supplemental to, and should be read in conjunction with, each of the Base Prospectuses and any other supplements thereto issued by the Issuer. Terms defined in the Base Prospectuses have the same meanings when used in this Supplement.
- 4 In accordance with Article 5:23(6) of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*), investors who have agreed to purchase or subscribe for securities issued under any of the Base Prospectuses before this Supplement is published have the right, exercisable before the end of the period of two working days beginning with the working day after the date on which this Supplement was published, to withdraw their acceptances.
- 5 The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge of the Issuer (which has taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this Supplement is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.
- 6 On 28 February 2013, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc (“**RBSG**”) published via the Regulatory News Service of the London Stock Exchange plc (“**RNS**”) its preliminary unaudited Annual Results for the year ended 31 December 2012 (the “**2012 Preliminary Annual Results of RBSG**”).
- 7 On 13 March 2013, the Issuer published via RNS, its Registration Document dated 12 March 2013 (the “**Registration Document**”).
- 8 By virtue of this Supplement, the following documents shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and form part, of each of the Base Prospectuses:
 - 8.1 the 2012 Preliminary Annual Results of RBSG; and
 - 8.2 the Registration Document.
- 9 The following amendments are made to each of the Base Prospectuses as a result of the publication (and incorporation by reference into each of the Base Prospectuses, by virtue of this Supplement) of the 2012 Preliminary Annual Results of RBSG and the Registration Document:
 - 9.1 the sub-section headed “Issuer” under the section headed “Summary” shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced by the paragraphs set out in Schedule 1;
 - 9.2 the bullet risk factors under the heading “Risk Factors – Risks relating to the Issuer” in the section entitled “Summary” shall be deleted in their entirety and replaced with the paragraphs set out in Schedule 2;
 - 9.3 the following documents (or sections of documents, as the case may be) shall no longer be incorporated by reference:
 - 9.3.1 the registration document of the Issuer dated 24 February 2012, which was published via RNS on 24 February 2012;
 - 9.3.2 the unaudited Interim Results 2012 of RBSG for the six months ended 30 June 2012, which were published via RNS on 3 August 2012;
 - 9.3.3 the press release entitled “Statement on disposal of UK Branch-based Business” which was published by RBSG via RNS on 15 October 2012;
 - 9.3.4 the press release entitled “RBS exits UK Government’s Asset Protection Scheme” which was published by RBSG via RNS on 17 October 2012;

- 9.3.5 the unaudited “Interim Management Statement Q3 2012” of RBSG for the third quarter ended 30 September 2012, which was published via RNS on 2 November 2012;
- 9.3.1 the press release entitled “Update on past sales of Interest Rate Hedging Products” which was published by RBSG via RNS on 31 January 2013;
- 9.3.2 the press release entitled “RBS reaches LIBOR settlements” which was published by RBSG via RNS on 6 February 2013; and
- 9.4 the sub-section entitled “Recent Developments” under the section entitled “General Information” shall be deleted in its entirety.
- 10** By virtue of paragraphs 8 and 9.3 of this Supplement, the documents (which shall exclude, for the avoidance of doubt, any terms and conditions incorporated from previous base prospectuses or supplements thereto) listed in the section of the Base Prospectuses headed “Documents Incorporated by Reference” shall be deleted in their entirety and replaced with the documents set out in Schedule 3.
- 11** A copy of this Supplement, the Base Prospectuses and all other supplements thereto and all documents incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectuses are accessible on <http://markets.rbs.com/bparchive> or <http://markets.rbs.com/launchpad> and can be obtained, on request, free of charge, by writing or telephoning, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group Investor Relations, 280 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4RB, United Kingdom, telephone +44 207 672 1758, e-mail investor.relations@rbs.com.
- 12** If the documents which are incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectuses by virtue of this Supplement themselves incorporate any information or other documents therein, either expressly or implicitly, such information or other documents will not form part of the Base Prospectuses for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive except where such information or other documents are specifically incorporated by reference in, or attached to, each of the Base Prospectuses by virtue of this Supplement.
- 13** To the extent that there is any inconsistency between (a) any statement in this Supplement and (b) any other statement in any Base Prospectus or any previous supplement to any Base Prospectus, the statements referred to in (a) above will prevail.
- 14** Save as disclosed in any previous supplement to any of the Base Prospectuses or this Supplement, no other significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in the Base Prospectuses (as supplemented at the date hereof) has arisen or has been noted since the publication of the each of the Base Prospectuses.

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

Schedule 1

Issuer:

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (the “**Issuer**” or “**RBS**”).

The Issuer is a public limited company incorporated in Scotland with registration number SCO90312 and was incorporated under Scots law on 31 October 1984. The Issuer (together with its subsidiaries, the “**Issuer Group**”) is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc (“**RBSG**” (RBSG together with its subsidiaries consolidated in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, the “**Group**”). RBSG is the holding company of a large global banking and financial services group. Headquartered in Edinburgh, the Group operates in the United Kingdom, the United States and internationally through its principal subsidiaries, the Issuer and National Westminster Bank Plc (“**NatWest**”). Both the Issuer and NatWest are major United Kingdom clearing banks. In the United States, the Group’s subsidiary, RBS Citizens Financial Group, Inc., is a large commercial banking organisation. Globally, the Group has a diversified customer base and provides a wide range of products and services to personal, commercial and large corporate and institutional customers.

The Group had total assets of £1,312 billion and owners’ equity of £68 billion as at 31 December 2012. The Group’s capital ratios as at 31 December 2012 were a total capital ratio of 14.5 per cent., a Core Tier 1 capital ratio of 10.3 per cent. and a Tier 1 capital ratio of 12.4 per cent.

The Issuer Group had total assets of £1,359 billion and owners’ equity of £62 billion as at 30 June 2012. As at 30 June 2012, the Issuer Group’s capital ratios were a total capital ratio of 15.4 per cent., a Core Tier 1 capital ratio of 9.9 per cent. and a Tier 1 capital ratio of 11.6 per cent.

In 2007, RFS Holdings B.V., which was jointly owned by the Group, the Dutch State (successor to Fortis Bank Nederland (Holding) N.V.) and Santander UK plc (together, the “**Consortium Members**”) completed the acquisition of ABN AMRO Holding N.V.

On 1 April 2010, the businesses acquired by the Dutch State were

transferred to ABN AMRO Group N.V., itself owned by the Dutch State. In connection with the transfer ABN AMRO Holding N.V. was renamed RBS Holdings N.V. and its banking subsidiary was renamed The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. ("**RBS N.V.**"). Certain assets of RBS N.V. continue to be shared by the Consortium Members.

Schedule 2

Risk Factors:

Risks Relating to the Issuer

Certain factors may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under the Securities, including:

- The Group's businesses and performance can be negatively affected by actual or perceived global economic and financial market conditions;
- The Group has significant exposure to the continuing economic crisis in Europe;
- The Group operates in markets that are highly competitive and its business and results of operations may be adversely affected;
- The Group is subject to political risks;
- The Group and its UK bank subsidiaries may face the risk of full nationalisation;
- HM Treasury (or UK Financial Investments Limited (UKFI) on its behalf) may be able to exercise a significant degree of influence over the Group and any proposed offer or sale of its interests may affect the price of securities issued by the Group;
- The Group is subject to other global risks;
- The Group's earning and financial condition have been, and its future earnings and financial condition may continue to be, materially affected by depressed asset valuations resulting from poor market conditions;
- The financial performance of the Group has been, and continues to be, materially affected by deteriorations in borrower and counterparty credit quality and further deteriorations could arise due to prevailing economic and market conditions and legal and regulatory developments;
- The value or effectiveness of any credit protection that the Group has purchased depends on the value of the underlying assets and the financial condition of the insurers and

counterparties;

- Changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, credit spreads, bond, equity and commodity prices, basis, volatility and correlation risks and other market factors have significantly affected and will continue to affect the Group's business and results of operations;
- In the United Kingdom and in other jurisdictions, the Group is responsible for contributing to compensation schemes in respect of banks and other authorised financial services firms that are unable to meet their obligations to customers;
- The Group may be required to make further contributions to its pension schemes if the value of pension fund assets is not sufficient to cover potential obligations;
- The Group's ability to meet its obligations including its funding commitments depends on the Group's ability to access sources of liquidity and funding;
- The Group's business performance could be adversely affected if its capital is not managed effectively or as a result of changes to capital adequacy and liquidity requirements;
- The Group's borrowing costs, its access to the debt capital markets and its liquidity depend significantly on its and the United Kingdom Government's credit ratings;
- If the Group is unable to issue the Contingent B Shares to HM Treasury, it may have a material adverse impact on the Group's capital position, liquidity, operating results and future prospects;
- The regulatory capital treatment of certain deferred tax assets recognised by the Group depends on there being no adverse changes to regulatory requirements;
- The Group's ability to implement its strategic plan depends on the success of the Group's refocus on its core strengths and its balance sheet reduction programme;
- The Group is subject to a variety of risks as a result of implementing the State Aid restructuring plan;

- Each of the Group's businesses is subject to substantial regulation and oversight. Significant regulatory developments and changes in the approach of the Group's key regulators could have an adverse effect on how the Group conducts its business and on its results of operations and financial condition;
- The Group is subject to resolution procedures under current and proposed resolution and recovery schemes which may result in various actions being taken in relation to any securities of the Group, including the write off, write-down or conversion of the Groups' securities;
- The Group is subject to a number of regulatory initiatives which may adversely affect its business. The Independent Commission on Banking's final report on competition and possible structural reforms in the UK banking industry has been adopted by the UK Government which intends to implement the recommendations substantially as proposed. In addition other proposals to ring fence certain business activities and the US Federal Reserve's proposal for applying US capital, liquidity and enhanced prudential standards to certain of the Group's US operations together with the UK reforms could require structural changes to the Group's business. Any of these changes could have a material adverse effect on the Group;
- The Group is subject to a number of legal and regulatory actions and investigations. Unfavourable outcomes in such actions and investigations could have a material adverse effect on the Group's operating results or reputation;
- The value of certain financial instruments recorded at fair value is determined using financial models incorporating assumptions, judgements and estimates that may change over time or may ultimately not turn out to be accurate;
- The Group's results could be adversely affected in the event of goodwill impairment;
- The recoverability of certain deferred tax assets recognised by the Group depends on the Group's ability to generate

sufficient future taxable profits;

- Operational risks are inherent in the Group's businesses;
- The Group's operations are highly dependent on its information technology systems;
- The Group may suffer losses due to employee misconduct;
- The Group's operations have inherent reputational risk; and
- The Group could fail to attract or retain senior management, which may include members of the Board, or other key employees, and it may suffer if it does not maintain good employee relations.

Schedule 3

1. The registration document of the Issuer dated 12 March 2013, which was published via the Regulatory News Service of the London Stock Exchange plc (“**RNS**”) on 13 March 2013.
2. The preliminary unaudited Annual Results of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc (“**RBSG**”) for the year ended 31 December 2012 published via RNS on 28 February 2013.
3. The unaudited Interim Results 2012 of the Issuer for the six months ended 30 June 2012 published via RNS on 31 August 2012.
4. The annual report and accounts of the Issuer (including the audited consolidated annual financial statements of the Issuer, together with the audit report thereon) for the year ended 31 December 2011 (excluding the sections headed “Financial review — Risk factors” on page 6 and “Additional information — Risk factors” on pages 283 to 296), published via RNS on 26 March 2012.
5. The annual report and accounts of the Issuer (including the audited consolidated annual financial statements of the Issuer, together with the audit report thereon) for the year ended 31 December 2010 (excluding the sections headed “Financial Review — Risk factors” on page 5, “Additional Information — Risk factors” on pages 238 to 254), published via RNS on 15 April 2011.
6. The following sections of the annual report and accounts of RBSG for the year ended 31 December 2011, which were published via RNS on 9 March 2012:
 - (i) Independent auditor’s report on page 306;
 - (ii) Consolidated income statement on page 307;
 - (iii) Consolidated statement of comprehensive income on page 308;
 - (iv) Consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December 2011 on page 309;
 - (v) Consolidated statement of changes in equity on pages 310 to 312;
 - (vi) Consolidated cash flow statement on page 313;
 - (vii) Accounting policies on pages 314 to 326;
 - (viii) Notes on the consolidated accounts on pages 327 to 419;
 - (ix) Parent company financial statements and notes on pages 420 to 431;
 - (x) Essential reading – Highlights on page 1;
 - (xi) Chairman’s statement on page 9;
 - (xii) Group Chief Executive’s review on pages 10 to 11;
 - (xiii) Our key targets on page 13;
 - (xiv) Our business and our strategy on pages 14 to 18;

- (xv) Divisional review on pages 19 to 29;
 - (xvi) Business review on pages 32 to 249;
 - (xvii) Corporate governance on pages 258 to 262;
 - (xviii) Letter from the Chair of the Group Remuneration Committee on pages 272 to 273;
 - (xix) Directors' remuneration report on pages 274 to 295;
 - (xx) Report of the Directors on pages 298 to 302;
 - (xxi) Directors' interests in shares on page 303;
 - (xxii) Financial Summary on pages 433 to 441;
 - (xxiii) Exchange rates on page 441;
 - (xxiv) Economic and monetary environment on page 442;
 - (xxv) Supervision on page 443;
 - (xxvi) Regulatory developments and reviews on page 444;
 - (xxvii) Description of property and equipment on page 445;
 - (xxviii) Major shareholders on page 445;
 - (xxix) Material contracts on pages 445 to 450; and
 - (xxx) Glossary of terms on pages 476 to 483.
7. The following sections of the annual report and accounts of RBSG for the year ended 31 December 2010, which were published via RNS on 17 March 2011:
- (i) Independent auditor's report on page 267;
 - (ii) Consolidated income statement on page 268;
 - (iii) Consolidated statement of comprehensive income on page 269;
 - (iv) Balance sheets as at 31 December 2010 on page 270;
 - (v) Statements of changes in equity on pages 271 to 273;
 - (vi) Cash flow statements on page 274;
 - (vii) Accounting policies on pages 275 to 286;
 - (viii) Notes on the accounts on pages 287 to 385;
 - (ix) Essential reading – We have met, and in some cases exceeded, the targets for the second year of our Strategic Plan on page 1;

- (x) Chairman's statement on pages 2 to 3;
- (xi) Group Chief Executive's review on pages 4 to 5;
- (xii) Our key targets on page 7;
- (xiii) Our business and our strategy on pages 8 to 19;
- (xiv) Divisional review on pages 20 to 41;
- (xv) Business review on pages 49 to 224;
- (xvi) Report of the Directors on pages 230 to 234;
- (xvii) Corporate governance on pages 235 to 245;
- (xviii) Letter from the Chair of the Remuneration Committee on pages 246 to 247;
- (xix) Directors' remuneration report on pages 248 to 263;
- (xx) Directors' interests in shares on page 264;
- (xxi) Financial summary on pages 387 to 395;
- (xxii) Exchange rates on page 395;
- (xxiii) Economic and monetary environment on page 396;
- (xxiv) Supervision on page 397;
- (xxv) Regulatory developments and reviews on pages 398 to 399;
- (xxvi) Description of property and equipment on page 399;
- (xxvii) Major shareholders on page 399;
- (xxviii) Material contracts on pages 399 to 404; and
- (xxix) Glossary of terms on pages 434 to 439.

LaunchPAD Programme

Supplementary Prospectus dated 7 February 2013

NINTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUSES IN RESPECT OF THE LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES, WARRANTS AND TURBOS; ELEVENTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS IN RESPECT OF THE LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES; AND TWELFTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS IN RESPECT OF THE LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF OPEN END CERTIFICATES



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LaunchPAD Programme

(the “Programme”)

- 1 This supplement dated 7 February 2013 (this “**Supplement**”) constitutes (i) the ninth supplement to each of the base prospectuses dated 25 May 2012 in relation to the Issuer’s LaunchPAD Programme for the issuance of Notes, Warrants and Turbos; (ii) the eleventh supplement to the base prospectus dated 25 May 2012 in relation to the Issuer’s LaunchPAD Programme for the issuance of Certificates; and (iii) the twelfth supplement to the base prospectus dated 25 May 2012 in relation to the Issuer’s LaunchPAD Programme for the issuance of Open End Certificates, each approved by the AFM on 25 May 2012 (the “**Base Prospectuses**” and, each, a “**Base Prospectus**”).
- 2 Each of the Base Prospectuses was approved as a base prospectus pursuant to Directive 2003/71/EC (the “**Prospectus Directive**”) by the AFM. This Supplement constitutes a supplemental prospectus to each of the Base Prospectuses for the purposes of Article 5:23 of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*).
- 3 This Supplement is supplemental to, and should be read in conjunction with, each of the Base Prospectuses and any other supplements thereto issued by the Issuer. Terms defined in the Base Prospectuses have the same meanings when used in this Supplement.

- 4 In accordance with Article 5:23(6) of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*), investors who have agreed to purchase or subscribe for securities issued under any of the Base Prospectuses before this Supplement is published have the right, exercisable before the end of the period of two working days beginning with the working day after the date on which this Supplement was published, to withdraw their acceptances.
- 5 The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge of the Issuer (which has taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this Supplement is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.
- 6 On 6 February 2013, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc published via the Regulatory News Service of the London Stock Exchange plc a press release entitled “RBS reaches LIBOR settlements” (the “**6 February RNS**”).
- 7 By virtue of this Supplement, the 6 February RNS shall be incorporated in, and form part of, each of the Base Prospectuses.
- 8 A copy of this Supplement, the Base Prospectuses and all other supplements thereto and all documents incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectuses are accessible on <http://markets.rbs.com/bparchive> or <http://markets.rbs.com/launchpad> and can be obtained, on request, free of charge, by writing or telephoning, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group Investor Relations, 280 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4RB, United Kingdom, telephone +44 207 672 1758, e-mail investor.relations@rbs.com.
- 9 If the documents which are incorporated by reference in each of the Base Prospectuses by virtue of this Supplement themselves incorporate any information or other documents therein, either expressly or implicitly, such information or other documents will not form part of any of the Base Prospectuses for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive except where such information or other documents are specifically incorporated by reference in, or attached to, each of the Base Prospectuses by virtue of this Supplement.
- 10 To the extent that there is any inconsistency between (a) any statement in this Supplement and (b) any other statement in any of the Base Prospectuses or any previous supplement to the Base Prospectuses, the statements referred to in (a) above will prevail.
- 11 Save as disclosed in any previous supplement to any of the Base Prospectuses or this Supplement, no other significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in the Base Prospectuses (as supplemented at the date hereof) has arisen or has been noted since the publication of the each of the Base Prospectuses.

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LaunchPAD Programme

Supplementary Prospectus dated 4 February 2013

EIGHTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUSES IN RESPECT OF THE LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES, WARRANTS AND TURBOS; TENTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS IN RESPECT OF THE LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES; AND ELEVENTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS IN RESPECT OF THE LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF OPEN END CERTIFICATES



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LaunchPAD Programme

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- 1** This supplement dated 4 February 2013 (this “**Supplement**”) constitutes (i) the eighth supplement to each of the base prospectuses dated 25 May 2012 in relation to the Issuer’s LaunchPAD Programme for the issuance of Notes, Warrants and Turbos, each approved by the AFM on 25 May 2012; (ii) the tenth supplement to the base prospectus dated 25 May 2012 in relation to the Issuer’s LaunchPAD Programme for the issuance of Certificates; and (iii) the eleventh supplement to the base prospectus dated 25 May 2012 in relation to the Issuer’s LaunchPAD Programme for the issuance of Open End Certificates, approved by the AFM on 25 May 2012, approved by the AFM on 25 May 2012 (the “**Base Prospectuses**” and, each, a “**Base Prospectus**”).
- 2** Each of the Base Prospectuses was approved as a base prospectus pursuant to Directive 2003/71/EC (the “**Prospectus Directive**”) by the AFM. This Supplement constitutes a supplemental prospectus to each of the Base Prospectuses for the purposes of Article 5:23 of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*).
- 3** This Supplement is supplemental to, and should be read in conjunction with, each of the Base Prospectuses and any other supplements thereto issued by the Issuer. Terms defined in the Base Prospectuses have the same meanings when used in this Supplement.

- 4 In accordance with Article 5:23(6) of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*), investors who have agreed to purchase or subscribe for securities issued under any of the Base Prospectuses before this Supplement is published have the right, exercisable before the end of the period of two working days beginning with the working day after the date on which this Supplement was published, to withdraw their acceptances.
- 5 The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge of the Issuer (which has taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this Supplement is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.
- 6 On 31 January 2013, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc (“**RBSG**”) published via the Regulatory News Service of the London Stock Exchange plc a press release entitled “Update on past sales of Interest Rate Hedging Products” (the “**31 January RNS**”).
- 7 By virtue of this Supplement, the 31 January RNS shall be incorporated in, and form part of, each of the Base Prospectuses.
- 8 A copy of this Supplement, the Base Prospectuses and all other supplements thereto and all documents incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectuses are accessible on <http://markets.rbs.com/bparchive> or <http://markets.rbs.com/launchpad> and can be obtained, on request, free of charge, by writing or telephoning, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group Investor Relations, 280 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4RB, United Kingdom, telephone +44 207 672 1758, e-mail investor.relations@rbs.com.
- 9 If the documents which are incorporated by reference in each of the Base Prospectuses by virtue of this Supplement themselves incorporate any information or other documents therein, either expressly or implicitly, such information or other documents will not form part of any of the Base Prospectuses for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive except where such information or other documents are specifically incorporated by reference in, or attached to, each of the Base Prospectuses by virtue of this Supplement.
- 10 To the extent that there is any inconsistency between (a) any statement in this Supplement and (b) any other statement in any of the Base Prospectuses or any previous supplement to the Base Prospectuses, the statements referred to in (a) above will prevail.
- 11 Save as disclosed in any previous supplement to any of the Base Prospectuses or this Supplement, no other significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in the Base Prospectuses (as supplemented at the date hereof) has arisen or has been noted since the publication of the each of the Base Prospectuses.

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LaunchPAD Programme

Supplementary Prospectus dated 5 November 2012

**SIXTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS IN RESPECT OF THE LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF REVERSE EXCHANGEABLE SECURITIES;
SEVENTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUSES IN RESPECT OF THE LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES, WARRANTS AND TURBOS;
EIGHTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS IN RESPECT OF THE LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF OPEN END CERTIFICATES; AND NINTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS IN RESPECT OF THE LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES**



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- 1** This supplement dated 5 November 2012 (this “**Supplement**”) constitutes (i) the sixth supplement to the base prospectus dated 25 May 2012 in relation to the Issuer’s LaunchPAD Programme for the issuance of Reverse Exchangeable Securities, approved by the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets (*Stichting Autoriteit Financiële Markten*, the “**AFM**”) on 25 May 2012; (ii) the seventh supplement to each of the base prospectuses dated 25 May 2012 in relation to the Issuer’s LaunchPAD Programme for the issuance of Notes, Warrants and Turbos, each approved by the AFM on 25 May 2012; (iii) the eighth supplement to the base prospectus dated 25 May 2012 in relation to the Issuer’s LaunchPAD Programme for the issuance of Open End Certificates, approved by the AFM on 25 May 2012; and (iv) the ninth supplement to the base prospectus dated 25 May 2012 in relation to the Issuer’s LaunchPAD Programme for the issuance of Certificates, approved by the AFM on 25 May 2012 (the “**Base Prospectuses**” and, each, a “**Base Prospectus**”).
- 2** Each of the Base Prospectuses was approved as a base prospectus pursuant to Directive 2003/71/EC (the “**Prospectus Directive**”) by the AFM. This Supplement constitutes a supplemental prospectus to each of the

Base Prospectuses for the purposes of Article 5:23 of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*).

- 3 This Supplement is supplemental to, and should be read in conjunction with, each of the Base Prospectuses and any other supplements thereto issued by the Issuer. Terms defined in the Base Prospectuses have the same meanings when used in this Supplement.
- 4 In accordance with Article 5:23(6) of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*), investors who have agreed to purchase or subscribe for securities issued under any of the Base Prospectuses before this Supplement is published have the right, exercisable before the end of the period of two working days beginning with the working day after the date on which this Supplement was published, to withdraw their acceptances.
- 5 The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge of the Issuer (which has taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this Supplement is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.
- 6 On 2 November 2012, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc (“**RBSG**”) published via the Regulatory News Service of the London Stock Exchange plc (“**RNS**”) the unaudited Interim Management Statement Q3 2012 of RBSG (the “**RBSG Q3 Interim Management Statement**”).
- 7 By virtue of this Supplement, the RBSG Q3 Interim Management Statement shall be incorporated in, and form part of, each of the Base Prospectuses.
- 8 A copy of this Supplement, the Base Prospectuses and all other supplements thereto and all documents incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectuses are accessible on <http://markets.rbs.com/bparchive> or <http://markets.rbs.com/launchpad> and can be obtained, on request, free of charge, by writing or telephoning, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group Investor Relations, 280 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4RB, United Kingdom, telephone +44 207 672 1758, e-mail investor.relations@rbs.com.
- 9 If the documents which are incorporated by reference in each of the Base Prospectuses by virtue of this Supplement themselves incorporate any information or other documents therein, either expressly or implicitly, such information or other documents will not form part of any of the Base Prospectuses for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive except where such information or other documents are specifically incorporated by reference in, or attached to, each of the Base Prospectuses by virtue of this Supplement.
- 10 To the extent that there is any inconsistency between (a) any statement in this Supplement and (b) any other statement in any of the Base Prospectuses or any previous supplement to the Base Prospectuses, the statements referred to in (a) above will prevail.
- 11 Save as disclosed in any previous supplement to any of the Base Prospectuses or this Supplement, no other significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in the Base Prospectuses (as supplemented at the date hereof) has arisen or has been noted since the publication of the each of the Base Prospectuses.

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Supplementary Prospectus dated 23 October 2012

EIGHTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS IN RESPECT OF THE LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES



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The Royal Bank of Scotland plc LaunchPAD Programme

- 1** This Supplement dated 23 October 2012 (this **Supplement**) constitutes the eighth supplement to the base prospectus dated 25 May 2012 in relation to the Issuer's LaunchPAD Programme for the issuance of Certificates, approved by the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets (*Stichting Autoriteit Financiële Markten*, the **AFM**) on 25 May 2012 (the **Base Prospectus**).
- 2** The Base Prospectus was approved as a base prospectus pursuant to Directive 2003/71/EC (the **Prospectus Directive**) by the AFM. This Supplement constitutes a supplemental prospectus to the Base Prospectus for the purposes of Article 5:23 of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*).
- 3** This Supplement is supplemental to, and should be read in conjunction with, the Base Prospectus and any other supplements thereto issued by the Issuer. Terms defined in the Base Prospectus have the same meanings when used in this Supplement.
- 4** In accordance with Article 5:23(6) of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*), investors who have agreed to purchase or subscribe for securities issued under the Base Prospectus before this Supplement is published have the right, exercisable before the end of the period of two working days beginning with the working day after the date on which this Supplement was published, to withdraw their acceptances.
- 5** The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge of the Issuer (which has taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

6 By virtue of this Supplement, the terms and conditions of Multi-Asset Basket Linked Certificates are amended to enable certain Redeemable Certificates to be issued with a nominal amount rather than in the form of units:

(a) in the Product Conditions relating to Multi-Asset Basket Linked Certificates, the following definition will be added:

“**Nominal Amount**” means the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms (if any);”;

(b) in the Product Conditions relating to Multi-Asset Basket Linked Certificates, the definitions of “Cash Amount” and “Early Termination Amount” shall be amended to read as follows:

“**Cash Amount**” means (including, in respect of each Nominal Amount (if applicable)), an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards”;

“**Early Termination Amount**” means (including, in respect of each Nominal Amount (if applicable)) an amount or amounts (if any), determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Early Termination Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards”; and

“**Issuer Call Cash Amount**” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, (including, in respect of each Nominal Amount (if applicable)) the amount specified, or determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in the definition of Issuer Call Cash Amount for the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Issuer Call Cash Amount payable to a Holder shall be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards”;

(d) in the Form of Final Terms relating to Multi-Asset Basket Linked Certificates:

(i) a definition of Nominal Amount shall be added as follows:

“Nominal Amount: [] *[If the Securities are issued pursuant to a prospectus which is required to be compliant with the Prospectus Directive, then the minimum denomination of the Securities may need to be Euro 1,000 (or its foreign currency equivalent)]* [Not Applicable]”;

(ii) the definition of Cash Amount shall be amended to read as follows:

“Cash Amount: [[Nominal Amount x] *[Specify other]*]”; and

(iii) the definition of Early Termination Amount shall be amended to read as follows:

“Early Termination Amount: [[Nominal Amount x] *[Specify other]*] [Not Applicable]”; and

(iv) the definition of Issuer Call Cash Amount shall be amended to read as follows:

“Issuer Call Cash Amount: [Not Applicable] [Cash Amount] [Nominal Amount x]
[Specify other]”.

- 7 By virtue of this Supplement, the following line items shall be added to the Form of Final Terms for all categories of Securities:

Exercisable Certificates: [Applicable][Not Applicable]

Redeemable Certificates: [Applicable][Not Applicable]

- 8 A copy of this Supplement, the Base Prospectus and all other supplements thereto and all documents incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus are accessible on <http://markets.rbs.com/bparchive> or <http://markets.rbs.com/launchpad> and can be obtained from the registered office of the Issuer at 36 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YB, United Kingdom, telephone +44 131 523 3636 or e-mail investor.relations@rbs.com.
- 9 To the extent that there is any inconsistency between (a) any statement in this Supplement or any statement incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus by virtue of this Supplement and (b) any other statement in or incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus, the statements referred to in (a) above will prevail.
- 10 Save as disclosed in this Supplement, no other significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in the Base Prospectus (as supplemented at the date hereof) has arisen or been noted since the publication of the Base Prospectus.

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

LaunchPAD Programme

Supplementary Prospectus dated 17 October 2012

FIFTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUSES IN RESPECT OF THE LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF REVERSE EXCHANGEABLE SECURITIES AND TURBOS; SIXTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUSES IN RESPECT OF THE LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES AND WARRANTS; AND SEVENTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUSES IN RESPECT OF THE LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES AND OPEN END CERTIFICATES



THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND PLC

*(incorporated in Scotland with limited liability under the Companies Acts 1948 to 1980,
registered number SC090312)
(the “Issuer” and “RBS”)*

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

LaunchPAD Programme

(the “Programme”)

- 1 This supplement dated 17 October 2012 (this “**Supplement**”) constitutes (i) the fifth supplement to each of the base prospectuses dated 25 May 2012 in relation to the Issuer’s LaunchPAD Programme for the issuance of Reverse Exchangeable Securities and Turbos, each approved by the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets (*Stichting Autoriteit Financiële Markten*, the “**AFM**”) on 25 May 2012; (ii) the sixth supplement to each of the base prospectuses dated 25 May 2012 in relation to the Issuer’s LaunchPAD Programme for the issuance of Notes and Warrants, each approved by the AFM on 25 May 2012; and (iii) the seventh supplement to each of the base prospectuses dated 25 May 2012 in relation to the Issuer’s LaunchPAD Programme for the issuance of Certificates and Open End Certificates, each approved by the AFM on 25 May 2012 (the “**Base Prospectuses**” and, each, a “**Base Prospectus**”).
- 2 Each of the Base Prospectuses was approved as a base prospectus pursuant to Directive 2003/71/EC (the “**Prospectus Directive**”) by the AFM. This Supplement constitutes a supplemental prospectus to each of the Base Prospectuses for the purposes of Article 5:23 of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*).

- 3 This Supplement is supplemental to, and should be read in conjunction with, each of the Base Prospectuses and any other supplements thereto issued by the Issuer. Terms defined in the Base Prospectuses have the same meanings when used in this Supplement.
- 4 In accordance with Article 5:23(6) of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*), investors who have agreed to purchase or subscribe for securities issued under any of the Base Prospectuses before this Supplement is published have the right, exercisable before the end of the period of two working days beginning with the working day after the date on which this Supplement was published, to withdraw their acceptances.
- 5 The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge of the Issuer (which has taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this Supplement is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.
- 6 On 15 October 2012, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc (“**RBSG**”) published via the Regulatory News Service of the London Stock Exchange plc (“**RNS**”) a press release entitled “Statement on disposal of UK Branch-based Business” (the “**15 October RNS**”).
- 7 On 17 October 2012, RBSG published via RNS a press release entitled “RBS exits UK Government's Asset Protection Scheme” (the “**17 October RNS**”).
- 8 By virtue of this Supplement, each of (i) the 15 October RNS; and (ii) the 17 October RNS shall be incorporated in, and form part of, each of the Base Prospectuses.
- 9 A copy of this Supplement, the Base Prospectuses and all other supplements thereto and all documents incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectuses are accessible on <http://markets.rbs.com/bparchive> or <http://markets.rbs.com/launchpad> and can be obtained, on request, free of charge, by writing or telephoning, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group Investor Relations, 280 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4RB, United Kingdom, telephone +44 207 672 1758, e-mail investor.relations@rbs.com.
- 10 If the documents which are incorporated by reference in each of the Base Prospectuses by virtue of this Supplement themselves incorporate any information or other documents therein, either expressly or implicitly, such information or other documents will not form part of any of the Base Prospectuses for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive except where such information or other documents are specifically incorporated by reference in, or attached to, each of the Base Prospectuses by virtue of this Supplement.
- 11 To the extent that there is any inconsistency between (a) any statement in this Supplement and (b) any other statement in any of the Base Prospectuses or any previous supplement to the Base Prospectuses, the statements referred to in (a) above will prevail.
- 12 Save as disclosed in any previous supplement to any of the Base Prospectuses or this Supplement, no other significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in the Base Prospectuses (as supplemented at the date hereof) has arisen or has been noted since the publication of the each of the Base Prospectuses.

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- 6 The purpose of this Supplement is to amend each of the Base Prospectuses to (i) the risk factors related to Proprietary Indices and (ii) the Proprietary Index Descriptions to add a description of (i) the RBS Aurum+ Index (USD) ER, (ii) the RBS VC Aurum+ I Index (USD) ER 6%, (iii) the RBS VC Aurum+ II Index (USD) ER 10% and (iv) RBS VC Autopilot Index (SEK) ER 10% Index. The Base Prospectuses are amended as follows:
- 6.1 The risk factor titled “Volatility Control” in the “Risks Related to Proprietary Indices” sub-section of the “Risk Factors” section of the Base Prospectus is replaced in its entirety with the following:
- Volatility Control*
- For the purposes of a Proprietary Index, “volatility” is a measure of how much an investment has deviated from its average over a defined time. A Proprietary Index may have an automatic feature that aims to protect against some of the inherent volatility exhibited by its underlying components and, (which may include a core index tracked by the Proprietary Index) by reducing exposure to the underlying components in times of high volatility. In periods of higher market volatility, the reduction in exposure to the underlying components may cushion the effects of market falls but constrain the benefit of market rises
- The exposure of a Proprietary Index with a volatility control feature to its underlying components during periods of low volatility may be over 100 per cent of the level of the underlying components but will proportionally reduce (and may decrease to below 100 per cent of the level of the underlying components) as the volatility of those underlying components increases to above defined percentage thresholds.
- 6.2 The “Proprietary Index Descriptions” section of the of Base Prospectus is amended to add the descriptions of the (i) the RBS Aurum+ Index (USD) ER(ii) the RBS VC Aurum+ I Index (USD) ER 6%, (iii) the RBS VC Aurum+ II Index (USD) ER 10% and (iv) RBS VC Autopilot Index (SEK) ER 10% Index. set out on **Annex A**.
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- 10 Save as disclosed in any previous supplement to any of the Base Prospectuses or this Supplement, no other significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in the Base Prospectuses (as supplemented at the date hereof) has arisen or has been noted since the publication of the each of the Base Prospectuses.

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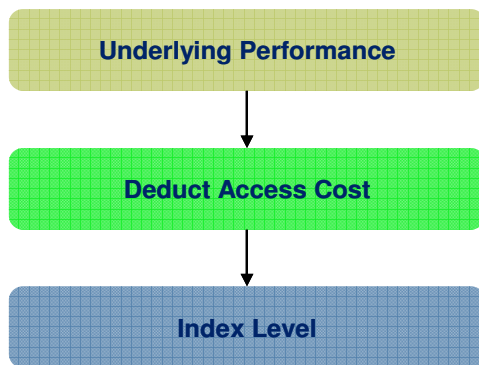
Annex A

RBS Aurum+ Index USD (ER) (the “Index”)

The Index is calculated by RBS Business Services Private Limited (or its successor, replacement or substitute, the “**Calculation Agent**”) based on a methodology developed by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (the “**Index Sponsor**”). The Index is denominated in USD (the “**Base Currency**”).

The Index aims to track a notional strategy after deduction of any costs incurred by the Index Sponsor. The Index is a trend-following strategy obtained by investing in either an underlying representing gold or an underlying representing crude oil, depending on the trend identified using spot indicators (each, a “**Spot Indicator**” and together the “**Spot Indicators**”), and deducting access costs from the performance of the selected Underlying (defined below). Figure 1 below illustrates the relationship between the underlying indices and the Index.

Figure 1 : Relationship between the Underlyings and the Index



Description of the Underlyings

The Index consists of a trend-following strategy deriving its value from a long exposure to one of two individual underlying indices (each, an “**Underlying**” and together the “**Underlyings**”) based on the trend of a ratio of Spot Indicators.

The Underlyings are as follows:

RICI[®] EnhancedSM Gold Excess Return Index (Bloomberg page: “RIEHGC Index”) (“**Underlying 1**”);

RICI[®] EnhancedSM Crude Oil Excess Return Index (Bloomberg page: “RIEHCRER Index”) (“**Underlying 2**”).

The Underlyings represent the commodity sectors of gold and crude oil.

Applying the trend based strategy

The Spot Indicators are as follows:

Gold rolling futures (“**Spot Indicator 1**”);

Average of WTI rolling futures and Brent Crude rolling futures (“**Spot Indicator 2**”).

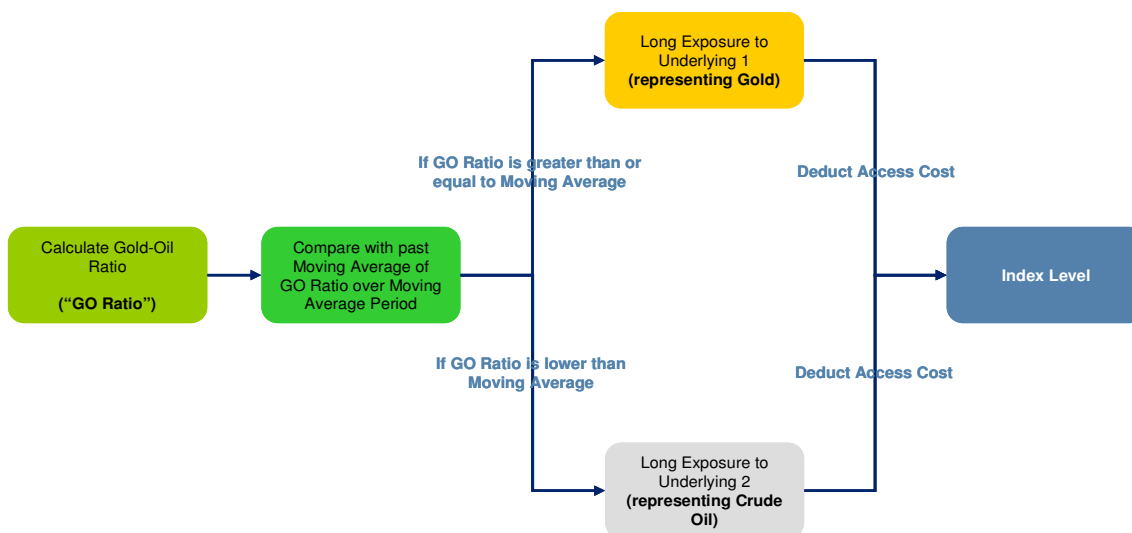
Spot Indicators are used to determine the trend of Underlyings. Unlike the Underlyings, which are optimised for seasonality and liquidity, the performance of Spot Indicators highlight the purest form of commodity trend. Hence, Spot Indicators, rather than the Underlyings, are used to derive the gold-oil ratio.

The level of Spot Indicator 1 (“**Spot Indicator 1 Level**”) is divided by the level of Spot Indicator 2 (“**Spot Indicator 2 Level**”) to obtain a gold-oil ratio (the “**GO Ratio**”). On each weekly determination date (a “**Determination Date**”), the GO Ratio on such date is compared to the moving average level of the GO Ratio (the “**Moving Average**”) over a fixed period (the “**Moving Average Period**”). If the GO Ratio on the Determination Date is greater than or equal to its Moving Average, the Index will have a long exposure to Underlying 1 (i.e., the Index will reflect the performance of Underlying 1). If not, the Index will have a long exposure to Underlying 2 (i.e., the Index will reflect the performance of Underlying 2). This exposure is maintained for one week. The aim of taking a long position in Underlying 1 is to benefit from the strengthening of gold compared to crude oil as represented by the Spot Indicators. The aim of taking a long position in Underlying 2 is to benefit from the strengthening of crude oil compared to gold.

The Index is based on the assumption that the GO Ratio is a good indicator of the ratio between gold and crude oil, and that the Moving Average of the GO Ratio is a good indicator of the relative strength of the performance of gold compared to crude oil. There is no assurance that either of these assumptions is correct, nor any assurance that this strategy will generate positive returns.

An access cost is deducted from the performance of each Underlying. The deduction of the access cost from the performance of the Underlying represents the specific expenses incurred by the Index Sponsor. The access cost will reduce the level of the Index. Figure 2 below illustrates the application of the GO Ratio.

Figure 2: Application of GO Ratio trend-based strategy



Assumptions underlying the strategy adopted by the Index

The Index shall be calculated at the Valuation Time on each Scheduled Trading Day which is not a Disrupted Day (each such day being a “**Calculation Date**”). The information above describes the methodology and material rules and risks relating to the Index. This information is subject to change. The Index Sponsor makes no representation or warranty that the Index will achieve its stated objectives.

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A copy of the index rules relating to the Index will be available for review from the beginning of the offer period (if any) to the relevant maturity date upon request at the offices of the Index Sponsor at The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, 250 Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 4AA. Investors should note that this description of the index rules is subject to the detailed provisions of the index rules. In order to obtain the index rules, an investor may need to give certain non-disclosure representations to the Index Sponsor.

Investors should note that the index rules are subject to change from time to time. In certain circumstances, the Index Sponsor can change the method of calculating the Index, or may discontinue or suspend calculation or dissemination of the Index which could affect the return or principal amount paid on the Securities.

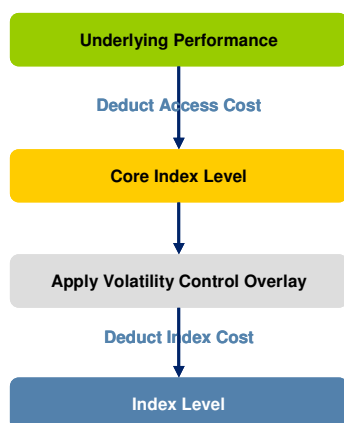
The Index is the intellectual property of the Index Sponsor.

RBS VC Aurum+ I Index (USD) ER 6% (the “Index”)

The Index is calculated by RBS Business Services Private Limited (or its successor, replacement or substitute, the “**Calculation Agent**”) based on a methodology developed by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (the “**Index Sponsor**”). The Index is denominated in USD (the “**Base Currency**”).

The Index aims to track a notional strategy that applies a volatility control overlay to the core index (the “**Core Index**” being the strategy on the two Underlyings where long or neutral exposures are determined in accordance with the gold-oil ratio (the “**GO Ratio**”) as compared to the moving average and consequently whose value is based on the performance of the Underlying to which the core index has a long exposure from time to time) and deducts index costs from the performance of the Core Index. The Core Index is a trend-following strategy obtained by investing in either an underlying representing gold or an underlying representing crude oil, depending on the trend identified using spot indicators (each, a “**Spot Indicator**” and together the “**Spot Indicators**”), and deducting access costs from the performance of the selected Underlying. *Figure 1* below illustrates the relationship between the Underlyings, the Core Index and the Index.

Figure 1: Relationship between the Underlyings, the Core Index and the Index



Description of the Underlyings

The Core Index consists of a trend-following strategy deriving its value from a long exposure to one of two individual underlying indices (each, an “**Underlying**” and together the “**Underlyings**”) based on the trend of a ratio of Spot Indicators.

The Underlyings are as follows:

RICI[®] EnhancedSM Gold Excess Return Index (Bloomberg page: “RIEHGC Index”) (“**Underlying 1**”);

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The Underlyings represent the following commodity sectors: Gold and Crude Oil.

Applying the trend-based strategy

The Spot Indicators are as follows:

Gold Rolling Futures (“**Spot Indicator 1**”);

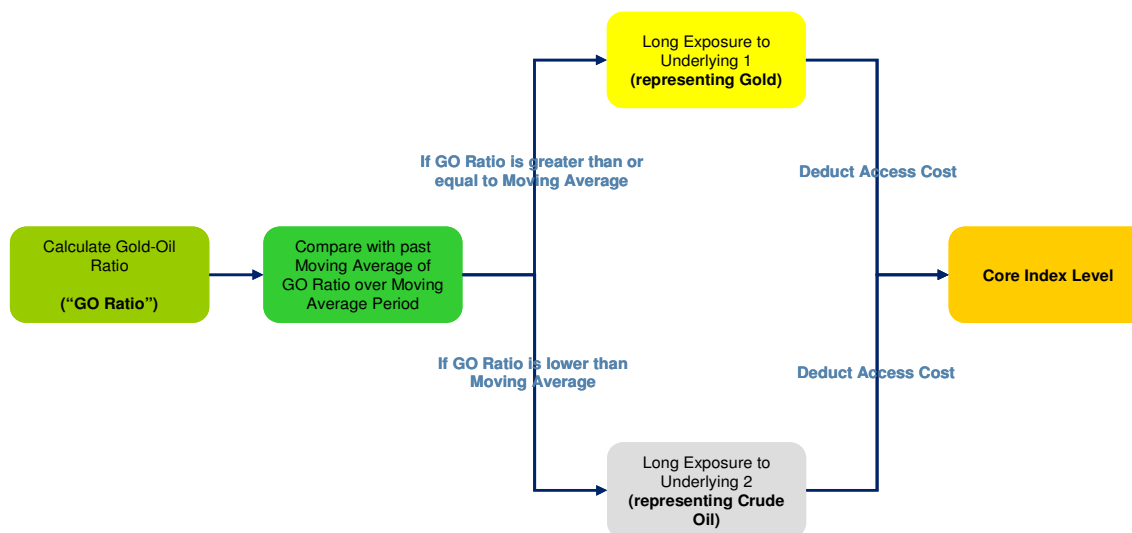
Average of WTI Rolling Futures and Brent Rolling Futures (“**Spot Indicator 2**”).

Spot Indicators are used to determine the trend of Underlyings. Unlike the Underlyings, which are optimised for seasonality and liquidity, the performance of Spot Indicators highlight the purest form of commodity trend and hence used to derive the GO Ratio rather than using Underlyings.

The level of Spot Indicator 1 (“**Spot Indicator 1 Level**”) is divided by the level of Spot Indicator 2 (“**Spot Indicator 2 Level**”) to obtain a gold-oil ratio. On each determination date, which occurs every week (a “**Determination Date**”), the GO Ratio on such date is compared to the moving average level of the GO Ratio (the “**Moving Average**”) over a fixed period (the “**Moving Average Period**”). If the GO Ratio on the Determination Date is greater than or equal to its Moving Average, the Core Index will have a long exposure to Underlying 1 (i.e., the Core Index will reflect the performance of Underlying 1). Otherwise, the Core Index will have a long exposure to Underlying 2 (i.e., the Core Index will reflect the performance of Underlying 2). This exposure is maintained for 1 week. The aim of taking a long position in Underlying 1 is to benefit from the strengthening of gold compared to crude oil as represented by the Spot Indicators. The aim of taking a long position in Underlying 2 is to benefit from the strengthening of crude oil compared to gold.

An access cost is deducted from the performance of each Underlying. The deduction of the access cost from the performance of the Underlying represents the specific expenses incurred by the Index Sponsor. The access cost will reduce the level of the Core Index and, therefore, the Index. The application of the GO Ratio is illustrated in *Figure 2* below.

Figure 2: Application of GO Ratio trend-based strategy



Applying the Dynamic Exposure to create the Index

The volatility control overlay consists of applying a dynamically adjusted exposure (the “**Dynamic Exposure**”) to the Core Index. Dynamic Exposure is applied to reduce or increase exposure to the Core Index, as described below.

The Dynamic Exposure is a function of the maximum realised historical volatility (the “**Maximum Realised Volatility**”). The Maximum Realised Volatility in respect of a Calculation Date is the highest Realised Volatility observed over five reference observation dates (“**Observation Dates**”). These Observation Dates are the five consecutive Calculation Dates ending on the current Calculation Date.

The “**Realised Volatility**” in respect of an Observation Date is a daily measure of how much the daily returns of the Underlying to which the Core Index is currently exposed (the “**Portfolio Returns**”) have or would have fluctuated around its average over a defined time period. The time period for the Portfolio Returns is taken to be twenty (20) consecutive historical Calculation Dates preceding and ending on such relevant Observation Date.

Exposure to an Underlying in the Core Index can change every week due to rebalancing. For this reason, in order to calculate the Dynamic Exposure to the Core Index on any Calculation Date, the Realised Volatility of the Portfolio Returns is observed instead of the Realised Volatility of the Core Index. This contrasts with the Core Index, where the exposure to an Underlying may actually vary over any 20 Calculation Date periods, since rebalancing can change the Core Index’s exposure to an Underlying every week.

Exposure to the Core Index is reduced if the Maximum Realised Volatility increases to certain levels. Conversely, exposure to the Core Index is increased if the Maximum Realised Volatility decreases to certain levels.

The Dynamic Exposure provides for the Index to have exposure to the Core Index within a range from a minimum of 0% to a maximum of 100%. The Dynamic Exposure is thus determined according to the range that the Maximum Realised Volatility falls within. The Index will be 100% exposed to the Core Index (i.e., one-for-one exposed) when the Maximum Realised Volatility is greater than or equal to 0.00% but less than 6.00% (the Maximum Realised Volatility can never be less than 0.00%). If Maximum Realised Volatility increases to 6.00% or above, the Dynamic Exposure will be adjusted in accordance with the table below:

Maximum Realised Volatility greater than or equal to	Maximum Realised Volatility less than	Dynamic Exposure
0.00%	6.00%	100.00%
6.00%	11.00%	54.55%
11.00%	16.00%	37.50%
16.00%	21.00%	28.57%
21.00%	26.00%	23.08%
26.00%	31.00%	19.35%
31.00%	36.00%	16.67%
36.00%	46.00%	13.04%
46.00%	56.00%	10.71%
56.00%	66.00%	9.09%
66.00%	76.00%	5.00%
76.00%	86.00%	2.50%
86.00%	(no upper limit)	0.00%

For example, if Maximum Realised Volatility equals 6.00%, then the Index will be 54.55% exposed to the Core

Index. If Maximum Realised Volatility equals 14.00%, the Index will be 37.50% exposed to the Core Index. An index cost is also deducted from the performance of the Index. The index cost represents the general costs incurred by the Index Sponsor to create and maintain the Index.

Assumptions underlying the strategy adopted by the Core Index

The strategy adopted by the Core Index is based on the assumption that the GO Ratio (which is based on comparing the levels of commodity futures contracts) is a good indicator of the ratio between gold and crude oil, and that the Moving Average of the GO Ratio is a good indicator of the relative strength of the performance of gold compared to crude oil. There is no assurance that either of these assumptions is correct, nor any assurance that this strategy will generate positive returns.

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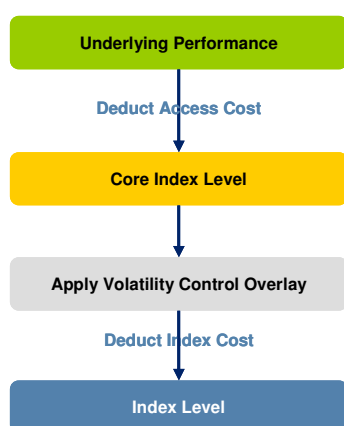
RBS VC Aurum+ II Index (USD) ER 10% (the “Index”)

The Index is based on a strategy that allocates between gold, as a “safe haven asset”, and oil, as an “aggressive asset” based on market trends. The market trend is determined by the behaviour of the gold-oil ratio (the “GO Ratio”). The behaviour of the GO Ratio is based on its recent moving average. The Index also includes a volatility control overlay.

The Index is calculated by RBS Business Services Private Limited (or its successor, replacement or substitute, the “Calculation Agent”) based on a methodology developed by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (the “Index Sponsor”). The Index is denominated in USD (the “Base Currency”).

The Index aims to track a notional strategy that applies a volatility control overlay to the core index (the “Core Index” being the strategy on the two Underlyings where long or neutral exposures are determined in accordance with the GO Ratio as compared to the moving average and consequently whose value is based on the performance of the Underlying to which the core index has a long exposure from time to time) and deducts index costs from the performance of the Core Index. The Core Index is a trend-following strategy obtained by investing in either an underlying representing gold or an underlying representing crude oil, depending on the trend identified using spot indicators (each, a “Spot Indicator” and together the “Spot Indicators”), and deducting access costs from the performance of the selected Underlying. *Figure 1* below illustrates the relationship between the Underlyings, the Core Index and the Index.

Figure 1: Relationship between the Underlyings, the Core Index and the Index



Description of the Underlyings

The Core Index consists of a trend-following strategy deriving its value from a long exposure to one of two individual underlying indices (each, an “Underlying” and together the “Underlyings”) based on the trend of a ratio of Spot Indicators.

The Underlyings are as follows:

RICI[®] EnhancedSM Gold Excess Return Index (Bloomberg page: “RIEHGC Index”) (“Underlying 1”);

RICI[®] EnhancedSM Crude Oil Excess Return Index (Bloomberg page: “RIEHCRER Index”) (“Underlying 2”).

The Underlyings represent the following commodity sectors: Gold and Crude Oil.

Applying the trend-based strategy

The Spot Indicators are as follows:

Gold Rolling Futures (“**Spot Indicator 1**”);

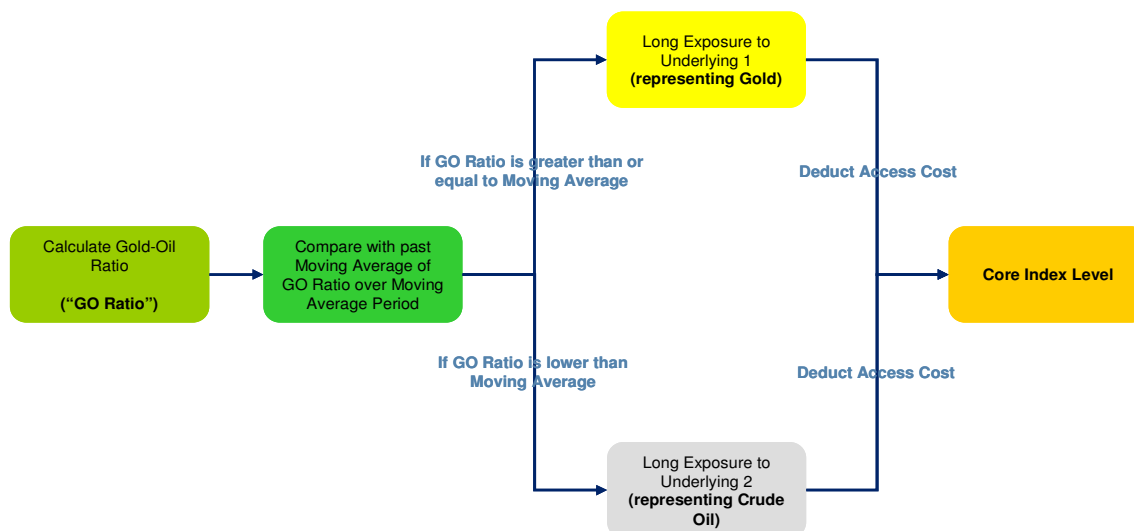
Average of WTI Rolling Futures and Brent Rolling Futures (“**Spot Indicator 2**”).

Spot Indicators are used to determine the trend of Underlyings. Unlike the Underlyings, which are optimised for seasonality and liquidity, the performance of Spot Indicators highlight the purest form of commodity trend and hence used to derive the GO Ratio rather than using Underlyings.

The level of Spot Indicator 1 (“**Spot Indicator 1 Level**”) is divided by the level of Spot Indicator 2 (“**Spot Indicator 2 Level**”) to obtain a gold-oil ratio. On each determination date, which occurs every week (a “**Determination Date**”), the GO Ratio on such date is compared to the moving average level of the GO Ratio (the “**Moving Average**”) over a fixed period (the “**Moving Average Period**”). If the GO Ratio on the Determination Date is greater than or equal to its Moving Average, the Core Index will have a long exposure to Underlying 1 (i.e., the Core Index will reflect the performance of Underlying 1). Otherwise, the Core Index will have a long exposure to Underlying 2 (i.e., the Core Index will reflect the performance of Underlying 2). This exposure is maintained for 1 week. The aim of taking a long position in Underlying 1 is to benefit from the strengthening of gold compared to crude oil as represented by the Spot Indicators. The aim of taking a long position in Underlying 2 is to benefit from the strengthening of crude oil compared to gold.

An access cost is deducted from the performance of each Underlying. The deduction of the access cost from the performance of the Underlying represents the specific expenses incurred by the Index Sponsor. The access cost will reduce the level of the Core Index and, therefore, the Index. The application of the GO Ratio is illustrated in *Figure 2* below.

Figure 2: Application of GO Ratio trend-based strategy



Applying the Dynamic Exposure to create the Index

The volatility control overlay consists of applying a dynamically adjusted exposure (the “**Dynamic Exposure**”) to the Core Index. Dynamic Exposure is applied to reduce or increase exposure to the Core Index, as described below.

The Dynamic Exposure is a function of the maximum realised historical volatility (the “**Maximum Realised Volatility**”). The Maximum Realised Volatility in respect of a Calculation Date is the highest Realised Volatility observed over five reference observation dates (“**Observation Dates**”). These Observation Dates are the five consecutive Calculation Dates ending on the current Calculation Date.

The “**Realised Volatility**” in respect of an Observation Date is a daily measure of how much the daily returns of the Underlying to which the Core Index is currently exposed (the “**Portfolio Returns**”) have or would have fluctuated around its average over a defined time period. The time period for the Portfolio Returns is taken to be twenty (20) consecutive historical Calculation Dates preceding and ending on such relevant Observation Date.

Exposure to an Underlying in the Core Index can change every week due to rebalancing. For this reason, in order to calculate the Dynamic Exposure to the Core Index on any Calculation Date, the Realised Volatility of the Portfolio Returns is observed instead of the Realised Volatility of the Core Index. This contrasts with the Core Index, where the exposure to an Underlying may actually vary over any twenty (20) Calculation Date period, since rebalancing can change the Core Index’s exposure to an Underlying every week.

Exposure to the Core Index is reduced if the Maximum Realised Volatility increases to certain levels. Conversely, exposure to the Core Index is increased if the Maximum Realised Volatility decreases to certain levels.

The Dynamic Exposure provides for the Index to have exposure to the Core Index within a range from a minimum of 0% to a maximum of 150%. The Dynamic Exposure is thus determined according to the range that the Maximum Realised Volatility falls within. The Index will be 150% exposed to the Core Index (levered) when the Maximum Realised Volatility is greater than or equal to 0.00% and less than 5.00% (the Maximum Realised Volatility can never be less than 0.00%). The Index will be 100% exposed to the Core Index (i.e., one-for-one exposed) when the Maximum Realised Volatility is greater than or equal to 5.00% but less than 10.00%. If Maximum Realised Volatility increases to 10.00% or above, the Dynamic Exposure will be adjusted in accordance with the table below:

Maximum Realised Volatility greater than or equal to	Maximum Realised Volatility less than	Dynamic Participation
0.00%	5.00%	150.00%
5.00%	10.00%	100.00%
10.00%	15.00%	66.67%
15.00%	20.00%	50.00%
20.00%	25.00%	40.00%
25.00%	30.00%	33.33%
30.00%	35.00%	28.57%

35.00%	40.00%	25.00%
40.00%	50.00%	20.00%
50.00%	60.00%	15.00%
60.00%	70.00%	10.00%
70.00%	80.00%	5.00%
80.00%	(no upper limit)	0.00%

For example, if Maximum Realised Volatility equals 10.00%, then the Index will be 66.67% exposed to the Core Index. If Maximum Realised Volatility equals 18.00%, the Index will be 50.00% exposed to the Core Index.

An index cost is also deducted from the performance of the Index. The index cost represents the general costs incurred by the Index Sponsor to create and maintain the Index.

Assumptions underlying the strategy adopted by the Core Index

The strategy adopted by the Core Index is based on the assumption that the GO Ratio (which is based on comparing the levels of commodity futures contracts) is a good indicator of the ratio between gold and crude oil, and that the Moving Average of the GO Ratio is a good indicator of the relative strength of the performance of gold compared to crude oil. There is no assurance that either of these assumptions is correct, nor any assurance that this strategy will generate positive returns.

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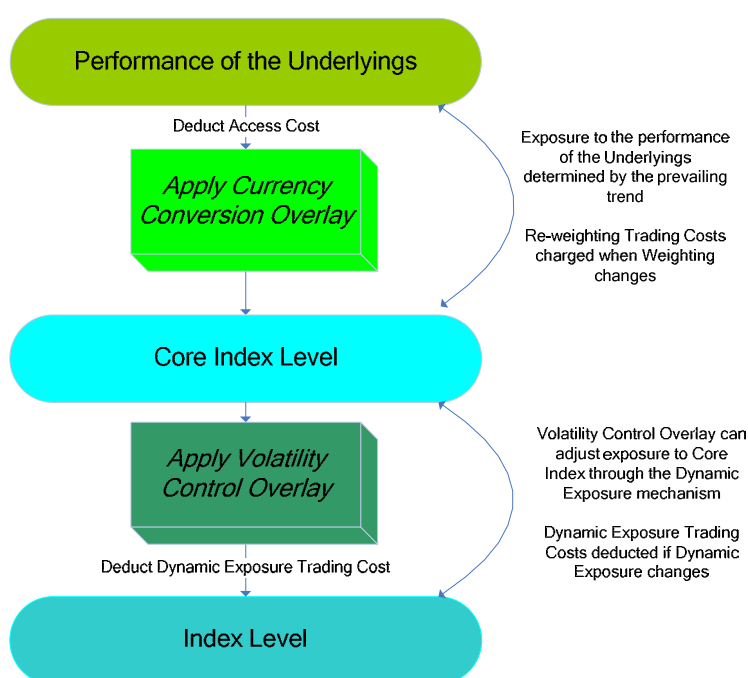
RBS VC Autopilot Index (SEK) ER 10% Index (the “Index”)

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The Index aims to track a notional strategy that applies a volatility control overlay to an underlying core index (the “**Core Index**”). The Core Index consists of a trend-following strategy deriving its value from long or neutral exposures to individual underlying indices and assets. based on the trend of the relationship between the level of each individual Underlying and its moving average. The Core Index will always have a long exposure to the Constant Long Exposure Underlyings (defined below) regardless of their trend.

Figure 1 below diagrams the Index construction and the relationship among the Underlyings, the Core Index and the Index.

Fig. 1: Index Construction



Description of the Underlyings

The individual indices and assets comprising the Core Index (each, an “**Underlying**” and together the “**Underlyings**”) are:

The RBS Aurum+ Index (USD) ER (Bloomberg page: “RBSDASU0 Index”), a systematic strategy allocating exposure to indices linked to gold or oil pending on their price ratio;

The RBS QUEST GEM (Market Neutral) Index (USD) ER (Bloomberg page: “RBQMANU0 Index”), a systematic strategy allocating a long exposure to emerging market equities based on fundamental measures and a short exposure to a broad emerging market equity benchmark (together with the RBS Aurum+ Index (USD) ER, the “**Constant Long Exposure Underlyings**”);

The RBS Sweden 30 Index (SEK) ER (Bloomberg page: “RBSEROK1 Index”) comprised of Swedish equities;

The World Equity ER Asset, which provides excess return exposure to global developed equities markets by tracking the performance of the MSCI Daily TR Net World Index (Bloomberg Page: “NDDUWI Index”) with deduction of the cost of funding represented by British Bankers Association (“BBA”) LIBOR USD 3 month (determined with reference to Bloomberg page: “US0003M Index”);

The Private Equity ER Asset, which provides excess return exposure to private equity companies by tracking the performance of the S&P Listed Private Equity Index (TR) (Bloomberg Page: “SPLPEQTR Index”) with the deduction of the cost of funding represented by BBA LIBOR USD 3 month (determined with reference to Bloomberg page: “US0003M Index”);

The Bond ER Asset, which is linked to the performance of the iShares Barclays Aggregate Bond Fund (Bloomberg Page: “AGG UP Equity”), a U.S. exchange-traded fund which seeks investment results that correspond to the price and yield performance of the total United States investment grade bond market as defined by the Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Index. The Bond ER Asset provides excess return exposure to the iShares Barclays Aggregate Bond Fund with reinvestment of the fund’s distributions (net of tax) and deduction of the cost of funding represented by BBA LIBOR USD 3 month (determined with reference to Bloomberg page: “US0003M Index”); ;

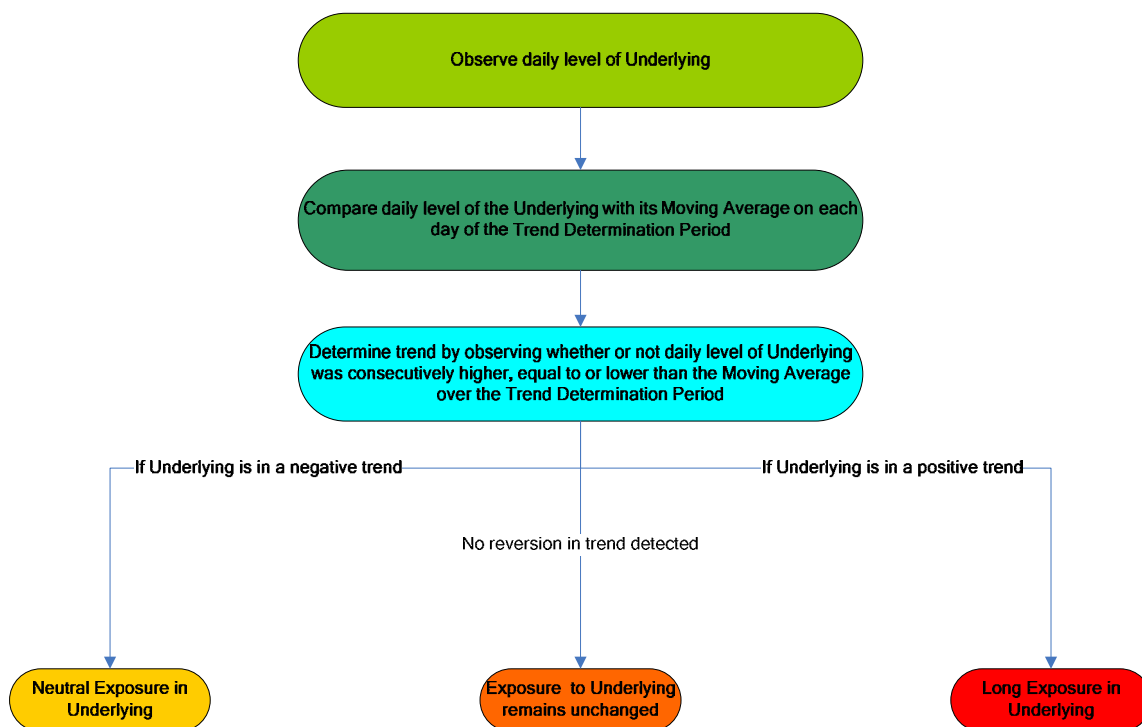
The RICI[®] EnhancedSM Excess Return Index, an index exposed to commodities (Bloomberg page: “RIEHGLER Index”); and

The Global Property ER Asset, which provides excess return exposure to certain global property companies by tracking the performance of the GPR/RBS Global Top30 Property World Index (Bloomberg Page: “GPRAG30P Index”) with deduction of the cost of funding represented by BBA LIBOR USD 3 month (determined with reference to Bloomberg page: “US0003M Index”).

The Underlyings are each assigned a target weight ranging from 10% to 15% and are re-weighted back to their target weights on a monthly basis. These target weights are fixed on the live date of the Index and will not change over the life of the Index. This target weighting and re-weighting of the Underlyings will occur regardless of (a) whether the Core Index takes a long or neutral exposure to any Underlying as further described below or (b) what the Dynamic Exposure to the Core Index is.

Applying the allocation strategy

Fig. 2: How Underlying exposure is determined
(Not applicable for Underlyings 1 and 2)



As illustrated in Figure 2 above, on every day that is not a Saturday or Sunday and on which the Calculation Agent is able to publish the level of the Index (a “**Calculation Date**”) the simple moving average of each Underlying is calculated by using values up to and including that Calculation Date (the “**Moving Average**”). The time period for calculating the Moving Average (the “**Moving Average Period**”) may vary for each Underlying. However, in respect of each Underlying, the Moving Average Period is set by the Index Sponsor prior to the date the level of the Index is first calculated and remains constant throughout the life of the Index. The Moving Average Period in respect of each Underlying will fall within a range between 50 and 200 Calculation Dates. The Moving Average for each Underlying is determined by summing all the levels of the Underlying over the Moving Average Period, and dividing the result by the number of Calculation Dates in such Moving Average Period.

Whether exposure to an individual Underlying (other than the Constant Long Exposure Underlyings) in the Core Index will be long or neutral is determined on a daily basis by comparing the level of the Underlying to its Moving Average over a defined number of consecutive Calculation Dates (the “**Trend Determination Period**”) The time period for the Trend Determination Date is five Calculation Dates for each Underlying. The trend will not be determined Constant Long Exposure Underlyings, and the Core Index will always have an economic long exposure to those Underlyings.

If, on a given Calculation Date, it is observed that the level of an Underlying has been higher than its Moving Average on each day of the Trend Determination Period, then the Underlying is deemed to be in a positive trend, resulting in the Core Index taking an economic long exposure in the Underlying. If, instead, on a given Calculation Date, it is observed that the level of an Underlying has been lower than or equal to its Moving Average on each day in the Trend Determination Period, then the Underlying is deemed to be in a negative trend, resulting in the Core Index taking an economic neutral exposure in the Underlying.

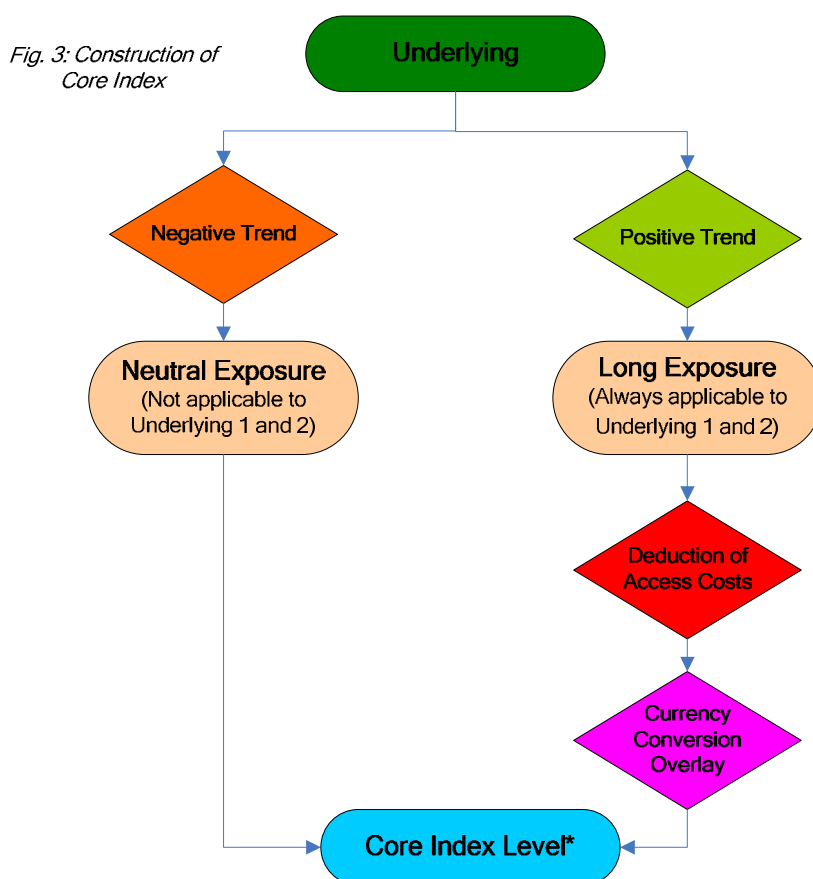
If the Core Index has a neutral exposure to an Underlying on a monthly re-weighting date, that Underlying will be re-weighted even though the Core Index is not currently exposed to it. If the Underlying subsequently displays a

positive trend on a later Trend Determination Date, the Core Index will have an exposure to that Underlying equal to its current weight. As an example, if, immediately after a monthly re-weighting date, the Bond ER Asset underlying has a target weight of 10% but is in a negative trend, while the other underlyings are in a positive trend, then the Core Index level will have an exposure to the other seven underlyings according to their weights for a total of 90% exposure, while 10% of the Core Index will have no exposure. If instead the Bond ER Asset, along with all the other Underlyings, is in a positive trend, then the Core Index level would have a 100% exposure across all eight Underlyings at that time.

A trend will revert (and therefore exposure to an Underlying will change) only if (a) in the case of a trend reverting from positive to negative, it is observed that the levels of an Underlying have been uniformly equal to or lower than its Moving Average on each day of the Trend Determination Period and (b) in the case of a trend reverting from negative to positive, it is observed that the levels of an Underlying have been uniformly greater than its Moving Average on each day of the Trend Determination Period.

Construction of the Core Index

Figure 3 below illustrates how each Underlying contributes to the level of the Core Index:



An access cost, representing the costs charged and expenses incurred by a notional investment in each Underlying, is deducted from the performance of each Underlying. Access costs will reduce the level of the Index.

A currency conversion overlay is applied to each Underlying after the deduction of the Access Cost from the performance of the Underlying. The currency conversion overlay involves the application of the Quampo™ technology. Quampo™ is a dynamic technology created by the Index Sponsor for dealing with currency risk

exposures. Quampo™ implements an algorithm that converts an Underlying’s original currency to another desired currency. As a result of applying this technology, only the change in value of an underlying asset is exposed to currency risk, instead of the full notional value as would be the case otherwise. In this Index, the technology allows the Index Sponsor to create an Index denominated in Swedish Kronor from the Underlyings, which are denominated in U.S. dollars.

The volatility control overlay consists of applying a dynamically adjusted exposure (the “**Dynamic Exposure**”) to the Core Index. Dynamic Exposure is applied to reduce or increase exposure to the Core Index, as described below.

The Dynamic Exposure is a function of the Maximum Realised Volatility. The “**Maximum Realised Volatility**” in respect of a Calculation Date is the highest Realised Volatility observed over five reference observation dates (“**Observation Dates**”). These Observation Dates are five consecutive Calculation Dates ending on the current Calculation Date.

The “**Realised Volatility**” in respect of an Observation Date is a measure of how much the daily returns of the Underlyings to which the Core Index is currently exposed (the “**Portfolio Returns**”) have fluctuated around its average over a defined time period. The time period for the Portfolio Returns is taken to be 20 consecutive historical Calculation Dates preceding and ending on such relevant Observation Date.

Exposure to an Underlying in the Core Index can change due to change in determined trend. For this reason, in order to calculate the Dynamic Exposure on any Calculation Date, the Realised Volatility of the Portfolio Returns (that is, the Realised Volatility of the Underlyings to which the Core Index is exposed on a Calculation Date) is observed rather than the Realised Volatility of the Core Index. The Realised Volatility of the Portfolio Returns contrast with the Core Index in that the Core Index’s exposure to an Underlying may actually vary over any 20 Calculation Date period.

Once the Realised Volatility and Maximum Realised Volatility are calculated, the Dynamic Exposure to the Core Index is determined. If the Maximum Realised Volatility increases to certain levels, exposure to the Core Index is reduced. Conversely, exposure to the Core Index is increased if the Maximum Realised Volatility decreases to certain levels.

On a daily basis, the Dynamic Exposure provides for the Index to have exposure to the Core Index within a range from a minimum of zero per cent to a maximum of 150 per cent. The Dynamic Exposure is thus determined according to the range that the Maximum Realised Volatility falls within. The Index will be 150.00% exposed (levered) to the Core Index when the Maximum Realised Volatility is greater than or equal to 0.00% but less than 6.00% per cent and 133.33% exposed to the Core Index when the Maximum Realised Volatility is greater than or equal to 6.00% and less than 7.50%. The Index will be 100% exposed to the Core Index (i.e., one-for-one exposed) when the Maximum Realised Volatility is greater than or equal to 5.00% but less than 10.00%. If Maximum Realised Volatility increases to 10.00% or above, the Dynamic Exposure will be adjusted in accordance with the table below:

Maximum Realised Volatility greater than or equal to	Maximum Realised Volatility less than	Dynamic Participation
0.00%	6.00%	150.00%
6.00%	7.50%	133.33%
7.50%	10.00%	100.00%
10.00%	13.33%	75.00%
13.33%	20.00%	50.00%
20.00%	30.00%	33.33%

30.00%	50.00%	20.00%
50.00%	(no upper limit)	33.00%

For example, if Maximum Realised Volatility equals 10.00%, then the Index will be 75.00% exposed to the Core Index. If Maximum Realised Volatility equals 18.00%, the Index will be 50.00% exposed to the Core Index.

Trading costs will be deducted from the level of the Index if the application of the volatility control overlay causes the Dynamic Exposure to change on any Calculation Date. Trading costs represent the expenses incurred by the Index Sponsor when notionally buying or selling units of the Underlying to adjust to the new exposure. The deduction of the trading costs will reduce the performance of the Index.

The level of the Index will be calculated by the Calculation Agent on each Calculation Date. The information contained in this Description describes the methodology and material rules and risks relating to the Index. This information is subject to change. The Index Sponsor makes no representation or warranty that the Index will achieve its stated objectives.

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Assumptions regarding the strategy adopted by the Index Sponsor

The strategy adopted by the Core Index is based on the assumption that observing the trend of the Underlyings (other than the Constant Long Exposure Underlyings) is an effective way of determining future performance and allocates exposure accordingly. For this reason, the Core Index is designed to allocate exposure to those Underlyings with positive trend, based on the assumption that they will offer a continued positive performance. However, investors should be aware that these are assumptions, and there is no guarantee that the trend analysis performed by the Index will be an effective way of allocating exposure to the Underlyings. Some of the general shortcomings of trend measures include (but are not limited to):

The trend measure used is based on performance of assets measured in the past. Past results are not indicative of future performance.

The trends are determined over a historical time period, and views may differ as to what type of performance over such time period is needed to be deemed a trend. For the purposes of this Index, an Underlying's price must be above or below its Moving Average for five consecutive Calculation Dates to be deemed a trend.

Trend following strategies may lack positive performance during market environments that have no clear direction in price movements.

The Core Index will always be exposed to the performance of the Constant Long Exposure Underlyings, regardless of their prevailing trends.

The volatility control overlay implemented in the Index is an automatic feature that aims to protect against some of the inherent volatility exhibited by the Underlyings comprising the Core Index by reducing exposure to the Underlyings comprising the Core Index in times of high volatility. In periods of higher volatility of the Core Index, the reduction in exposure to the Core Index may cushion the effect of falls in the level of the Underlyings but constrain the benefit of rises in the level of the Underlyings. The effectiveness of the volatility control overlay also depends on the measure of risk (volatility) adopted in the calculation and there is no assurance that the measure of risk (volatility) adopted by the volatility control overlay will be an accurate measure of the risk (volatility) exhibited by the Underlyings in the future.

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LaunchPAD Programme

Supplementary Prospectus dated 3 September 2012

**FOURTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUSES IN RESPECT OF THE
LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES, REVERSE
EXCHANGEABLE SECURITIES, TURBOS AND WARRANTS; AND FIFTH SUPPLEMENT
TO THE BASE PROSPECTUSES IN RESPECT OF THE LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR
THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES AND OPEN END CERTIFICATES**



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- 1** This supplement dated 3 September 2012 (this “**Supplement**”) constitutes (i) the fourth supplement to each of the base prospectuses dated 25 May 2012 in relation to the Issuer’s LaunchPAD Programme for the issuance of Notes, Reverse Exchangeable Securities, Turbos and Warrants, each approved by the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets (*Stichting Autoriteit Financiële Markten*, the “**AFM**”) on 25 May 2012; and (ii) the fifth supplement to each of the base prospectuses dated 25 May 2012 in relation to the Issuer’s LaunchPAD Programme for the issuance of Certificates and Open End Certificates, each approved by the AFM on 25 May 2012 (the “**Base Prospectuses**” and, each, a “**Base Prospectus**”).
- 2** Each of the Base Prospectuses was approved as a base prospectus pursuant to Directive 2003/71/EC (the “**Prospectus Directive**”) by the AFM. This Supplement constitutes a supplemental prospectus to each of the Base Prospectuses for the purposes of Article 5:23 of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*).
- 3** This Supplement is supplemental to, and should be read in conjunction with, each of the Base Prospectuses and any other supplements thereto issued by the Issuer. Terms defined in the Base Prospectuses have the same meanings when used in this Supplement.

- 4 In accordance with Article 5:23(6) of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*), investors who have agreed to purchase or subscribe for securities issued under any of the Base Prospectuses before this Supplement is published have the right, exercisable before the end of the period of two working days beginning with the working day after the date on which this Supplement was published, to withdraw their acceptances.
- 5 The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge of the Issuer (which has taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this Supplement is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.
- 6 On 31 August 2012, the unaudited Interim Results 2012 of RBS for the six months ended 30 June 2012 were published via the Regulatory News Service of the London Stock Exchange plc (the “**RBS Interim Results 2012**”).
- 7 By virtue of this Supplement, the RBS Interim Results 2012 shall be incorporated in, and form part of, each of the Base Prospectuses.
- 8 By virtue of this Supplement, the first paragraph under the heading “No Significant Change and No Material Adverse Change” in the sections of each of the Base Prospectuses entitled (i) “General Information”; and (ii) “Form of Final Terms”, shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following paragraph:

“There has been no significant change in the trading or financial position of the Issuer Group taken as a whole since 30 June 2012 (the end of the last financial period for which audited financial information or interim financial information of the Issuer Group has been published).”.
- 9 A copy of this Supplement, the Base Prospectuses and all other supplements thereto and all documents incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectuses are accessible on <http://markets.rbs.com/bparchive> or <http://markets.rbs.com/launchpad> and can be obtained, on request, free of charge, by writing or telephoning, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group Investor Relations, 280 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4RB, United Kingdom, telephone +44 207 672 1758, e-mail investor.relations@rbs.com.
- 10 If the documents which are incorporated by reference in each of the Base Prospectuses by virtue of this Supplement themselves incorporate any information or other documents therein, either expressly or implicitly, such information or other documents will not form part of any of the Base Prospectuses for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive except where such information or other documents are specifically incorporated by reference in, or attached to, each of the Base Prospectuses by virtue of this Supplement.
- 11 To the extent that there is any inconsistency between (a) any statement in this Supplement and (b) any other statement in any of the Base Prospectuses or any previous supplement to the Base Prospectuses, the statements referred to in (a) above will prevail.
- 12 Save as disclosed in any previous supplement to any of the Base Prospectuses or this Supplement, no other significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in the Base Prospectuses (as supplemented at the date hereof) has arisen or has been noted since the publication of the each of the Base Prospectuses.

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Supplementary Prospectus dated 3 August 2012

THIRD SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUSES IN RESPECT OF THE LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES, OPEN END CERTIFICATES, REVERSE EXCHANGEABLE SECURITIES, TURBOS AND WARRANTS; AND FOURTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS IN RESPECT OF THE LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES



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- 5 The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge of the Issuer (which has taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this Supplement is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.
- 6 Further to the announcement made on 4 July 2012 that the implementation of the Dutch Scheme would be deferred, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, RBS Holdings N.V., The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. and RBS II B.V. have announced that the Dutch Scheme is now expected to be implemented on 10 September 2012, subject (among other matters) to regulatory approvals and the approval of the Court of Session in Scotland. The Issuer will produce a supplement to its disclosure if there is a change to this date.
- 7 On 3 August 2012, the unaudited Interim Results 2012 of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc for the six months ended 30 June 2012 were published via the Regulatory News Service of the London Stock Exchange plc (the “**RBSG Interim Results 2012**”).
- 8 By virtue of this Supplement, the RBSG Interim Results 2012 shall be incorporated in, and form part of, each of the Base Prospectuses.
- 9 By virtue of this Supplement, the paragraphs set out in the Schedule hereto shall be inserted at the end of the sub-section entitled “Recent Developments” in the section entitled “General Information” in each of the Base Prospectuses.
- 10 A copy of this Supplement, the Base Prospectuses and all other supplements thereto and all documents incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectuses are accessible on <http://markets.rbs.com/bparchive> or <http://markets.rbs.com/launchpad> and can be obtained, on request, free of charge, by writing or telephoning, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group Investor Relations, 280 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4RB, United Kingdom, telephone +44 207 672 1758, e-mail investor.relations@rbs.com.
- 11 If the documents which are incorporated by reference in each of the Base Prospectuses by virtue of this Supplement themselves incorporate any information or other documents therein, either expressly or implicitly, such information or other documents will not form part of any of the Base Prospectuses for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive except where such information or other documents are specifically incorporated by reference in, or attached to, each of the Base Prospectuses by virtue of this Supplement.
- 12 To the extent that there is any inconsistency between (a) any statement in this Supplement and (b) any other statement in any of the Base Prospectuses or any previous supplement to the Base Prospectuses, the statements referred to in (a) above will prevail.
- 13 Save as disclosed in any previous supplement to any of the Base Prospectuses or this Supplement, no other significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in the Base Prospectuses (as supplemented at the date hereof) has arisen or has been noted since the publication of the each of the Base Prospectuses.

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Schedule

Litigation – London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR)

Certain members of the Group have been named as defendants in a number of class actions and individual claims filed in the US with respect to the setting of LIBOR. It is possible that further claims may be threatened or brought in the US or elsewhere relating to the setting of interest rates or interest rate-related trading.

Investigations

LIBOR

The Group continues to co-operate fully with investigations by various governmental and regulatory authorities into its submissions, communications and procedures relating to the setting of LIBOR and other interest rates. The relevant authorities include, amongst others, the US Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the US Department of Justice (Fraud Division), the Financial Services Authority and the Japanese Financial Services Agency. The Group has dismissed a number of employees for misconduct as a result of its investigations into these matters.

The Group is also under investigation by competition authorities in a number of jurisdictions, including the European Commission, Department of Justice (Antitrust Division) and Canadian Competition Bureau, stemming from the actions of certain individuals in the setting of LIBOR and other interest rates, as well as interest rate-related trading. The Group is also co-operating fully with these investigations.

It is not possible to reliably measure what effect these investigations, any regulatory findings and any related developments may have on the Group, including the timing and amount of fines or settlements.

Technology incident

On 19 June 2012, the Group was affected by a technology incident, as a result of which the processing of certain customer accounts and payments were subject to considerable delay. The cause of the incident is being investigated by independent external counsel with the assistance of third party advisers, who have been instructed to carry out an independent review. The Group has agreed to reimburse customers for any loss suffered as a result of the incident and has made a provision of £125 million in the RBSG Interim Results 2012 for this matter. Additional costs may arise once all redress and business disruption items are clear and a further update will be given in the third quarter.

The incident, the Group's handling of the incident and the systems and controls surrounding the processes affected, are the subject of regulatory enquiries (both from the UK and Ireland) and the Group could become a party to litigation. In particular, the Group could face legal claims from those whose accounts were affected and could itself have claims against third parties.

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Supplementary Prospectus dated 11 July 2012

**SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUSES IN RESPECT OF THE
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CERTIFICATES, REVERSE EXCHANGEABLE SECURITIES, TURBOS AND WARRANTS;
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- 2** Each of the Base Prospectuses was approved as a base prospectus pursuant to Directive 2003/71/EC (the “**Prospectus Directive**”) by the AFM. This Supplement constitutes a supplemental prospectus to each of the Base Prospectuses for the purposes of Article 5:23 of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*).
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- 6 Further to the announcement dated 18 June 2012, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, RBS, RBS Holdings N.V., The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. and RBS II B.V. have decided that, as a result of technology issues which have affected the Group in the UK and Ireland, it would be prudent to defer the implementation of the Dutch Scheme which was scheduled to take place on 9 July 2012. The Financial Services Authority has been advised of the delay and has no objections. De Nederlandsche Bank is aware of the delay. The Issuer will produce a supplement to its disclosure once the new effective date for the Dutch Scheme has been set, which is subject to regulatory and court approvals.
- 7 By virtue of this Supplement, the following shall be inserted at the end of the sub-section entitled “Recent Developments” in the section entitled “General Information” in each of the Base Prospectuses:

“FSA agreement in relation to interest rate swap products for SMEs

On 29 June 2012, RBS announced that it, in common with a number of other UK banks, had reached an agreement with the Financial Services Authority on an approach to the mis-selling issues surrounding interest rate swap products for SMEs. The agreement includes an independent review process which is intended to provide certainty for affected customers and other stakeholders. In respect of less sophisticated customers who entered into more complex swap products, RBS has agreed to provide direct and immediate redress. RBS is currently not able to reliably estimate the financial impact of this agreement.”.
- 8 A copy of this Supplement, the Base Prospectuses and all other supplements thereto and all documents incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectuses are accessible on <http://markets.rbs.com/bparchive> or <http://markets.rbs.com/launchpad> and can be obtained, on request, free of charge, by writing or telephoning, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group Investor Relations, 280 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4RB, United Kingdom, telephone +44 207 672 1758, e-mail investor.relations@rbs.com.
- 9 To the extent that there is any inconsistency between (a) any statement in this Supplement and (b) any other statement in any of the Base Prospectuses or any previous supplement to the Base Prospectuses, the statements referred to in (a) above will prevail.
- 10 Save as disclosed in any previous supplement to any of the Base Prospectuses or this Supplement, no other significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in the Base Prospectuses (as supplemented at the date hereof) has arisen or has been noted since the publication of the each of the Base Prospectuses.

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Supplementary Prospectus dated 25 June 2012

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- 2** Each of the Base Prospectuses was approved as a base prospectus pursuant to Directive 2003/71/EC (the “**Prospectus Directive**”) by the AFM. This Supplement constitutes a supplemental prospectus to each of the Base Prospectuses for the purposes of Article 5:23 of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*).
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- 6 On 24 February 2012, the registration document of The Royal Bank of Scotland plc dated 24 February 2012 (the “**Registration Document**”) was published via the Regulatory News Service of the London Stock Exchange plc. The Registration Document is incorporated by reference in each of the Base Prospectuses and has previously been filed with the AFM.
- 7 By virtue of this Supplement, the following information within the section entitled “Introduction” in the Registration Document shall no longer be incorporated by reference in any of the Base Prospectuses:
 - 7.1 the final sentence of the fourth paragraph of such section, which begins with the words “Moody’s Investors Service Limited”;
 - 7.2 the seventh paragraph of such section, which begins with the words “As defined by Moody’s”; and
 - 7.3 limb (ii) of the eighth paragraph of such section, which begins with the words “the ratings definitions set out above”.
- 8 By virtue of this Supplement, the following shall be inserted as a new sub-section entitled “Recent Developments - Ratings” in the section entitled “General Information” in each of the Base Prospectuses:

“Moody’s Investors Service Limited (“**Moody’s**”) is expected to rate: senior notes issued by RBS with a maturity of one year or more “A3”; senior notes issued by RBS with a maturity of less than one year “P-2”; and dated subordinated notes and undated tier 2 notes issued by RBS will be rated on a case-by-case basis.

As defined by Moody’s, an “A” rating means the capacity of the Issuer to meet its obligations on the relevant notes issued by it is considered to be upper-medium grade subject to low credit risk. As defined by Moody’s, the addition of a “3” indicates that the obligation ranks in the lower end of its generic rating category. As defined by Moody’s, a “P-2” rating means that the Issuer has a strong ability to repay its short-term debt obligations on the relevant notes issued by it.

The rating definitions set out above constitute third-party information and were obtained in the English language from the publication entitled “Rating Symbols and Definitions - June 2012” published by Moody’s (available at www.moody.com).

The rating definitions set out in this Base Prospectus have been accurately reproduced from the sources identified above and, so far as RBS is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by the third parties referred to above, no facts have been omitted which would render the ratings definitions set out above inaccurate or misleading.

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

- 9 The amendments described in paragraphs 7 and 8 above arise following an announcement by Moody's on 21 June 2012 of revisions to the expected ratings of notes issued by RBS and those of certain other global banks and securities firms, reflecting changes in the Moody's rating methodology to assess global capital markets business models and its broader concerns about the additional pressures arising from a difficult Euro-zone operating environment. The Group (as defined in each of the Base Prospectuses) believes the impacts of this downgrade are manageable, bearing in mind its £153 billion liquidity portfolio. The amount of collateral that may have to be posted by the Group following this downgrade by Moody's is estimated to be £9 billion as of 31 May 2012.
- 10 By virtue of this Supplement, the final sentence of the sub-section entitled "Recent Developments – Proposals – Dutch Scheme" in the section entitled "General Information" in each of the Base Prospectuses which begins with the words "Subject to these matters" shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:
- "On 18 June 2012, the Court of Session in Scotland made an order, inter alia, approving the completion of the Merger for the purposes of Article 11 of Directive 2005/56/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union. It is expected that the Dutch Scheme will take effect on 9 July 2012."
- 11 A copy of this Supplement, the Base Prospectuses and all other supplements thereto and all documents incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectuses are accessible on <http://markets.rbs.com/bparchive> or <http://markets.rbs.com/launchpad> and can be obtained, on request, free of charge, by writing or telephoning, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group Investor Relations, 280 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4RB, United Kingdom, telephone +44 207 672 1758, e-mail investor.relations@rbs.com.
- 12 To the extent that there is any inconsistency between (a) any statement in this Supplement and (b) any other statement in any of the Base Prospectuses or any previous supplement to the Base Prospectuses, the statements referred to in (a) above will prevail.
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Supplementary Prospectus dated 15 June 2012

FIRST SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS IN RESPECT OF THE LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES



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The Royal Bank of Scotland plc LaunchPAD Programme

- 1** This Supplement dated 15 June 2012 (this **Supplement**) constitutes the first supplement to the base prospectus dated 25 May 2012 in relation to the Issuer's LaunchPAD Programme for the issuance of Certificates, approved by the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets (*Stichting Autoriteit Financiële Markten*, the **AFM**) on 25 May 2012 (the **Base Prospectus**).
- 2** The Base Prospectus was approved as a base prospectus pursuant to Directive 2003/71/EC (the **Prospectus Directive**) by the AFM. This Supplement constitutes a supplemental prospectus to the Base Prospectus for the purposes of Article 5:23 of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*).
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6 The purpose of this Supplement is to enable certain Redeemable Certificates to be issued with a nominal amount rather than in the form of units:

(a) in the Summary, the description relating to the Indicative Issue Price shall be amended to read as follows:

“Indicative Issue Price: The Securities will be issued at a price determined by the Issuer who may, in making such determination, refer to, amongst other factors, the level of the Underlying, the relevant certificate entitlement and any applicable foreign exchange rate(s), or at their nominal amount or a percentage thereof, as specified in the applicable Final Terms.”;

(b) in the Risk Factors, a new risk factor should be added after “There may be delays in effecting settlement” as follows:

“Additional Securities which have a Nominal Amount may need to be purchased to receive definitive Securities

In relation to any issue of Securities which have a Nominal Amount consisting of a minimum Nominal Amount of EUR 1,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies) (the “**Minimum Nominal Amount**”) plus a higher integral multiple of another smaller amount, it is possible that the Securities may be traded in amounts in excess of the Minimum Nominal Amount that are not integral multiples of the Minimum Nominal Amount. In such a case a Holder who, as a result of trading such amounts, holds a nominal amount of less than the Minimum Nominal Amount will not receive a definitive Security in respect of such holding (should definitive Securities be printed) and would need to purchase a nominal amount of Securities such that it holds an amount equal to one or more Nominal Amounts.”;

(c) in the Product Conditions relating to Certificate-linked Certificates and Index Express Certificates, the following definition will be added:

““**Nominal Amount**” means the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms (if any);”;

(d) in the Product Conditions relating to Certificate-linked Certificates, the definitions of “Cash Amount” and “Early Termination Amount” shall be amended to read as follows:

““**Cash Amount**” means (including, in respect of each Nominal Amount (if applicable)), an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards”; and

““**Early Termination Amount**” means (including, in respect of each Nominal Amount (if applicable)) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Early Termination Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards”; and

(e) in the Product Conditions relating to Index Express Certificates, the definitions of “Cash Amount” and “Early Termination Amount” shall be amended to read as follows:

“**Cash Amount**” means (including, in respect of each Nominal Amount (if applicable)), an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards”; and

“**Early Termination Amount**” means (including, in respect of each Nominal Amount (if applicable)) the amount or amounts specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent”;

(f) in the Form of Final Terms relating to Certificate-linked Certificates:

(i) a definition of Nominal Amount shall be added as follows:

“Nominal Amount: [] *[If the Securities are issued pursuant to a prospectus which is required to be compliant with the Prospectus Directive, then the minimum denomination of the Securities may need to be Euro 1,000 (or its foreign currency equivalent)]* [Not Applicable]”;

(ii) the definition of Cash Amount shall be amended to read as follows:

“Cash Amount: [[Nominal Amount x] [Final Reference Price / Initial Reference Price]] *[Specify other]*”; and

(iii) the definition of Early Termination Amount shall be amended to read as follows:

“Early Termination Amount: [[Nominal Amount x] [Early Termination Reference Price / Initial Reference Price]] *[Specify other]* [Not Applicable]”; and

(g) in the Form of Final Terms relating to Index Express Certificates:

(i) a definition of Nominal Amount shall be added as follows:

“Nominal Amount: [] *[If the Securities are issued pursuant to a prospectus which is required to be compliant with the Prospectus Directive, then the minimum denomination of the Securities may need to be Euro 1,000 (or its foreign currency equivalent)]* [Not Applicable]”; and

(ii) the definition of Early Termination Amount shall be amended to read as follows:

“Early Termination Amount: [] [[] per Nominal Amount] [Not Applicable]”.

7 A copy of this Supplement, the Base Prospectus and all other supplements thereto and all documents incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus are accessible on <http://markets.rbs.com/bparchive> or <http://markets.rbs.com/launchpad> and can be obtained from the registered office of the Issuer at 36 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YB, United Kingdom, telephone +44 131 523 3636 or e-mail investor.relations@rbs.com.

8 To the extent that there is any inconsistency between (a) any statement in this Supplement or any statement incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus by virtue of this Supplement and (b) any other statement in or incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus, the statements referred to in (a) above will prevail.

- 9 Save as disclosed in this Supplement, no other significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in the Base Prospectus (as supplemented at the date hereof) has arisen or been noted since the publication of the Base Prospectus.

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME

BASE PROSPECTUS RELATING TO CERTIFICATES

DATED: 25 MAY 2012



The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

*(incorporated in Scotland with limited liability under the Companies Acts 1948 to 1980
registered number SC090312)*

BASE PROSPECTUS RELATING TO

CERTIFICATES

THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND PLC

LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF THE SECURITIES DESCRIBED IN THIS BASE PROSPECTUS (THE "SECURITIES") SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEY UNDERSTAND FULLY THE NATURE OF THE SECURITIES AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR EXPOSURE TO THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SECURITIES. THE MARKET PRICE AND / OR VALUE OF THE SECURITIES MAY BE VOLATILE AND HOLDERS OF THE SECURITIES MAY SUSTAIN A TOTAL LOSS IN THE VALUE OF THEIR INVESTMENT (UNLESS THE SECURITIES ARE OF A TYPE IN WHICH CAPITAL IS PROTECTED). PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS NEED TO CONSIDER THE SUITABILITY OF AN INVESTMENT IN THE SECURITIES IN LIGHT OF THEIR OWN FINANCIAL, FISCAL, REGULATORY AND OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES. PLEASE REFER, IN PARTICULAR, TO THE SECTIONS "RISK FACTORS" IN THIS BASE PROSPECTUS AND IN THE REGISTRATION DOCUMENT FOR A MORE COMPLETE EXPLANATION OF THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH AN INVESTMENT IN THE SECURITIES.

SERIES OF SECURITIES TO BE ISSUED UNDER THE PROGRAMME DESCRIBED BY THIS BASE PROSPECTUS (THE "PROGRAMME") MAY BE RATED OR UNRATED. WHERE A SERIES OF SECURITIES IS TO BE RATED, SUCH RATING WILL NOT NECESSARILY BE THE SAME AS ANY RATING ASSIGNED TO ANY SECURITIES ALREADY ISSUED. WHETHER OR NOT A RATING IN RELATION TO ANY SERIES OF SECURITIES WILL BE TREATED AS HAVING BEEN ISSUED BY A CREDIT RATING AGENCY ESTABLISHED IN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND REGISTERED UNDER REGULATION (EC) No 1060/2009 ON CREDIT RATING AGENCIES (THE "CRA REGULATION") WILL BE DISCLOSED IN THE RELEVANT FINAL TERMS. A SECURITY RATING IS NOT A RECOMMENDATION TO BUY, SELL OR HOLD SECURITIES AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO SUSPENSION, REDUCTION OR WITHDRAWAL AT ANY TIME BY THE ASSIGNING RATING AGENCY.

THE CREDIT RATINGS INCLUDED AND REFERRED TO IN THIS BASE PROSPECTUS (INCLUDING DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE HEREIN) HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY STANDARD & POOR'S CREDIT MARKET SERVICES EUROPE LIMITED, FITCH RATINGS LIMITED AND MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICE LIMITED, EACH OF WHICH IS ESTABLISHED IN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND IS REGISTERED UNDER THE CRA REGULATION.

THE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT") OR THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE UNITED STATES, AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, TRANSFERRED OR DELIVERED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, IN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, ANY U.S. PERSON, EXCEPT PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM, OR IN A TRANSACTION NOT SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT AND ANY APPLICABLE U.S. STATE SECURITIES LAWS. THE SECURITIES ARE BEING OFFERED AND SOLD ONLY: (I) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO PERSONS OTHER THAN U.S. PERSONS (AS DEFINED IN REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) IN OFFSHORE TRANSACTIONS THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT; AND (II) IN THE CASE OF EQUITY CERTIFICATES (AS DEFINED HEREIN) ONLY, TO U.S. PERSONS WHO ARE "QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS" (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A OF THE SECURITIES ACT) IN RELIANCE ON THE EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A, IN EACH CASE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE JURISDICTION. FURTHERMORE, TRADING IN THE SECURITIES HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION UNDER THE UNITED STATES COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT, AS AMENDED.

THE SECURITIES DO NOT CONSTITUTE UNITS OF COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE SWISS FEDERAL ACT ON COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES ("CISA") AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF, OR

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SUPERVISION BY THE SWISS FINANCIAL MARKET SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY ("FINMA"). HOLDERS OF THE SECURITIES ARE EXPOSED TO THE CREDIT RISK OF THE ISSUER.

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THIS BASE PROSPECTUS CONSTITUTES A BASE PROSPECTUS FOR THE PURPOSES OF ARTICLE 5.4 OF DIRECTIVE 2003/71/EC (THE “**PROSPECTUS DIRECTIVE**”).

THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND PLC (THE “**ISSUER**”) ACCEPTS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS BASE PROSPECTUS, AS COMPLETED AND/OR AMENDED BY THE FINAL TERMS. TO THE BEST OF THE KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF OF THE ISSUER (WHICH HAS TAKEN ALL REASONABLE CARE TO ENSURE THAT SUCH IS THE CASE) THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FACTS AND DOES NOT OMIT ANYTHING LIKELY TO AFFECT THE IMPORT OF SUCH INFORMATION.

THE SECURITIES MAY BE ISSUED ON A CONTINUING BASIS TO THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND PLC AND/OR ANY ADDITIONAL DEALER APPOINTED UNDER THE PROGRAMME FROM TIME TO TIME, WHICH APPOINTMENT MAY BE FOR A SPECIFIC ISSUE OR ON AN ONGOING BASIS (EACH A “**DEALER**” AND TOGETHER THE “**DEALERS**”).

APPLICATION WILL BE MADE TO NYSE EURONEXT FOR SECURITIES TO BE ADMITTED TO TRADING AND LISTED ON EURONEXT AMSTERDAM N.V. (“**EURONEXT AMSTERDAM**”) BY NYSE EURONEXT UP TO THE EXPIRY OF 12 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS BASE PROSPECTUS. IN ADDITION, SECURITIES MAY BE LISTED OR ADMITTED TO TRADING, AS THE CASE MAY BE, ON ANY OTHER STOCK EXCHANGE OR MARKET SPECIFIED IN THE APPLICABLE FINAL TERMS. THE ISSUER MAY ALSO ISSUE UNLISTED SECURITIES.

REFERENCES IN THIS PROGRAMME TO SECURITIES BEING “**LISTED**” (AND ALL RELATED REFERENCES) SHALL, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, MEAN THAT SUCH SECURITIES WILL BE ADMITTED TO TRADING AND WILL BE LISTED ON EURONEXT AMSTERDAM OR ANY OTHER REGULATED MARKET FOR THE PURPOSES OF DIRECTIVE 2004/39/EC (THE **MARKETS IN FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS DIRECTIVE**).

NEITHER THE ISSUER NOR ANY DEALER HAS AUTHORISED THE MAKING OR PROVISION OF ANY REPRESENTATION OR INFORMATION REGARDING THE ISSUER OR ANY SECURITIES OTHER THAN THOSE CONTAINED IN THIS BASE PROSPECTUS. NEITHER THE DELIVERY OF THIS DOCUMENT NOR THE DELIVERY OF ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS OF THE LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME NOR ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE COURSE OF A TRANSACTION IN SECURITIES SHALL, IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, BE CONSTRUED AS A RECOMMENDATION BY THE ISSUER OR ANY DEALER TO ENTER INTO ANY TRANSACTION WITH RESPECT TO ANY SECURITIES. EACH PROSPECTIVE INVESTOR CONTEMPLATING A PURCHASE OF SECURITIES SHOULD MAKE ITS OWN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OF THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH A TRANSACTION INVOLVING ANY SECURITIES.

THE DELIVERY OF THIS DOCUMENT DOES NOT AT ANY TIME IMPLY THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE ISSUER SINCE THE DATE OF THIS BASE PROSPECTUS OR THE DATE UPON WHICH THIS BASE PROSPECTUS HAS BEEN MOST RECENTLY AMENDED OR SUPPLEMENTED. THE ISSUER DOES NOT INTEND TO PROVIDE ANY POST-ISSUANCE INFORMATION.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THIS DOCUMENT AND THE OFFERING, SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE SECURITIES IN CERTAIN JURISDICTIONS MAY BE RESTRICTED BY LAW. PERSONS INTO WHOSE POSSESSION THIS DOCUMENT COMES ARE REQUIRED BY THE ISSUER TO INFORM THEMSELVES ABOUT, AND TO OBSERVE, ANY SUCH RESTRICTIONS. FOR A DESCRIPTION OF CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON OFFERS, SALES AND DELIVERIES OF SECURITIES AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF THIS DOCUMENT AND OTHER OFFERING MATERIAL RELATING TO THE SECURITIES PLEASE REFER TO “**SELLING RESTRICTIONS**” IN THIS BASE PROSPECTUS.

NO PERSON HAS BEEN AUTHORISED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION OR TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATIONS OTHER THAN THOSE CONTAINED IN THIS BASE PROSPECTUS AND, IF GIVEN OR MADE, SUCH INFORMATION OR REPRESENTATIONS MUST NOT BE RELIED UPON AS HAVING BEEN AUTHORISED BY THE ISSUER OR ANY DEALER.

WHERE INFORMATION HAS BEEN SOURCED FROM A THIRD PARTY, THE ISSUER CONFIRMS THAT THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN ACCURATELY REPRODUCED AND THAT AS FAR AS THE ISSUER IS AWARE AND IS ABLE TO ASCERTAIN FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED BY THAT THIRD PARTY, NO FACTS HAVE BEEN OMITTED WHICH WOULD RENDER THE REPRODUCED INFORMATION INACCURATE OR MISLEADING.

THIS BASE PROSPECTUS IS TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH ALL DOCUMENTS THAT ARE DEEMED TO BE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND SHALL BE READ AND CONSTRUED ON THE BASIS THAT SUCH DOCUMENTS ARE INCORPORATED IN AND FORM PART OF THE BASE PROSPECTUS.

THE ISSUER DOES NOT REPRESENT THAT THIS DOCUMENT MAY BE LAWFULLY DISTRIBUTED, OR THAT SECURITIES MAY BE LAWFULLY OFFERED, IN COMPLIANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE REGISTRATION OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS IN ANY JURISDICTION, OR PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION AVAILABLE THEREUNDER, OR ASSUME ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR FACILITATING ANY SUCH DISTRIBUTION OR OFFERING. IN PARTICULAR, NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE BY THE ISSUER, WHICH WOULD PERMIT A PUBLIC OFFERING OF THE SECURITIES OR POSSESSION OR DISTRIBUTION OF THIS PROSPECTUS OR ANY OFFERING MATERIAL IN RELATION TO THE SECURITIES IN ANY JURISDICTION WHERE ACTION FOR THAT PURPOSE IS REQUIRED. NO OFFERS, SALES OR DELIVERIES OF ANY SECURITIES, OR DISTRIBUTION OF ANY OFFERING MATERIAL RELATING TO THE SECURITIES, MAY BE MADE IN OR FROM ANY JURISDICTION EXCEPT IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WILL RESULT IN COMPLIANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS AND WILL NOT IMPOSE ANY OBLIGATION ON THE ISSUER. FOR A DESCRIPTION OF CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON OFFERS, SALES AND DELIVERIES OF SECURITIES AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF THIS DOCUMENT AND OTHER OFFERING MATERIAL RELATING TO THE SECURITIES PLEASE REFER TO “**SELLING RESTRICTIONS**” IN THIS BASE PROSPECTUS.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUE OF ANY SERIES OF SECURITIES, THE DEALER OR DEALERS (IF ANY) NAMED AS THE STABILISING MANAGER(S) (OR ANY PERSON ACTING ON BEHALF OF ANY STABILISING MANAGER(S)) IN THE APPLICABLE FINAL TERMS MAY OVER-ALLOT SECURITIES OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WITH A VIEW TO SUPPORTING THE MARKET PRICE OF THE SECURITIES AT A LEVEL HIGHER THAN THAT WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO ASSURANCE THAT THE STABILISING MANAGER(S) (OR ANY PERSON ACTING ON BEHALF OF ANY STABILISING MANAGER) WILL UNDERTAKE STABILISATION ACTION. ANY STABILISATION ACTION MAY BEGIN ON OR AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH ADEQUATE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THE TERMS OF THE OFFER OF THE RELEVANT SERIES OF SECURITIES IS MADE AND, IF BEGUN, MAY BE ENDED AT ANY TIME, BUT IT MUST END NO LATER THAN THE EARLIER OF 30 DAYS AFTER THE ISSUE DATE OF THE RELEVANT SERIES OF SECURITIES AND 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE ALLOTMENT OF THE RELEVANT SERIES OF SECURITIES. ANY STABILISATION ACTION OR OVER-ALLOTMENT MUST BE CONDUCTED BY THE RELEVANT STABILISING MANAGER(S) (OR PERSONS ACTING ON BEHALF OF ANY STABILISATION MANAGER(S)) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS AND RULES.

FOR UNITED KINGDOM TAX PURPOSES, THE TERM “**SECURITY**” OR “**SECURITIES**” REFERS TO INSTRUMENTS OF THE TYPE DESCRIBED IN THIS BASE PROSPECTUS AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE DETERMINATIVE (OR INDICATIVE) OF THE NATURE OF THE INSTRUMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF UNITED KINGDOM TAXATION.

THIS BASE PROSPECTUS WILL BE FILED WITH THE SIX SWISS EXCHANGE LTD AND APPLICATION MAY BE MADE TO LIST THE SECURITIES UNDER THE PROGRAMME ON THE SIX SWISS EXCHANGE LTD. IN RESPECT OF SECURITIES TO BE LISTED ON THE SIX SWISS EXCHANGE LTD, THE PROGRAMME, TOGETHER WITH THE FINAL TERMS, WILL CONSTITUTE THE LISTING PROSPECTUS PURSUANT TO THE LISTING RULES OF THE SIX SWISS EXCHANGE LTD.

Securities, other than the Equity Certificates issued in registered form, which are sold to a non-U.S. person (within the meaning of Regulation S (“**Regulation S**”) under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Securities Act**”)) in an “offshore transaction” within the meaning of Regulation S may be issued in global bearer form or dematerialised form.

Equity Certificates issued in registered form which are sold to a non-U.S. person will initially be evidenced by interests in a registered global certificate (each a “**Regulation S Registered Global Security**”), without interest coupons, which will be registered in the name of a nominee for, and shall be deposited on its issue date with a common depository on behalf of, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

Equity Certificates issued in registered form which are sold in reliance on Rule 144A (“**Rule 144A**”) under the Securities Act to “qualified institutional buyers” (“**QIBs**”) within the meaning of Rule 144A will initially be evidenced by one or more registered global certificates (each a “**Rule 144A Global Security**” and, together with any Regulation S Registered Global Security and any other Security that may be issued under the Programme in global bearer form (each a “**Regulation S Global Bearer Security**” and together with each Regulation S Registered Global Security a “**Regulation S Global Security**”), each a “**Global Security**”, in each case in or substantially in the form available from the offices of the Issuer), without interest coupons, which will be deposited with either (i) a custodian for, and registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee for, The Depository Trust Company (“**DTC**”) or (ii) a common depository for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and registered in the name of a nominee of their common depository, in each case, on its issue date. Beneficial interests in Regulation S Registered Global Securities or Rule 144A Global Securities will be shown on, and transfers thereof will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC, Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear and their participants. The provisions governing the exchange of interests in Rule 144A Global Securities for Definitive Securities (as defined in “Sales within the United States, Part II: Form of the Securities”) are described in “Sales within the United States, Part II: Form of the Securities”. The provisions governing the exchange of interests in Regulation S Global Securities for Definitive Securities (as defined in “Form of the Securities”) are described in “Form of the Securities”. Definitive Securities will not be eligible for trading on the facilities of DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg. See “Clearing and Settlement”. Interests in Regulation S Global Securities, Rule 144A Global Securities and Definitive Securities will be subject to certain restrictions on transfer. See “Selling Restrictions” and “Sales Within the United States” in this Base Prospectus.

GENERAL NOTICE

EACH PURCHASER OF SECURITIES MUST COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS IN FORCE IN EACH JURISDICTION IN WHICH IT PURCHASES, OFFERS OR SELLS SUCH SECURITIES OR POSSESSES OR DISTRIBUTES THIS BASE PROSPECTUS

AND MUST OBTAIN ANY CONSENT, APPROVAL OR PERMISSION REQUIRED FOR THE PURCHASE, OFFER OR SALE BY IT OF SUCH SECURITIES UNDER THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS IN FORCE IN ANY JURISDICTIONS TO WHICH IT IS SUBJECT OR IN WHICH IT MAKES SUCH PURCHASES, OFFERS OR SALES, AND NONE OF THE ISSUER, THE ARRANGER OR THE DEALER(S) SPECIFIED HEREIN (INCLUDING THE DIRECTORS, OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES THEREOF) SHALL HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY THEREFOR.

THE SECURITIES ARE SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER AND RESALE. INVESTORS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THEY MAY BE REQUIRED TO BEAR THE FINANCIAL RISKS OF AN INVESTMENT IN THE SECURITIES FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME.

THE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY ANY U.S. FEDERAL OR STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION OR REGULATORY AUTHORITY NOR HAVE ANY OF THE FOREGOING AUTHORITIES PASSED UPON OR ENDORSED THE MERITS OF THE OFFERING OF THE SECURITIES PURSUANT TO THE PROGRAMME OR THE ACCURACY OR THE ADEQUACY OF THE BASE PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENCE IN THE UNITED STATES.

General

The Securities have not been registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Securities Act**”) or the securities laws of any state or political subdivision of the United States, and may not be offered, sold, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to the requirements of, the Securities Act and any applicable U.S. state securities laws. The Securities are being offered and sold only: (i) outside the United States to persons other than U.S. persons (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act) (“**Regulation S**”) in offshore transactions that meet the requirements of Regulation S; and (ii) in the case of Equity Certificates only, to U.S. persons who are "qualified institutional buyers" (“**QIBs**”) (as defined in Rule 144A of the Securities Act) (“**Rule 144A**”), in reliance on the exemption from registration requirements of the Securities Act provided by Rule 144A, in each case in accordance with any applicable securities laws of the United States and any other applicable jurisdictions.

Prospective purchasers are hereby notified that sellers of the Securities may be relying on the exemption from the provisions of Section 5 of the Securities Act provided by Rule 144A.

Effective from the date of commencement of discussions concerning a particular Series of the Securities (each a “**Relevant Series**”), each holder of the Securities (each, a “**Holder**”) and its respective employees, representatives or other agents may disclose to any and all persons, without

limitation of any kind, the tax treatment and tax structure of the Relevant Series and all materials of any kind, including opinions or other tax analyses, if any, that have been provided to such Holder relating to such tax treatment and tax structure. However, the foregoing does not constitute an authorisation to disclose the Issuer's identity or that of its affiliates, agents or advisors or, except to the extent relating to such tax structure or tax treatment, any specific pricing terms or commercial or financial information.

Notice to New Hampshire Residents

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

Available Information

To permit compliance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act in connection with sales of any Securities, the Issuer has undertaken to furnish, upon the request of a Holder of such Securities, or a beneficial owner of an interest therein, to such Holder or beneficial owner or to a prospective purchaser designated by such Holder or beneficial owner, the information required to be delivered under Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act if, at the time of the request, the Issuer is neither a reporting company under Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "**Exchange Act**") nor exempt from reporting pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Exchange Act.

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SUMMARY

This summary must be read as an introduction to this Base Prospectus and any decision to invest in any Securities should be based on a consideration of this Base Prospectus as a whole, including the documents incorporated by reference. No civil liability attaches to the Issuer in respect of this Summary, including any translation thereof, unless it is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent when read together with the other parts of this Base Prospectus. Where a claim relating to information contained in this Base Prospectus is brought before a court in a Member State of the European Economic Area (an “EEA State”), the claimant may, under the national legislation of the EEA State where the claim is brought, be required to bear the costs of translating the Base Prospectus before the legal proceedings are initiated.

Words and expressions defined elsewhere in this Base Prospectus shall have the same meanings in this summary.

Issuer:

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (the “**Issuer**” or “**RBS**”).

The Issuer is a public limited company incorporated in Scotland with registration number SCO90312 and was incorporated under Scots law on 31 October 1984. The Issuer (together with its subsidiaries, the “**Issuer Group**”) is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc (“**RBSG**” (RBSG together with its subsidiaries consolidated in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, the “**Group**”). RBSG is the holding company of a large global banking and financial services group. Headquartered in Edinburgh, the Group operates in the United Kingdom, the United States and internationally through its principal subsidiaries, the Issuer and National Westminster Bank Plc (“**NatWest**”). Both the Issuer and NatWest are major United Kingdom clearing banks. In the United States, the Group’s subsidiary, Citizens Financial Group, Inc., is a large commercial banking organisation. Globally, the Group has a diversified customer base and provides a wide range of products and services to personal, commercial and large corporate and institutional customers.

The Group had total assets of £1,507 billion and owners' equity of £75 billion as at 31 December 2011. The Group's capital ratios as at 31 December 2011 were a total capital ratio of 13.8 per cent., a Core Tier 1 capital ratio of 10.6 per cent. and a Tier 1 capital ratio of 13.0 per cent.

The Issuer Group had total assets of £1,432.8 billion and owners' equity of £61.7 billion as at 31 December 2011. As at 31 December 2011, the Issuer Group's capital ratios were a total capital ratio of 14.6 per cent., a Core Tier 1 capital ratio of 9.2 per cent. and a Tier 1 capital ratio of 11.0 per cent.

In 2007, RFS Holdings B.V. ("**RFS Holdings**"), which was jointly owned by the Group, the Dutch State (successor to Fortis Bank Nederland (Holding) N.V.) and Banco Santander, S.A. (together, the "**Consortium Members**"), completed the acquisition of ABN AMRO Holding N.V.

On 6 February 2010, the businesses of ABN AMRO Holding N.V. acquired by the Dutch State were legally demerged to a newly established company, ABN AMRO Bank N.V. which on 1 April 2010 was transferred to ABN AMRO Group N.V., itself owned by the Dutch State.

Following legal separation, RBS Holdings (formerly ABN AMRO Holding N.V.) has one operating subsidiary, The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. ("**RBS N.V.**"), a fully operational bank within the Group. RBS N.V. is independently rated and regulated by the Dutch Central Bank. Certain assets within RBS N.V. continue to be shared by the Consortium Members.

Risk Factors:

Risks Relating to the Issuer

Certain factors may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under the Securities, including:

- The Group's businesses and performance can be negatively affected by actual or perceived global economic and financial market conditions and by

other geopolitical risks.

- The Group's ability to meet its obligations including its funding commitments depends on the Group's ability to access sources of liquidity and funding.
- The Independent Commission on Banking has published its final report on competition and possible structural reforms in the UK banking industry. The UK Government has indicated that it supports and intends to implement the recommendations substantially as proposed, which could have a material adverse effect on the Group.
- The Group's ability to implement its strategic plan depends on the success of the Group's refocus on its core strengths and its balance sheet reduction programme.
- The occurrence of a delay in the implementation of (or any failure to implement) the approved proposed transfers of a substantial part of the business activities of RBS N.V. to RBS may have a material adverse effect on the Group.
- The Group is subject to a variety of risks as a result of implementing the state aid restructuring plan and is prohibited from making discretionary dividend or coupon payments on existing hybrid capital instruments (including preference shares and B shares) which may impair the Group's ability to raise new Tier 1 capital.
- RBSG and its United Kingdom bank subsidiaries may face the risk of full nationalisation or other resolution procedures under the Banking Act 2009 which may result in various actions being taken in relation to any Securities.
- The financial performance of the Group has been, and continues to be, materially affected by deteriorations

in borrower and counterparty credit quality and further deteriorations could arise due to prevailing economic and market conditions, and legal and regulatory developments.

- The Group's earnings and financial condition have been, and its future earnings and financial condition may continue to be, materially affected by depressed asset valuations resulting from poor market conditions.
- The value or effectiveness of any credit protection that the Group has purchased depends on the value of the underlying assets and the financial condition of the insurers and counterparties.
- Changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, credit spreads, bond, equity and commodity prices, basis, volatility and correlation risks and other market factors have significantly affected and will continue to affect the Group's business and results of operations.
- The Group's borrowing costs, its access to the debt capital markets and its liquidity depend significantly on its and the United Kingdom Government's credit ratings.
- The Group's business performance could be adversely affected if its capital is not managed effectively or as a result of changes to capital adequacy and liquidity requirements.
- The Group is and may be subject to litigation and regulatory investigations that may have a material impact on its business.
- The value of certain financial instruments recorded at fair value is determined using financial models incorporating assumptions, judgements and estimates that may change over time or may ultimately not turn

out to be accurate.

- The Group operates in markets that are highly competitive and its business and results of operations may be adversely affected
- The Group could fail to attract or retain senior management, which may include members of the board, or other key employees, and it may suffer if it does not maintain good employee relations.
- Each of the Group's businesses is subject to substantial regulation and oversight. Significant regulatory developments, including changes in tax law, could have an adverse effect on how the Group conducts its business and on its results of operations and financial condition.
- The Group's results could be adversely affected in the event of goodwill impairment.
- The Group may be required to make further contributions to its pension schemes if the value of pension fund assets is not sufficient to cover potential obligations.
- Operational risks are inherent in the Group's businesses.
- HM Treasury (or UKFI on its behalf) may be able to exercise a significant degree of influence over the Group and any proposed offer or sale of its interests may affect the price of the Securities.
- The Group's operations have inherent reputational risk.
- In the United Kingdom and in other jurisdictions, the Group is responsible for contributing to compensation schemes in respect of banks and other authorised financial services firms that are unable to meet their obligations to customers.

- The recoverability and regulatory capital treatment of certain deferred tax assets recognised by the Group depends on the Group's ability to generate sufficient future taxable profits and there being no adverse changes to tax legislation, regulatory requirements or accounting standards.
- The Group's participation in the asset protection scheme is costly and may not produce the benefits expected and the occurrence of associated risks may have a material adverse impact on the Group's business, capital position, financial condition and results of operations.
- The extensive governance, asset management and information requirements under the scheme conditions may have an adverse impact on the Group and the expected benefits of the asset protection scheme.
- Any changes to the expected regulatory capital treatment of the asset protection scheme, the B shares or the contingent B shares may have a material adverse impact on the Group.
- RBS has entered into a credit derivative and a financial guarantee contract with RBS N.V. which may adversely affect the Issuer Group's results.
- If the Group is unable to issue the contingent B shares to HM Treasury, it may have a material adverse impact on the Group's capital position, liquidity, operating results and future prospects.

Risks Relating to the Securities

Certain factors represent risks inherent in investing in the Securities issued, including:

- The Securities are certificates which expose the investor to the risk of the Underlying and investors may lose their entire investment if the Underlying is

valued at zero. The Securities cannot be held beyond their stated maturity, expiration or redemption date and if sold prior to maturity, expiration or redemption, as the case may be, the price may be at a potentially substantial discount to the market value of the Securities at the issue date.

- The Securities may not be a suitable investment for all investors and each potential investor must determine the suitability in light of its own circumstances. Some Securities are complex financial instruments and a potential investor should not invest in such Securities unless it has the relevant expertise.
- Several factors will influence the value of the Securities and many of which are beyond the Issuer's control. Such factors include changes in the value of the Underlying, interest rate risk with respect to the currency of denomination of the Underlying and/or the Securities, the volatility of the Underlying, fluctuations in the rates of exchange or value of currencies relating to the Securities and/or the Underlying, restrictions on the exchangeability of currencies relating to the Securities and/or the Underlying, disruptions affecting the value or settlement of the Securities and/or the Underlying and the creditworthiness of the Issuer.
- There may not be a secondary market in the Securities. As a consequence, liquidity in the Securities should be considered as a risk. In the event that such a secondary market does not develop, an investor selling the Securities is unlikely to be able to sell its Securities or at prices that will provide him with a yield comparable to similar investments that have developed a secondary market.
- As part of its issuing, market making and/or trading arrangements, the Issuer may issue more Securities

than those which are to be subscribed or purchased by third-party investors. The issue size is therefore not indicative of the depth or liquidity of the market or of the demand for such Series of Securities.

- The Securities may not be a perfect hedge to an Underlying nor may it be possible to liquidate the Securities at a level which directly reflects the price of the Underlying.
- The Issuer and/or its affiliates may enter into transactions or carry out other activities in relation to the Underlying which may affect the market price, liquidity or value of the Underlying and/or the Securities in a way which could be adverse to the interests of each holder of the Securities (each, a “**Holder**” and together, the “**Holder**s”).
- The Issuer’s hedge position (if any) in the jurisdiction of the relevant Underlying could be impacted by foreign exchange control, or other similar, restrictions. In certain circumstances, including the insolvency of a hedging counterparty or the unenforceability of the associated hedging transaction (if any), the investor may lose some or all of its investment.
- The Securities convey no interest in the Underlying to the investors. The Issuer may choose not to hold the Underlying or any derivative contracts linked to the Underlying.
- The Calculation Agent is the agent of the Issuer and not the Holders. The Calculation Agent may make adjustments as a result of certain corporate or other actions affecting the Underlying. In making such adjustments, the Calculation Agent is entitled to exercise substantial discretion and may be subject to conflicts of interest.
- The Issuer may limit the number of exercisable

certificate Securities exercisable on any date (other than the final exercise date) or by any person on any date. An investor may have to tender a specified minimum number of the Securities in order to exercise such Securities.

- There may be a delay between the time of exercise of exercisable certificate Securities and the determination of the amount payable following such exercise or the time of physical settlement following such exercise. Such delay may increase or decrease the return from the Securities.
- Securities not exercised in accordance with the Conditions will (where exercise is required) expire worthless.
- Taxes may be payable by purchasers and sellers of the Securities and tax regulations and their application may change from time to time.
- If payments on the Securities are or become subject to a withholding or deduction required by law, none of the Issuer, the Principal Agent nor any other person shall pay any additional amounts to the Holders in respect of such withholding or deduction.
- The Issuer may elect to terminate the Securities early should U.S. withholding tax apply to any current or future payments on the Securities.
- The Issuer may terminate the Securities early if it determines that the performance of its obligations under the Securities or that maintaining its hedging arrangement (if any) is no longer legal or practical in whole or in part for any reason.
- Where the Securities are held in global or dematerialised form by or on behalf of a clearing system, the Issuer and any Agent shall treat the bearer of the Securities or the relevant clearing system as the

sole holder of such Securities. Holders must look to the relevant clearing system in respect of payments made in respect of such Securities.

- Where an investor uses a nominee service provider or holds interests in Securities through accounts with a clearing system, such investor will receive payments in respect of the Securities solely on the basis of the arrangements with such third party and is exposed to the credit risk and default risk of such third party.
- An investor's total return on an investment in any Securities will be affected by the level of fees charged by any nominee service provider or clearing system used by the investor.
- No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible change to English law or administrative practice. English law may be materially different from the equivalent law in the home jurisdiction of prospective investors.
- Credit ratings assigned to the Securities may not reflect the potential impact of all the risks that may affect the value of the Securities.
- The investment activities of investors may be restricted by legal investment laws and regulations, or by the review or regulation by certain authorities.
- The Issuer may make modifications to the Securities without the consent of the Holders which may affect the Holders' interest for the purpose of curing an error or ambiguity, substituting itself as debtor or in any other manner which is not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Holders.
- Investing in Equity Certificates involves specific risks relating to foreign exchange controls, disruptions to trading on any related exchange or to the banking activities of a country where such exchange is located,

foreign ownership restrictions and other events beyond the reasonable control of the Issuer. Where the Underlying is a share in a company listed in an emerging market, there are risks relating to the volatility, illiquidity, settlement procedures and other characteristics of emerging markets.

- The Securities have not and will not be registered under the Securities Act. Consequently, the transfer of the Securities will be subject to the satisfaction of legal requirements applicable to transfers that do not require such registration. In addition, the Securities are subject to certain transfer restrictions which may limit the liquidity of the Securities.

Principal Agent:

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

Calculation Agent:

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

Dealer:

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

Listing and Admission to Trading:

Application will be made to NYSE Euronext or any other stock exchange or market specified in the Final Terms for Securities to be admitted to trading and listed on Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext or any other stock exchange or market specified in the Final Terms up to the expiry of 12 months from the date of this Base Prospectus. The Issuer may also issue unlisted Securities.

Description of the Securities:

A range of certificates may be issued under this Base Prospectus. The certificates will either be exercisable certificates (“**Exercisable Certificates**”) or redeemable certificates (“**Redeemable Certificates**”). The terms and conditions (the “**Conditions**”) applicable to such certificates are contained in the General Conditions which are applicable to all certificates, the Product Conditions applicable to the particular type of certificate being issued, the applicable Additional Conditions (if any) and the Final Terms applicable to the particular Series being issued.

Certificates are investment instruments which, at maturity,

expiration, settlement or redemption, and subject to due exercise in accordance with their Conditions, either:

(i) pay an amount determined by reference to the value of the underlying currency, commodity, index (including in the case of an index, the index and its constituent elements), share, bond, basket or other product (each, an “**Underlying**” and together the “**Underlyings**”) on one or more specified days or deliver the Underlying, subject to the certificate entitlement; or (ii) in the case of worst of knock-in basket reverse exchangeable deferred purchase agreement certificates, deliver an amount of delivery share or shares (that may or may not be a constituent or constituents of the Underlying basket) and if a Holder has elected to enter into a sale facility with the Issuer and the Issuer has consented to such election, allow the Issuer to arrange for the sale of the delivery share or shares and for the sale proceeds to be delivered to the Holder on the settlement date, subject in each case to the terms of the relevant certificate. The types of certificates that may be issued under this Base Prospectus are described below.

Amounts equal to any dividends received by the Issuer on holding any hedge for the certificates during the life of the certificates may, if so specified in the applicable Product Conditions, be passed on to the Holder as further described in the Conditions.

Airbag Certificates:

Airbag certificates are similar to ordinary certificates (described in “Description of Securities” above) except that the redemption amount payable to the Holder varies depending on the level of the Underlying at maturity. The return to the Holder is subject to a minimum amount unless the Underlying drops below a predetermined level. If the Underlying rises above its level as at the Pricing Date the Holder will participate in such rise, but such return may be subject to a maximum amount. Airbag index certificates are not open end certificates and are

either automatically exercised (in the case of Exercisable Certificates) or redeemed (in the case of Redeemable Certificates) at maturity.

Discount Certificates:

Discount certificates are similar to ordinary certificates (described in “Description of Securities” above) except that the redemption amount payable to the Holder is effectively capped. If the Underlying on expiration or maturity is equal to or above a pre-determined level (the “**Strike Price**”), then the Holder will receive an amount equal to the Strike Price. Alternatively, the Holder will receive delivery of the Underlying. Discount certificates are not open end certificates, are issued at a discount and are either automatically exercised (in the case of Exercisable Certificates) or redeemed (in the case of Redeemable Certificates) at maturity.

Bonus Certificates:

Bonus certificates are similar to ordinary certificates (described in “Description of Securities” above) except that the Underlying is monitored during the life of the certificates. If a knock-out event occurs (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) at any point during the life of the certificates then at expiration or maturity the Holder will receive an amount equivalent to the value of the Underlying as at expiration or maturity. If a knock-out event has not occurred at any point during the life of the certificates then the Holder will receive at least the amount originally invested, and possibly more, as specified in the relevant Final Terms. Bonus certificates are not open end certificates and are either automatically exercised (in the case of Exercisable Certificates) or redeemed (in the case of Redeemable Certificates) at maturity.

Double-Up Certificates:

Double-up certificates are similar to ordinary certificates (described in “Description of Securities” above) except that a Strike Price is set at the issue of the certificates equal to or around the level of the Underlying at that time. If the Underlying on expiration or maturity is at or above

the Strike Price, then the Holder will receive an amount equal to the value of the Underlying plus the difference between the value of the Underlying and the Strike Price, effectively “doubling-up” the increase in performance of the Underlying. The amount received by the Holder will however be subject to a maximum amount. Double-up certificates are not open end certificates and are either automatically exercised (in the case of Exercisable Certificates) or redeemed (in the case of Redeemable Certificates) at maturity.

Express Certificates:

Express certificates are similar to ordinary certificates (described in “Description of Securities” above) except that the certificates may provide that (i) they will be subject to automatic early termination if, on a defined date, the level of the Underlying exceeds or falls below a defined level and (ii) they can be terminated by the Issuer upon such notice as set out in the applicable Final Terms. Express certificates which are not subject to early termination or termination by the Issuer or, if so subject, are not terminated early in accordance with their terms, pay a return at maturity that may be linked to the price of the Underlying. Express certificates are not open end certificates and are either automatically exercised (in the case of Exercisable Certificates) or redeemed (in the case of Redeemable Certificates) at maturity, subject to early termination or termination by the Issuer, if applicable. Express certificates may have a range of different Underlyings.

To the extent that, at the maturity of the certificates, the Underlying has risen above its level at the Pricing Date, the Holder will participate in such rise, but such returns may be subject to a maximum amount. To the extent that, at the maturity of the certificates, the Underlying has fallen below its level at the Pricing Date, the Holder may receive less than the amount invested and, in certain cases,

could lose its entire investment.

Equity Certificates:

Equity certificates (“**Equity Certificates**”) are certificates where the Underlying is a share. A range of individual shares may become the Underlying in relation to an Equity Certificate. Equity Certificates are not open end certificates.

Equity Certificates may be cash settled. Equity Certificates may only be physically settled by non-U.S. persons. Cash settled certificates pay, upon exercise or redemption, as the case may be, a cash amount determined by reference to the value of the Underlying. Physically settled certificates entitle the holder, upon exercise or redemption, as the case may be, to delivery of a defined amount of the Underlying and a cash payment in respect of any fractional entitlement.

Multi-Asset Basket Linked Certificates:

Multi-asset basket linked certificates are securities which are linked to one or more basket constituents. The cash amount payable at maturity may be a specified percentage of its Issue Price and may or may not depend upon the performance of the basket constituents, as specified in the applicable Final Terms. Multi-asset basket linked certificates may be subject to early termination or an issuer call. Multi-asset basket linked certificates are not open end certificates and are either automatically exercised (in the case of Exercisable Certificates) or redeemed (in the case of Redeemable Certificates) at maturity, subject to early termination or an issuer call.

Worst of Knock-In Basket Reverse Exchangeable Deferred Purchase Agreement Certificates:

Worst of knock-in basket reverse exchangeable deferred purchase agreement certificates provide for a coupon or coupons to be paid to Holders, are linked to a basket of single shares and, on the relevant settlement date or redemption date, as the case may be, will deliver a number of delivery share or shares. The delivery share or shares (that may or may not be a constituent or constituents of the basket) will be set out in the Final Terms or, with the

Issuer's consent, will be selected by the Holder in accordance with the Product Conditions. The value of the delivery share or shares shall be determined on the basis of whether or not a knock-in event has occurred during a particular period and if such event has occurred, also determined on the basis of the performance of the least performing share in the basket. A knock-in event occurs, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, if the price of any constituent of the basket, at the relevant time and during a particular period, is less than or equal to the predetermined knock-in level. The Holder will receive physical delivery of the number of delivery share or share on the settlement of the certificates and may also receive a cash adjustment, in each case unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms.

In consideration of a Holder's payment of the issue price, the Issuer (i) may agree to provide the Holder with a beneficial interest in a nominee security; and (ii) agrees to physically deliver to the Holder the delivery parcel (comprising the delivery share or shares, which may or may not be a constituent or constituents of the basket set out in the applicable Final Terms or, with the Issuer's consent, selected by the Holder in accordance with the Product Conditions) the settlement of which will be deferred until the settlement date or redemption date, as the case may be, in each case unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms.

The Holder may request that the Issuer arrange for the sale of the delivery share or shares to be delivered to the Holder on the settlement date or redemption date, as the case may be.

Certificate-linked Certificates:

Certificate-linked certificates are securities which are linked to an underlying certificate, which will be issued by the Issuer, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms. The cash amount payable at maturity may be

a specified percentage of its Issue Price and may or may not depend upon the performance of the underlying certificate, as specified in the applicable Final Terms. Certificate-linked certificates may be subject to early termination or an issuer call. Certificate-linked certificates are not open end certificates and are either automatically exercised (in the case of Exercisable Certificates) or redeemed (in the case of Redeemable Certificates) at maturity, subject to early termination or an issuer call.

Indicative Issue Price:

The Securities will be issued at a price determined by the Issuer who may, in making such determination, refer to, amongst other factors, the level of the Underlying, the relevant certificate entitlement and any applicable foreign exchange rate(s).

Settlement:

The Securities have a fixed maturity date, as specified in the applicable Final Terms. There are no minimum or maximum maturities.

Interest:

The Securities may be interest bearing.

General Conditions:

Set out below is a summary of certain significant provisions of the General Conditions applicable to all Securities issued under this Base Prospectus.

Status of the Securities:

The Securities constitute unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer and rank pari passu among themselves and with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer save for those preferred by mandatory provisions of law.

Early Termination:

The Issuer may terminate any Securities if it shall have determined in its absolute discretion that its performance thereunder shall have become unlawful in whole or in part as a result of compliance in good faith by the Issuer with any applicable law. In such circumstances the Issuer will, to the extent permitted by law, pay to each Holder in respect of each Security held by such Holder an amount calculated by it as the fair market value of the Security

immediately prior to such termination (ignoring such illegality) less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements.

The Issuer may terminate any Securities if it shall have determined in its absolute discretion that payments made on the Securities are, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly contingent upon, or determined by reference to, the payment of a dividend from a U.S. entity and that these payments have or will become subject to U.S. withholding tax. In such circumstances the Issuer will, to the extent permitted by law, pay to each Holder in respect of each Security held by such Holder an amount calculated by it as the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such termination less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements and of paying any required U.S. withholding tax.

Hedging Disruption:

If a Hedging Disruption Event (as defined in General Condition 5) occurs, the Issuer will at its discretion (i) terminate the Securities and pay to each Holder in respect of each Security held by such Holder an amount calculated by it as the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such termination less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements or (ii) make a good faith adjustment to the relevant reference asset as described in General Condition 5(c) or (iii) make any other adjustment to the Conditions as it considers appropriate in order to maintain the theoretical value of the Securities after adjusting for the relevant Hedging Disruption Event. The Issuer may make adjustments following any event likely to have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's hedge position, subject to the conditions set out in General Condition 5(d).

Substitution:

The Issuer may at any time, without the consent of the Holders substitute for itself as Issuer of the Securities any entity subject to the conditions set out in General

Condition 8. In certain cases, substitution may be required to be effected in accordance with the rules of one or more clearing systems specified in the applicable Final Terms.

Taxation:

The Holder (and not the Issuer) shall be liable for and/or pay any tax, duty or charge in connection with the ownership of and/or any transfer, payment or delivery in respect of the Securities held by such Holder. The Issuer shall have the right, but shall not be obliged, to withhold or deduct from any amount payable to any Holder such amount as shall be necessary to account for or to pay any such tax, duty, charge, withholding or other payment.

Events of Default:

The terms of the Securities will contain the following events of default:

- (a) default in payment of any principal or interest due in respect of the Securities, continuing for a specified period of time;
- (b) non-performance or non-observance by the Issuer of any of its other obligations under the Securities continuing for a specified period of time; and
- (c) events relating to the winding up of the Issuer.

Product Conditions:

Set out below is a summary of certain significant provisions of the Product Conditions applicable to the Securities to be issued under this Base Prospectus.

Form of Securities:

The Securities, other than the Equity Certificates and Securities issued in dematerialised form, will be issued in global bearer form as described in the General Conditions. Equity Certificates may be issued in global bearer form or in global registered form, as specified in the applicable Final Terms. Equity Certificates sold to U.S. persons in reliance upon Rule 144A under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, must be issued in registered form. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as Clearing Agent, the Securities will, following their issuance, be transformed into intermediated securities in accordance with article 6 of the

Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act.

If CREST (defined below under “General Information” – “Clearing and Settlement Systems”) is specified as the Clearing Agent in the applicable Final Terms, notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary contained in this Base Prospectus, the Securities will be registered Securities in dematerialised and uncertificated form.

Exercise of Securities:

Securities which are Exercisable Certificates may be exercised on any Exercise Date, or may automatically exercise on expiration or maturity, as specified in the applicable Final Terms. Notification of any such automatic exercise will be made in the manner set out under “General Information”.

Settlement of Securities:

Securities may be cash or physically settled on the settlement date (in the case of Exercisable Certificates) or redemption date (in the case of Redeemable Certificates), as specified in the applicable Product Conditions.

Market Disruption Events:

If a Market Disruption Event occurs Holders of Securities may experience a delay in settlement or delivery and the cash price paid on settlement may be adversely affected. Market Disruption Events are defined in Product Condition 4 for each type of Security and vary depending on the type of Security.

Emerging Market Disruption Events:

The Emerging Market Disruption Events reflect the substantial risks associated with investing in emerging markets in addition to those risks normally associated with making investments in other countries. Potential investors should note that the securities markets in emerging market jurisdictions are generally substantially smaller and at times have been more volatile and illiquid than the major securities markets in more developed countries. If an Emerging Market Disruption Event occurs Holders may experience a delay in settlement or delivery and the cash price paid on settlement may be adversely affected. Emerging Market Disruption Events are defined in

Product Condition 1 for each type of Security.

Settlement Disruption Event:

If a Settlement Disruption Event occurs in relation to a physically settled certificate, the Holder may experience a delay in delivery of the Underlying and, where a cash price equivalent to the value of the Underlying is paid in lieu of delivery of the Underlying, the cash price paid may be adversely affected. Settlement Disruption Events are defined in the Product Conditions for Securities which may be physically settled and vary depending on the type of Security.

Potential Adjustment Event:

If a Potential Adjustment Event occurs the Calculation Agent may adjust one or more of the Conditions to account for the diluting or concentrative effect of the Potential Adjustment Event. Potential Adjustment Events are defined in Product Condition 4 for each type of Security (if applicable) and vary depending on the type of Security.

Fund Event:

If a Fund Event occurs, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, in each case acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner, may adjust one or more of the Conditions to reflect the impact of the Fund Event, or may terminate the Securities. Fund Events are defined in Product Condition 4 for each type of Security (if applicable).

Adjustments to an Index:

The Calculation Agent may adjust the level of an index Underlying upon the occurrence of certain specified events in connection with any component share(s) of such index or any other similar event having a dilutive or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of any such share(s). The Calculation Agent may be required by the Issuer to terminate the Securities following a material modification of an index Underlying.

De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency:

If a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs, the Issuer may require the Calculation Agent to adjust one or more of the Conditions, including

replacing the relevant Underlying, to account for such event or may cancel the Securities. De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation and Insolvency are each defined in Product Condition 4 for each type of Security (if applicable).

Governing Law:

English law.

English courts:

The courts of England have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute arising from or in connection with the Securities.

Final Terms:

Each Series will be the subject of a Final Terms which will contain the final terms applicable to the Series. The form of the Final Terms applicable to each type of Security is set out in this Base Prospectus.

The Final Terms applicable to each Series may specify amendments to the General Conditions and/or the relevant Product Conditions as they apply to that Series.

RISK FACTORS

The Issuer believes that the following factors may affect its ability to fulfil its obligations under Securities issued. Most 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.

In addition, factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Securities issued are also described below.

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

Before making an investment decision with respect to any Securities, prospective investors should consult their own stockbroker, bank manager, lawyer, accountant or other financial, legal and tax advisers and carefully review the risks entailed by an investment in the Securities and consider such an investment decision in the light of the prospective investor's personal circumstances.

Words and expressions defined elsewhere in this Base Prospectus shall have the same meaning in this section.

Factors that may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under Securities issued

Each potential investor in the Securities should refer to the Risk Factors section in the Registration Document incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus for a description of those factors which may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under Securities issued.

Factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Securities issued

The Securities are certificates which entail particular risks

The certificates to be issued are investment instruments which, at maturity, expiration, settlement or redemption, and subject to due exercise in accordance with their Conditions, either:

(i) pay an amount determined by reference to the value of the underlying currency, commodity, index (including in the case of an index, the index and its constituent elements), share, bond, basket or other product (each, an “**Underlying**”) on one or more specified days or deliver the Underlying, subject to

the certificate entitlement; or (ii) in the case of worst of knock-in basket reverse exchangeable deferred purchase agreement certificates, deliver an amount of delivery share or shares (that may or may not be a constituent or constituents of the Underlying basket) and if a Holder has elected to enter into a sale facility with the Issuer and the Issuer has consented to such election, allow the Issuer to arrange for the sale of the delivery share or shares and for the sale proceeds to be delivered to the Holder on the settlement date or redemption date, as the case may be, subject in each case to the terms of the relevant certificate.

As such, certificates expose the investor to the risks associated with the related Underlying (or any constituent elements).

Investors should be aware that their entire investment may be lost in the event that the Underlying is (or its constituent elements are) valued at zero. Unlike a direct investment in the Underlying, investors in the Securities are not able to hold certificates beyond their stated maturity, expiration, settlement or redemption date, as the case may be, in the expectation that the price of the Underlying (or its constituent elements) may recover.

The price at which a Holder will be able to sell certificates prior to maturity or expiration may be at a potentially substantial discount to the market value of the certificates at the issue date, if, at such time and in addition to any other factors, the value of the Underlying is below, equal to or not sufficiently above the value of the Underlying at the issue date.

Worst of knock-in basket reverse exchangeable deferred purchase agreement certificates provide for a coupon or coupons to be paid to Holders, are linked to a basket of single shares and, on the relevant settlement date or redemption date, as the case may be, will deliver a number of delivery share or shares (that may or may not be a constituent or constituents of the basket). The value of the delivery share or shares shall be determined on the basis of whether or not a knock-in event has occurred during a particular period and if such event has occurred, also determined on the basis of the performance of the least performing share in the basket. The Holder may request that the Issuer arrange for the sale of the delivery share or shares due to be delivered to the Holder on the settlement date or redemption date, as the case may be. If such sale is arranged, the sale proceeds may be less than the value of the delivery share or shares due to be delivered on the settlement date or redemption date, as the case may be, if the market price of the delivery share or shares at the time the sale is executed is less than the value of the delivery share or shares due to be delivered on such date. Worst of knock-in basket reverse exchangeable deferred purchase agreement certificates are not open end certificates and are either automatically exercised on the exercise date (in the case of Exercisable Certificates) or redeemed (in the case of Redeemable Certificates) on the redemption date (as specified in the relevant Final Terms)

Airbag certificates are similar to ordinary certificates except that the return to the Holder is subject to

a minimum amount unless the Underlying drops below a predetermined level. The Holder is entitled to an increased return if the Underlying rises above its level as at the Pricing Date, but such return may be subject to a maximum amount. Airbag certificates that are Exercisable Certificates cannot be exercised by the Holder but instead are automatically exercised at maturity.

Discount certificates are similar to ordinary certificates, except that the return to the Holder is effectively capped. Discount certificates that are Exercisable Certificates cannot be exercised by the Holder but instead are automatically exercised at maturity.

Bonus certificates are similar to ordinary certificates except that the Underlying is monitored during the life of the certificates. If a knock-out event occurs (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) at any point during the life of the certificates then at expiration or maturity or redemption, as the case may be, the Holder will receive an amount equivalent to the value of the Underlying as at expiration or maturity. If a knock-out event has not occurred at any point during the life of the certificates then the Holder will receive at least the amount originally invested, and possibly more, as specified in the relevant Final Terms. Bonus certificates that are Exercisable Certificates cannot be exercised by the Holder but instead are automatically exercised at maturity.

Double-up certificates are similar to ordinary certificates except that a Strike Price is set at the issue of the certificates equal to or around the level of the Underlying at that time. If the Underlying on expiration or maturity is at or above the Strike Price, then the Holder will receive an amount equal to the value of the Underlying plus the difference between the value of the Underlying and the Strike Price, effectively “doubling-up” the increase in performance of the Underlying. The amount received by the Holder will however be subject to a maximum amount. Double-up certificates that are Exercisable Certificates cannot be exercised by the Holder but instead are automatically exercised at maturity.

Express certificates are similar to ordinary certificates except that the certificates may provide that (i) they will be subject to automatic early termination in certain circumstances and (ii) they can be terminated by the Issuer upon such notice as set out in the applicable Final Terms. To the extent that, at the maturity of the certificates, the Underlying has risen above its level at the Pricing Date, the Holder will participate in such rise, but such returns may be subject to a maximum amount. To the extent that, at the maturity of the certificates, the Underlying has fallen below its level at the Pricing Date, the Holder may receive less than the amount invested and, in certain cases, could lose its entire investment.

Equity Certificates are certificates where the Underlying is a share. Equity Certificates are not open end certificates. Equity Certificates may be cash settled or, in the case of non-U.S. persons, physically settled. Cash settled certificates pay, upon exercise or redemption, as the case may be, a cash amount determined by reference to the value of the Underlying. Physically settled certificates entitle the

holder, upon exercise, to delivery of a defined amount of the Underlying and a cash payment in respect of any fractional entitlement.

The Securities may not be a suitable investment for all investors

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

- (a) have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Securities, the merits and risks of investing in the Securities and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus or any applicable Final Terms;
- (b) have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the Securities and the impact the Securities will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- (c) have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the Securities, including Securities with principal or interest payable in one or more currencies, or where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the potential investor's currency;
- (d) understand thoroughly the terms of the Securities and be familiar with the behaviour of any relevant indices and financial markets;
- (e) be able to evaluate (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks; and
- (f) NOT consider that the issue of Securities linked to a particular Underlying is a recommendation by the Issuer or any Dealer to invest (whether directly or indirectly) in that Underlying or any of its constituent elements. The Issuer and/or its affiliates may make investment decisions for themselves which differ from those that a potential investor would make by investing in the Securities. In particular, investment decisions of the Issuer and/or its affiliates are based on their current economic circumstances, overall credit exposure, risk tolerance and economic conditions, which are subject to change. The Issuer is not required to hold the Underlying (or its constituent elements) as a hedge and it may choose not to do so.

Some Securities are complex financial instruments. Sophisticated institutional investors generally do not purchase complex financial instruments as stand-alone investments. They purchase complex financial instruments as a way to reduce risk or enhance yield with an understood, measured, appropriate addition of risk to their overall portfolios. A potential investor should not invest in Securities which are complex financial instruments unless it has the expertise (either alone or with a financial adviser) to evaluate how the Securities will perform under changing conditions, the resulting

effects on the value of the Securities and the impact this investment will have on the potential investor's overall investment portfolio.

The value of the Securities may fluctuate

The value of the Securities may move up and down between their date of purchase and their exercise date or maturity date or redemption date (as the case may be). Holders may sustain a total loss of their investment (unless the Securities are of a type in which capital is protected). Prospective purchasers should therefore ensure that they understand fully the nature of the Securities before they invest in the Securities.

Several factors, many of which are beyond the Issuer's control, will influence the value of the Securities at any time, including the following:

- (a) *Valuation of the Underlying.* The market price of the Securities at any time is expected to be affected primarily by changes in the level of the Underlying to which such Securities are linked. It is impossible to predict how the level of the relevant Underlying will vary over time. Factors which may have an affect on the value of the Underlying include the rate of return of the Underlying and the financial position and prospects of the issuer of the Underlying or any component thereof. In addition, the level of the Underlying may depend on a number of interrelated factors, including economic, financial and political events and their effect on the capital markets generally and relevant stock exchanges. Potential investors should also note that whilst the market value of the Securities is linked to the relevant Underlying and will be influenced (positively or negatively) by it, any change may not be comparable and may be disproportionate. It is possible that while the Underlying is increasing in value, the value of the Securities may fall. Further, where no market value is available for an Underlying, the Calculation Agent may determine its value to be zero notwithstanding the fact that there may be no Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event) and/or no Potential Adjustment Events and/or no De-listing and/or no Fund Event which apply.
- (b) *Interest Rates.* Investments in the Securities may involve interest rate risk with respect to the currency of denomination of the Underlying and/or the Securities. A variety of factors influence interest rates such as macro economic, governmental, speculative and market sentiment factors. Such fluctuations may have an impact on the value of the Securities at any time prior to valuation of the Underlying relating to the Securities.
- (c) *Volatility.* The term "volatility" refers to the actual and anticipated frequency and magnitude of changes of the market price with respect to an Underlying. Volatility is affected by a number of factors such as macro economic factors, speculative trading and supply and demand in the options, futures and other derivatives markets. Volatility of an

Underlying will move up and down over time (sometimes more sharply than others) and different Underlyings will most likely have separate volatilities at any particular time.

- (d) *Exchange Rates.* Even where payments in respect of the Securities are not expressly linked to a rate or rates of exchange between currencies, the value of the Securities could, in certain circumstances, be affected by such factors as fluctuations in the rates of exchange between any currency in which any payment in respect of the Securities is to be made and any currency in which the Underlying is traded, appreciation or depreciation of any such currencies and any existing or future or governmental or other restrictions on the exchangeability of such currencies. There can be no assurance that rates of exchange between any relevant currencies which are current rates at the date of issue of any Securities will be representative of the relevant rates of exchange used in computing the value of the relevant Securities at any time thereafter. Where Securities are described as being “quantoed”, the value of the Underlying will be converted from one currency (the “**Original Currency**”) into a new currency (the “**New Currency**”) on the date and in the manner specified in, or implied by, the Conditions using a fixed exchange rate. The cost to the Issuer of maintaining such a fixing between the Original Currency and the New Currency will have an implication on the value of the Securities. The implication will vary during the term of the Securities. No assurance can be given as to whether or not, taking into account relative exchange rate and interest rate fluctuations between the Original Currency and the New Currency, a quanto feature in a Security would at any time enhance the return on the Security over a level of a similar security issued without such a quanto feature.
- (e) *Disruption.* If so indicated in the Conditions, the Calculation Agent may determine that a Market Disruption Event (which includes Emerging Market Disruption Events), Fund Event, Potential Adjustment Event and/or De-listing has occurred or exists at a relevant time. Any such determination may affect the value of the Securities and/or may delay settlement in respect of the Securities. In addition, if so indicated in the Conditions, a Calculation Agent may determine that a Settlement Disruption Event has occurred or exists at any relevant time in relation to a physically settled certificate. Any such determination may cause a delay in delivery of the Underlying and, where a cash price equivalent to the value of the Underlying is paid in lieu of delivery of the Underlying, the cash price paid may be adversely affected.

Prospective purchasers should review the Conditions to ascertain whether and how such provisions apply to the Securities.

- (f) *Creditworthiness.* Any person who purchases the Securities is relying upon the

creditworthiness of the Issuer and has no recourse, in that respect, against any other person. The Securities constitute general, unsecured, contractual obligations of the Issuer and of no other person. Investors in Securities may therefore lose the entire value of their investment or part of it. The Securities rank *pari passu* among themselves.

There may not be a secondary market in the Securities

Potential investors should be willing to hold the Securities through their life. The nature and extent of any secondary market in the Securities cannot be predicted. As a consequence any person intending to hold the Securities should consider liquidity in the Securities as a risk. If the Securities are listed or quoted on an exchange or quotation system this does not imply greater or lesser liquidity than if equivalent Securities were not so listed or quoted. However, if Securities are not listed or quoted there may be a lack of transparency with regard to pricing information. Liquidity may also be affected by legal restrictions on offers for sale in certain jurisdictions. The Issuer may affect the liquidity of the Securities by purchasing and holding the Securities for its own account during trading in the secondary market. Any such Securities may be resold at any time into the market.

The Issuer may, in its sole and absolute discretion, decide to offer a secondary market in the Securities. In the event that the Issuer elects to offer such secondary market, the Issuer shall be entitled to impose such conditions as it, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall deem fit, including but not limited to:

- (a) providing a large bid/offer spread determined by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion by reference to the Issuer's own appreciation of the risks involved in providing such secondary market;
- (b) providing the timing that any secondary market quotation will remain actionable, or in any event, not longer than what the Issuer considers a reasonable time;
- (c) normal market conditions prevailing at such date; and
- (d) limiting the number of Securities in respect of which it is prepared to offer such secondary market.

Holders should note that the imposition of any of the above conditions may severely limit the availability of any such secondary market and may result in Holders receiving significantly less than they otherwise would have received if the Securities were redeemed at maturity.

The Issuer may determine a secondary market price in a different manner than other market participants, and prices can vary. Sometimes this variance may be substantial. If the Securities are not traded on any exchange, pricing information may be more difficult to obtain and the liquidity and price of the Securities may be adversely affected. The bid/offer spread will be subject to the Issuer's discretion. Any market making activity commenced may be discontinued at any time.

In the event that a secondary market does not develop, it is unlikely that an investor in the Securities will be able to sell his Securities or at prices that will provide him with a yield comparable to similar investments that have a developed secondary market.

Over-Issuance

As part of its issuing, market-making and/or trading arrangements, the Issuer may issue more Securities than those which are to be subscribed or purchased by third party investors. The Issuer (or any of its affiliates) may hold such Securities for the purpose of meeting any investor interest in the future. Prospective investors in the Securities should therefore not regard the issue size of any Series as indicative of the depth or liquidity of the market for such Series, or of the demand for such Series.

Purchasing the Securities as a hedge may not be effective

Any person intending to use the Securities as a hedge instrument should recognise the correlation risk. The Securities may not be a perfect hedge to an Underlying or portfolio of which the Underlying forms a part. In addition, it may not be possible to liquidate the Securities at a level which directly reflects the price of the Underlying or portfolio of which the Underlying forms a part.

Actions taken by the Issuer may affect the value of the Securities

The Issuer and/or any of its affiliates may carry out activities that minimise its and/or their risks related to the Securities, including effecting transactions for their own account or for the account of their customers and hold long or short positions in the Underlying whether for risk reduction purposes or otherwise. In addition, in connection with the offering of any Securities, the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates may enter into one or more hedging transactions with respect to the Underlying. In connection with such hedging or market-making activities or with respect to proprietary or other trading activities by the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates, the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates may enter into transactions in the Underlying which may affect the market price, liquidity or value of the Underlying and/or the Securities and which could be deemed to be adverse to the interests of the Holders. The Issuer and/or its affiliates are likely to modify their hedging positions throughout the life of the Securities whether by effecting transactions in the Underlying or in derivatives linked to the Underlying. Further, it is possible that the advisory services which the Issuer and/or its affiliates provide in the ordinary course of its/their business could lead to an adverse impact on the value of the Underlying.

The Issuer may also make adjustments to the Conditions if it determines that an event has occurred which, whilst not a Hedging Disruption Event or other disruption event is likely to have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's Hedge Position. Any such determination may affect the value of the Securities and/or may delay settlement in respect of the Securities.

Disruption of the Issuers Hedge Position may affect the value of the Securities

The Issuer may enter into a hedging transaction in the relevant jurisdiction of the Underlying in order to offer exposure to the Underlying. Foreign exchange control restrictions, including restrictions which prevent the conversion of the Underlying Currency (as defined in the Product Conditions) into the Settlement Currency (as defined in the Product Conditions) and the transfer of the Settlement Currency to accounts outside the jurisdiction of the Underlying could result in a delay in the determination of the Final Reference Price and the Settlement Date, which delay could be lengthy.

In certain circumstances, including but not limited to, the insolvency of the hedging counterparty or the unenforceability of the associated hedging transaction, an investor may lose some or all of its investment as specified in Product Condition 3(d) below.

Risks relating to foreign ownership control in Saudi Arabia

Potential investors should note that due to foreign ownership restrictions in Saudi Arabia the Issuer will enter into a hedging transaction locally in order to offer exposure to the Underlying Saudi Arabian securities. There are certain risks associated with the Issuer entering into such hedging transactions to gain exposure to the Underlying Saudi Arabian securities including, but not limited to: (i) the potential insolvency of the hedging counterparty or custodian bank and (ii) the potential unenforceability of the hedging transaction in Saudi Arabia. If any of these risks materialises, the Securities may be terminated in accordance with their terms. In certain circumstances including, but not limited to, the insolvency of the hedging counterparty or the unenforceability of the associated hedging transaction, the risk of unenforceability of the associated hedging transaction returning the Final Reference Prices may mean that you lose some or all of your investment

Holdings have no ownership interest in the Underlying

The Securities convey no interest in the Underlying. The Issuer may choose not to hold the Underlying or any derivatives contracts linked to the Underlying. There is no restriction through the issue of the Securities on the ability of the Issuer and/or its affiliates to sell, pledge or otherwise convey all right, title and interest in any Underlying or any derivatives contracts linked to the Underlying.

Actions taken by the Calculation Agent may affect the Underlying

The Calculation Agent is the agent of the Issuer and not the agent of the Holders or any of them. The Issuer may itself act as the Calculation Agent. The Calculation Agent will make such adjustments as it considers appropriate as a consequence of certain corporate or other actions affecting the Underlying. In making these adjustments the Calculation Agent is entitled to exercise substantial discretion and may be subject to conflicts of interest in exercising this discretion. The Calculation Agent is not required to make adjustments with respect to each and every corporate action.

There may be limitations on a Holder's right to exercise Securities which are Exercisable Certificates

- (a) ***Maximum Exercise Amount.*** If so indicated in the Conditions, the Issuer will have the option to limit the number of Securities that are Exercisable Certificates exercisable on any date (other than the final exercise date) to the maximum number so specified and, in conjunction with such limitation, to limit the number of such Securities exercisable by any person or group of persons (whether or not acting in concert) on such date. In the event that the total number of Securities that are Exercisable Certificates being exercised on any date (other than the final exercise date) exceeds such maximum number and the Issuer has elected to limit the number of such Securities exercisable on such date, a holder of such Securities may not be able to exercise on such date all such Securities that it desires to exercise. In any such case, the number of Securities that are Exercisable Certificates to be exercised on such date will be reduced until the total number of such Securities exercised on such date no longer exceeds such maximum (unless the Issuer otherwise elects), such Securities being selected as specified in the Conditions. Securities that are Exercisable Certificates tendered for exercise but not exercised on such date will be automatically exercised on the next date on which such Securities may be exercised, subject to the same daily maximum limitation and delayed exercise provisions.

Prospective purchasers should review the Conditions to ascertain whether and how such provisions apply to Securities that are Exercisable Certificates.

- (b) ***Minimum Exercise Amount.*** If so indicated in the Conditions, a Holder may have to tender a specified minimum number of Securities that are Exercisable Certificates at any one time in order to exercise such Securities. Thus Holders with fewer than the specified minimum number of such Securities will either have to sell their Securities or purchase additional Securities that are Exercisable Certificates, incurring transaction costs in each case, in order to realise a return on their investment, and may incur the risk that the trading price of such Securities at that time is different from, in the case of such Securities settled in cash (“**Cash Settled Securities**”), the applicable Cash Amount (as defined in the Product Conditions) or, in the case of such Securities settled by way of physical delivery (“**Physical Delivery Securities**”), the difference between the value of the applicable underlying asset and the exercise price, in each case upon exercise.

Prospective purchasers should review the Conditions to ascertain whether and how such provisions apply to Securities that are Exercisable Certificates.

There may be delays in effecting settlement

If the Securities are subject to provisions relating to exercise, then upon their exercise, there will be a

time lag between the time a holder of the Securities gives instructions to exercise and the time the applicable Cash Amount (if the Securities are Cash Settled Securities) relating to such exercise is determined. If the Securities are Physical Delivery Securities there will be a time lag following exercise of the Securities until the Share Amount or Certificate Amount, as the case may be, is delivered to the relevant Holder's account. Any such scheduled delay between the time of exercise and the determination of the Cash Amount or delivery of the Share Amount will be specified in the Conditions. However, such delay could be significantly longer, particularly in the case of a delay in exercise of such Securities arising from, as described above, any daily maximum exercise limitation or, as described above, any delay consequent upon the determination by the Calculation Agent that a Market Disruption Event (which includes Emerging Market Disruption Events) or a Settlement Disruption Event occurred at any relevant time. The applicable Cash Amount or Share Amount could decrease or increase from what it would have been but for such delay.

Prospective purchasers should review the Conditions to ascertain whether and how such provisions apply to the Securities.

If the Securities are subject to provisions concerning delivery of a Notice and such notice is received by either the relevant Clearing Agent, with a copy to the Principal Agent after the latest time specified in the Conditions, it will be deemed to be duly delivered on the next following Business Day. Such deemed delay may in the case of Cash Settled Securities increase or decrease the Cash Amount from what it would have been but for such deemed delivery. In the case of Securities which are exercisable on one day only or only during an exercise period, any Notice, if not delivered by the latest time specified in the Conditions, shall be void.

If the Securities require a Notice to be delivered before close of business in the place of receipt on the Cut-off Date (as defined in the Product Conditions), then delivery after the Cut-off Date may result in a delay in delivery of the applicable Share Amount (as defined in the Product Conditions).

The failure to deliver any certifications required by the Conditions could result in the loss or inability to receive amounts or deliveries otherwise due under the Securities.

Prospective purchasers should review the Conditions to ascertain whether and how such provisions apply to the Securities.

Securities not exercised in accordance with the Conditions will (where exercise is required) expire worthless.

Taxes may be payable by investors

Potential purchasers and sellers of the Securities should be aware that they may be required to pay stamp taxes or other documentary charges in accordance with the laws and practices of the country where the Securities are transferred. Holders are subject to the provisions of General Condition 9 and

payment and/or delivery of any amount due in respect of the Securities will be conditional upon the payment of any Expenses as provided in the Product Conditions.

Potential purchasers who are in any doubt as to their tax position should consult their own independent tax advisers. In addition, potential purchasers should be aware that tax regulations and their application by the relevant taxation authorities change from time to time. Accordingly, it is not possible to predict the precise tax treatment which will apply at any given time.

No tax gross-up

If payments on the Securities are or become subject to a withholding or deduction required by law on account of any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature, the Issuer will make the required withholding or deduction, as the case may be, and neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor any other person shall pay any additional amounts to the Holders in respect of such withholding or deduction. Please refer to section “General Condition 9 - Taxation”.

Payments on the Securities may be subject to U.S. withholding tax and/or Early Termination on Account of U.S. Withholding Tax

Due to recently enacted U.S. legislation, payments on any Security that are, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly contingent upon, or determined by reference to, the payment of a dividend from a U.S. entity (a “**Dividend Equivalent Payment**”) may become subject to a 30 per cent. U.S. withholding tax when made to a Non-U.S. holders (as defined below under “Taxation – United States”). The imposition of this U.S. withholding tax will reduce the amounts received by Non-U.S. holders. Neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor any other person shall pay any additional amounts to the Non-U.S. holders in respect of such U.S. withholding. Additionally, the Issuer may elect to terminate the Securities, in accordance with General Condition 3(b), should this U.S. withholding tax apply to any current or future payments on the Securities. If a Non-U.S. holder becomes subject to this withholding tax, the Non-U.S. holder may be able to claim any exemptions under its applicable double tax treaty. The application and interpretation of the rules governing U.S. withholding tax on Dividend Equivalent Payments is subject to change.

U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Withholding

The Issuer and other non-U.S. financial institutions through which payments on the Securities are made may be required to withhold U.S. tax at a rate of 30 per cent. on all, or a portion of, payments made after 31 December 2016 in respect of (i) any Securities issued or materially modified on or after 1 January 2013 (and (ii) any Securities which are treated as equity for U.S. federal tax purposes, whenever issued) pursuant to the foreign account provisions (“**FATCA**”) of the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act of 2010. This withholding tax may be triggered if (i) the Issuer is a foreign financial institution (“**FFI**”) (as defined in FATCA) which enters into and complies with an

agreement with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (“**IRS**”) to provide certain information on its account holders (making the Issuer a “**Participating FFI**”), (ii) the Issuer has a positive “passthru percentage” (as defined in FATCA), and (iii)(a) an investor does not provide information sufficient for the relevant Participating FFI to determine whether the investor is subject to withholding under FATCA U.S. person or should otherwise be treated as holding a “United States Account” of such Issuer, or (b) any FFI to or through which payment on such Securities is made is not a Participating FFI or otherwise exempt from FATCA withholding.

The application of FATCA to interest, principal or other amounts paid with respect to the Securities is not clear. If an amount in respect of U.S. withholding tax were to be deducted or withheld from interest, principal or other payments on the Securities as a result of a holder’s failure to comply with these rules or as a result of the presence in the payment chain of a non-Participating FFI, none of the Issuer, any paying agent or any other person would, pursuant to the Conditions, be required to pay additional amounts as a result of the deduction or withholding of such tax other than in respect of payments that the Issuer makes itself to the Paying Agents (as defined in the Conditions). As a result, investors may, if FATCA is implemented as currently proposed by the IRS, receive less interest or principal than expected. Holders of the Securities should consult their own tax advisers on how these rules may apply to payments they receive under the Securities.

The application of FATCA to Securities issued or materially modified on or after 1 January 2013 (or whenever issued, in the case of Securities treated as equity for U.S. federal tax purposes) may be addressed in the applicable Final Terms or a supplement to this Base Prospectus, as applicable.

FATCA IS PARTICULARLY COMPLEX AND ITS APPLICATION TO THE ISSUER, THE SECURITIES AND THE HOLDERS IS UNCERTAIN AT THIS TIME. EACH HOLDER OF SECURITIES SHOULD CONSULT ITS OWN TAX ADVISER TO OBTAIN A MORE DETAILED EXPLANATION OF FATCA AND TO LEARN HOW THIS LEGISLATION MIGHT AFFECT EACH HOLDER IN ITS PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCE.

The Securities may be terminated prior to their stated date

If the Issuer determines that the performance of its obligations under the Securities has become illegal or impractical in whole or in part for any reason or the Issuer determines that it is no longer legal or practical for it to maintain its hedging arrangement with respect to the Securities for any reason, the Issuer may at its discretion and without obligation terminate early the Securities. If the Issuer terminates early the Securities, the Issuer will, if and to the extent permitted by applicable law, pay the holder of each such Security an amount determined by the Calculation Agent to be its fair market value less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements notwithstanding the illegality or impracticality.

Risks associated with Securities held in global form

The Securities will initially be held by or on behalf of one or more clearing systems specified in the applicable Final Terms (each a “**Relevant Clearing System**”), either in the form of a global Security which will be exchangeable for definitive Securities in the event of the closure of all Relevant Clearing Systems or in dematerialised form depending on the rules of the Relevant Clearing System. For as long as any Securities are held by or on behalf of a Relevant Clearing System, payments of principal, interest (if any) and any other amounts will be made through the Relevant Clearing System, where required, against presentation or surrender (as the case may be) of any relevant global Security. The risk is that the bearer or the registered holder, as the case may be, of the relevant global Security, typically a depository or a nominee for a depository for the Relevant Clearing System, or, in the case of Securities in dematerialised form, the Relevant Clearing System and not the Holder itself, shall be treated by the Issuer and any Agent (as defined in the Conditions) as the sole holder of the relevant Securities with respect to the payment of principal, interest (if any) and any other amounts payable in respect of the Securities or any securities deliverable in respect of the Securities. Holders therefore are required to look to the Relevant Clearing System in respect of payments made to it by the Issuer in respect of Securities in global or dematerialised form.

Securities which are held by or on behalf of a Relevant Clearing System will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of the Relevant Clearing System.

Risk associated with nominee arrangements

Where a nominee service provider is used by an investor to hold Securities or such investor holds interests in any Security through accounts with a Relevant Clearing System, such investor will receive payments in respect of principal, interest, (if any) or any other amounts due, or securities deliverable, as applicable, solely on the basis of the arrangements entered into by the investor with the relevant nominee service provider or Relevant Clearing System, as the case may be. Furthermore, such investor must rely on the relevant nominee service provider or Relevant Clearing System to distribute all payments or securities attributable to the relevant Securities which are received from the Issuer. Accordingly, such an investor will be exposed to the credit risk of, and default risk in respect of, the relevant nominee service provider or Relevant Clearing System, as well as the Issuer.

In addition, such a Holder will only be able to sell any Securities held by it prior to their stated settlement date or maturity date (as the case may be) with the assistance of the relevant nominee service provider.

None of the Issuer or any Agent shall be responsible for the acts or omissions of any relevant nominee service provider or Relevant Clearing System nor makes any representation or warranty, express or implied, as to the service provided by any relevant nominee service provider or Relevant Clearing System.

The return on an investment in Securities will be affected by charges incurred by investors

An investor's total return on an investment in any Securities will be affected by the level of fees charged by any nominee service provider and/or Relevant Clearing System used by the investor. Such a person or institution may charge fees for the opening and operation of an investment account, transfers of Securities, custody services and on payments of interest, principal and other amounts or delivery of securities. Potential investors are therefore advised to investigate the basis on which any such fees will be charged on the relevant Securities.

Change of law and jurisdiction

The Conditions are based on English law in effect as at the date of this Base Prospectus. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible change to English law or administrative practice after the date of this Base Prospectus. Prospective investors in the Securities should note that the courts of England and Wales shall have jurisdiction in respect of any disputes involving the Securities. Holders may, however, take any suit, action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with the Securities against the Issuer in any court of competent jurisdiction. English law may be materially different from the equivalent law in the home jurisdiction of prospective investors in its application to the Securities.

There may be changes to laws, or their interpretation, in other countries which affect the Securities. Changes in taxation, corporate, regulatory and money laundering laws in any relevant jurisdiction could have a negative impact on the value of the Securities.

Credit ratings may not reflect all risks

One or more independent credit rating agencies may assign credit ratings to the Issuer or the Securities. The ratings 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 Securities. Where a Series of Securities is to be rated, such rating will not necessarily be the same as any rating assigned to any Securities already issued. Whether or not a rating in relation to any Series of Securities will be treated as having been issued by a credit rating agency established in the European Union and registered under the CRA Regulation will be disclosed in the relevant Final Terms. A security rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, reduction or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

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) Securities are legal investments for it, (ii) Securities can be used as collateral for various types of borrowing and (iii) other restrictions apply to its purchase or

pledge of any Securities. Financial institutions should consult their legal advisers or the appropriate regulators to determine the appropriate treatment of Securities under any applicable risk-based capital or similar rules.

Modification, waivers and substitution

The Issuer may decide to make modifications to the Securities without the consent of the Holders which may affect the Holders' interest either:

- (a) for the purpose of curing any ambiguity or of curing, correcting or supplementing any manifest error, proven error or other defective provision, as determined by the Issuer; or
- (b) in any other manner which is not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Holders; or
- (c) for the purpose of the substitution of another company as principal debtor under any Securities in place of the Issuer, in the circumstances described in General Condition 8.

Specific risks relating to Equity Certificates

Risks generally applicable where the Underlying is a share in a company listed in an emerging market. Investing in Securities where the Underlying is a share in a company listed in India, Taiwan, China, Korea, Saudi Arabia, and other emerging markets involves substantial risks in addition to those risks normally associated with making investments in other countries and other investment products. Accordingly, investment in the Equity Certificates is only suitable for those investors who are aware of the risks of investing in these countries and who have the knowledge and experience in financial matters necessary to enable them to evaluate the risks and merits of an investment in the Equity Certificates.

Potential investors should note that the securities markets in emerging market jurisdictions are generally substantially smaller and at times have been more volatile and illiquid than the major securities markets in more developed countries. No assurance can be given that such volatility or illiquidity will not occur in the future. Many such securities markets also have clearance and settlement procedures that are less developed, less reliable and less efficient than those in more developed countries. There may also be generally less governmental supervision and regulation of the securities exchanges and securities professionals in emerging markets than exists in more developed countries.

Disclosure and regulatory standards in emerging markets are in many respects less stringent than standards in more developed countries and there may be less publicly available information about companies in such markets than is regularly published by or about companies in more developed countries. Companies in emerging markets may be subject to accounting standards and requirements that may differ in significant respects from those applicable to companies in more developed countries. The assets and liabilities and profits and losses appearing in the financial statements of such companies may not reflect their financial position or results of operations in the way they would be reflected had such financial statements been prepared in accordance with generally accepted international accounting

principles in more developed countries. The valuation of assets, depreciation, exchange differences, deferred taxation, contingent liabilities and consolidation may also be treated differently than under generally accepted international accounting standards, all of which may affect the valuation of the Underlying.

Risks relating to foreign ownership control in Saudi Arabia. Potential investors should note that due to foreign ownership restrictions in Saudi Arabia the Issuer will enter into a hedging transaction locally in order to offer exposure to the Underlying Saudi Arabian securities. There are certain risks associated with the Issuer entering into such hedging transactions to gain exposure to the Underlying Saudi Arabian securities including, but not limited to: (i) the potential insolvency of the hedging counterparty or custodian bank and (ii) the potential unenforceability of the hedging transaction in Saudi Arabia. If any of these risks materialises, the Securities may be terminated in accordance with their terms. In certain circumstances including, but not limited to, the insolvency of the hedging counterparty or the unenforceability of the associated hedging transaction, the risk of unenforceability of the associated hedging transaction returning the Final Reference Prices may mean that you lose some or all of your investment.

Risks related to foreign exchange controls. Potential investors should note that payments by the Issuer of the Cash Amount in respect of Equity Certificates is subject to the ability of the Issuer to sell the Underlying and to there being no foreign exchange control restrictions, including restrictions which prevent the conversion of the Underlying Currency (as defined in the Product Conditions) into the Settlement Currency (as defined in the Product Conditions) and the transfer of the Settlement Currency to accounts outside the jurisdiction of the Underlying. If any such event occurs at the Valuation Date, it could result in a delay in the determination of the Final Reference Price and the Settlement Date, which delay could be lengthy.

Market disruption. In the event of the occurrence of Market Disruption Event on a Valuation Date, a Payment Day or the Settlement Date, the obligations of the Issuer which are due on such date may be delayed, which delay could be lengthy. A Market Disruption Event includes, but is not limited to, any suspension or limitation of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange, the declaration of a general moratorium in respect of banking activities in the country where the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located, the inability of the Issuer (or its affiliate) to unwind its hedge or related trading position relating to the Underlying due to illiquidity and any Emerging Market Disruption Event.

Force majeure. The Issuer reserves the right to delay payments and other obligations to the holder of Equity Certificates where events occur outside the reasonable control of the Issuer or any of its affiliates and result in the Issuer being unable to fulfil its obligations when such obligations are due including (without limitation) failure of telecommunication or computer facilities, industrial disputes, acts of terrorism, civil unrest or acts of governmental, regulatory or supranational bodies subject to a

maximum period specified in the applicable Final Terms. After such date, all obligations of the Issuer in respect of the relevant Securities shall be discharged.

Non-registration under the Securities Act and restrictions on transfer

The Securities have not been, and will not be, registered under the Securities Act or with any securities regulatory authority of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States. The Securities are being issued and sold in reliance upon exemptions from registration provided by such laws. Consequently, the transfer of the Securities will be subject to satisfaction of legal requirements applicable to transfers that do not require registration under the Securities Act or with any securities regulatory authority of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States. In addition, the Securities are subject to certain transfer restrictions as described herein under “Selling Restrictions” and “Sales Within the United States”, which may further limit the liquidity of the Securities.

Risks relating to Proprietary Indices

Proprietary and rules-based trading index or strategy

Each index or strategy set out in Proprietary Index Descriptions (each a “**Proprietary Index**”) follows a notional rules-based proprietary trading strategy that operates on the basis of pre-determined rules. Accordingly, potential investors in Securities which are linked to the performance of a Proprietary Index should determine whether the relevant rules are appropriate in light of their individual circumstances and investment objectives.

No assurance can be given that the strategy of a Proprietary Index employed by the sponsor of such Proprietary Index (the “**Index Sponsor**”) will be successful, generate positive returns, outperform any benchmark or other indices or that the return (if any) on a Proprietary Index will be as projected or estimated.

An investment in Securities linked to any Proprietary Index may not be a suitable investment for all investors

Securities linked to a Proprietary Index are complex financial instruments and such Securities may be purchased as a way for investors to acquire particular market exposures or seek enhanced yield with an appropriate addition of risk to their overall portfolio. Prospective investors should not invest in complex financial instruments unless they have the expertise to evaluate how such an instrument may perform under changing conditions, the resulting effects on the value of such instrument and the impact this investment will have on their overall investment portfolio.

No recourse to assets

Each Proprietary Index is purely synthetic. The exposure to the components of a Proprietary Index is purely notional and will exist only in the records held by the relevant Index Sponsor. There are no assets or components to which any person is entitled or in which any person has any ownership

interest or which serve as collateral for any investment product related to a Proprietary Index.

Termination, cancellation and suspension of a Proprietary Index

The Index Sponsor and the calculation agent of a Proprietary Index are under no obligation to continue the calculation, publication and dissemination of the Proprietary Index. A Proprietary Index may be terminated, cancelled or suspended at any time by the relevant Index Sponsor. This may cause the Issuer to amend or terminate Securities linked to the Proprietary Index. The termination of a Proprietary Index or the amendment or termination of Securities may have a negative impact on the return on any investment in an Securities related to the Proprietary Index.

Simulated operating history

Each Proprietary Index was first calculated on or about the date on which the relevant Proprietary Index documentation was completed and therefore lacks actual historical performance. The relevant Index Sponsor may have retrospectively calculated the closing levels of a Proprietary Index from a defined base date to but excluding the first live date. Such levels are simulated and must be considered hypothetical and illustrative only. Simulated data may be based on certain assumptions (which may not be true in the future) and constructed using procedures that vary from those used to calculate the Proprietary Index following its establishment. The simulated operating history may materially differ from the actual performance of a Proprietary Index. Past performance should not be considered indicative of future performance.

Amendment or modification to Proprietary Index rules

The rules governing a Proprietary Index may be amended, modified or adjusted from time to time by the calculation agent and/or the relevant Index Sponsor, as applicable. Any such amendment may be made without the consent of or notice to investors in instruments linked to a Proprietary Index and may have an adverse effect on the level of such Proprietary Index.

Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, in the event that the relevant Index Sponsor makes a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating the relevant Proprietary Index or in any other way materially modifies that Proprietary Index (other than a modification prescribed in that formula or method to maintain that Proprietary Index in the event of changes in an underlying asset and other routine events), the Issuer shall give notice as soon as practicable to investors in accordance with General Condition 4 giving details of the action proposed to be taken.

Sponsor/Calculation Agent discretion

A Proprietary Index confers on the relevant calculation agent and/or Index Sponsor, as applicable, discretion in making certain determinations, calculations and corrections from time to time. The exercise of such discretion in the making of calculations, determinations and corrections may adversely affect the performance of the relevant Proprietary Index.

Dynamic Participation

A Proprietary Index may be calculated using dynamic participation which means that the synthetic exposure to the components of such Proprietary Index can increase and/or decrease, and, in certain circumstances, create synthetic exposure to the components of such Proprietary Index in excess of 100 per cent. The use of dynamic participation may therefore leverage returns of a Proprietary Index. Leverage has the potential to magnify the gains or losses of the Proprietary Index which may (in the case of losses) have a negative impact on the value of the Securities.

Market risk

A Proprietary Index will be exposed to one or more of the following markets: equity, credit, commodity, foreign exchange, interest rate and fixed income markets. Investments in Securities linked to a Proprietary Index relating to these markets will be exposed to the market performance of the components of the Proprietary Index. This may be negatively affected by global economic, financial, political and natural developments, and such developments, among other things, may have a material effect on the performance of a Proprietary Index.

A Proprietary Index may be exposed to foreign exchange rates, which are volatile and subject to market conditions. The value of foreign exchange rates and futures are affected by rates of exchange between currencies or appreciation or depreciation of any currency and any existing or future governmental or other restrictions on the availability of exchanges between the relevant currencies.

A Proprietary Index may be exposed to emerging markets. Investing in emerging markets involves certain risks and special considerations not typically associated with investing in other more established economies or securities markets. The principal risks and special considerations are as follows: (i) the risk of nationalisation or expropriation of assets or confiscatory taxation; (ii) social, economic and political uncertainty; (iii) dependence on exports and the corresponding importance of international trade and commodities prices; (iv) less liquidity of securities markets; (v) currency exchange rate fluctuations; (vi) potentially higher rates of inflation (including hyper-inflation); (vii) controls on investment and limitations on repatriation of invested capital; (viii) a higher degree of governmental involvement in and control over the economies; (ix) government decisions to discontinue support for economic reform programmes and imposition of centrally planned economies; (x) differences in auditing and financial reporting standards which may result in the unavailability of material information about economics and issuers; (xi) less extensive regulatory oversight of securities markets; (xii) longer settlement periods for securities transactions; (xiii) less stringent laws regarding the fiduciary duties of officers and directors and protection of investors; and (xiv) certain consequences regarding the maintenance of portfolio securities and cash with sub-custodians and securities depositories in emerging market countries.

A Proprietary Index may reference the performance of commodities. The value of commodities is

volatile and subject to market conditions. For example, the value of a commodity is subject to the supply of, and/or demand for, such commodity and whether or not any alternatives to that commodity exist. Additionally, commodity prices can be influenced by the prevailing political climate and government stability in commodity producing nations. Current market conditions for a commodity do not guarantee the performance, demand or supply of that commodity in the future. Changes in demand or supply of a commodity and the stability of political affairs will affect the performance of any Proprietary Index linked to the performance of commodities.

A Proprietary Index may reference the performance of futures contracts. Transactions in futures contracts involve the obligation to make, or to take, delivery of the underlying asset of the contract at a future date, or in some cases to settle the position with cash. They carry a high degree of risk. The ‘gearing’ or ‘leverage’ often obtainable in futures trading means that a small deposit or down payment can lead to large losses as well as gains. It also means that a relatively small movement can lead to a proportionately much larger movement in the value of an investment.

Access Costs, Trading Costs, Performance Adjustment and Management Fee

Prospective investors should be aware that the level of a Proprietary Index may be reduced by an Access Cost, Trading Cost, Performance Adjustment, Performance Fee and/or Management Fee all of which may be payable to the relevant Index Sponsor. For the avoidance of doubt, such costs, adjustments and fees are not passed on to investors in Securities linked to any Proprietary Index as a payment but instead are deducted from the level of any such Proprietary Index. This will, accordingly, have a negative impact on the return (if any) of an investment linked to any such Proprietary Index.

Definitions:

For these purposes:

“**Access Cost**” means the actual or notional costs charged and expenses incurred by the relevant Index Sponsor in connection with investing in each of the Constituents. The Access Cost is typically deducted from the daily return of the relevant Proprietary Index on a pro-rata daily basis and reduces the level of such Proprietary Index. The relevant Index Sponsor may change the Access Cost, acting in good faith, to reflect the changes in the costs charged and expenses incurred in gaining exposure to the Constituents.

“**Constituents**” mean the assets to which the relevant Proprietary Index are linked.

“**LIBOR**” means the London Interbank Offered Rate which represents the rate at which banks borrow from other banks in the financial markets in London. There is a LIBOR figure for most major currencies (i.e. EUR, GBP, USD) and the LIBOR figure can differ depending on its maturity. For example, the 1 month USD LIBOR can be 1.2 per cent. whilst the 3 month USD LIBOR can be 1.5 per cent.

“**Management Fee**” means a fee charged by the relevant Index Sponsor to maintain the relevant Proprietary Index (which includes, among other matters, operation, administrative and personnel costs). The Management Fee is deducted from the level of a Proprietary Index on a pro-rata daily basis and therefore reduces the level of such Proprietary Index.

“**Performance Adjustment**” means an amount which is deducted from the relevant Proprietary Index to reflect (i) the costs incurred by the relevant Index Sponsor in gaining exposure to the Constituents and (ii) the costs to investor in funding exposure to the Constituents. The Performance Adjustment reduces the cost to the Issuer of taking a position in, and therefore gaining exposure to, a Constituent and is deducted from such Proprietary Index on a pro-rata daily basis. The Performance Adjustment can be a fixed level or a floating level. The floating level is often benchmarked to a LIBOR.

“**Performance Fee**” means a daily fee charged by the relevant Index Sponsor. The Performance Fee will be equal to a percentage of the daily performance of the Proprietary Index and will be deducted only if the level of the relevant Proprietary Index on a day on which the fee is deducted is above the highest level of the Proprietary Index previously seen.

“**Trading Cost**” means an actual or notional cost incurred by the relevant Index Sponsor in linking the relevant Proprietary Index to each Constituent in order to maintain the Proprietary Index. It may be deducted from the level of such Proprietary Index by such Index Sponsor when exposure to a Constituent is changed. The relevant Index Sponsor may change the Trading Cost, acting in good faith, to reflect the cost of changing exposure to each Constituent.

Potential conflicts of interest

The Issuer or one of its affiliates (including, but not limited to, The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. and RBS Business Services Private Limited) may be the Index Sponsor or calculation agent in respect of a Proprietary Index to which the Securities are linked. As described above, the role of Index Sponsor or calculation agent would provide the Issuer (or one of its affiliates) with discretions to make certain determinations and judgements which may influence the Level of such Proprietary Index. Those discretions may be adverse to the interest of the holders of the Securities and may negatively impact the value of the Securities.

Roll Return

A Proprietary Index may have a long only exposure to futures contracts which means that the performance of such Proprietary Index (which can either be a positive or negative) will correlate with the performance of the relevant futures contract(s). Additionally, a Proprietary Index may be exposed to “roll return”. As each current front month contract (“**Current Front Month Contract**”) approaches expiry, it needs to be 'rolled' into a near front month contract (“**Near Front Month Contract**”) This involves selling the Current Front Month Contract and simultaneously purchasing

the Near Front Month Contract. The roll return is the difference between the price at which the Current Front Month Contract is sold and the Near Front Month Contract is bought. The roll return will be negative if the Near Front Month Contract has a higher price than the Current Front Month Contract, which means the number of the Near Front Month Contracts bought will be lower than the amount of Current Front Month Contracts sold. Conversely, the roll return will be positive if the Near Front Month Contract has a lower price than the Current Front Month Contract, and the number of the Near Front Month Contract bought will be higher than the amount of Current Front Month Contracts sold.

Volatility Control

For the purposes of a Proprietary Index , “volatility” is a measure of how much an investment has deviated from its average over a defined time. A Proprietary Index may have an automatic feature that aims to protect against some of the inherent volatility exhibited by its underlying components.

A Proprietary Index's exposure to its underlying components will change depending on the volatility of those underlying components. A Proprietary Index's exposure to its underlying components will proportionally reduce as that Proprietary Index's volatility increases above certain percentage thresholds. When volatility decreases below certain percentage thresholds, the Proprietary Index's exposure to its underlying components will proportionally increase. In periods of higher market volatility this feature may cushion the effect of market falls but constrain the benefit of market rises. This feature may not be successful and this may have an impact on the performance of a Proprietary Index with a volatility control feature.

Trend Risk

A Proprietary Index may use a mechanism by which it compares the performance of a component against its Moving Average in an effort to determine each Underlying's trend. “**Moving Average**” means the simple average of the performance of a component over a defined time period. When a component's performance is above its Moving Average for a certain number of consecutive measurement dates, that component is said to be in a positive trend. When the performance is equal to or below its Moving Average for a certain number of consecutive measurement dates, the component is said to be in a negative trend. If the trend is determined to be positive for a component, the Proprietary Index may allocate exposure to the component. If a trend is determined to be negative for component, the Proprietary Index may reduce exposure to such component to zero. If the Proprietary Index has no exposure to a negative trending component for any given period, then the Proprietary Index will not benefit from any appreciation of such component during that given period. Further, if the Proprietary Index has exposure to a positively trending component during a given period, investors will be exposed to any downside movements of that component during the period.

A Proprietary Index using this mechanism is based on the assumption that the past moving average of its components compared to their current performance is a good indicator of the future direction of

those components. There is no assurance that this assumption is correct, nor is there any assurance that the strategy taken by the Index will generate positive returns..

RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Base Prospectus, as completed and/or amended by the Final Terms. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Issuer (which has taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Base Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The following documents which have previously been published and have been filed with the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets (*Autoriteit Financiële Markten*) in its capacity as competent authority under the Act on Financial Supervision (*Wet op het financieel toezicht (Wft) 2007*) (the “**Competent Authority**”) shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and to form part of, this Base Prospectus:

1. The registration document of the Issuer dated 24 February 2012, which was published via the Regulatory News Service of the London Stock Exchange plc (“**RNS**”) on 24 February 2012 (the “**Registration Document**”), excluding:
 - (i) the sub-section headed “Assets, owners’ equity and capital ratios” under the section headed “Description of the Royal Bank of Scotland plc” on page 26; and
 - (ii) the sub-section headed “No Significant Change and No Material Adverse Change” under the section headed “General Information” on page 63.
2. The section entitled “CONDITIONS: GENERAL CONDITIONS”, each section having a heading commencing with the words “CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS” and the section entitled “FORM OF FINAL TERMS” (excluding the first two paragraphs, which shall be deemed to be substituted with the third, fourth and fifth paragraphs set out under the heading “Final Terms” beginning on page 705 of this Base Prospectus) of the Base Prospectus entitled “Base Prospectus relating to Certificates” dated 27 May 2011 issued by the Issuer (the “**2011 Base Prospectus**”).
3. Sections 11(f) and (g), and Annex A, of the Third Supplement to the 2011 Base Prospectus dated 23 August 2011.
4. The section entitled “CONDITIONS: GENERAL CONDITIONS”, each section having a heading commencing with the words “CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS” and the section entitled “FORM OF FINAL TERMS” (excluding the first two paragraphs, which shall be deemed to be substituted with the third, fourth and fifth paragraphs set out under the heading “Final Terms” beginning on page 705 of this Base Prospectus) of the Base Prospectus entitled “Base Prospectus relating to Certificates” dated 28 May 2010 issued by the Issuer (the “**2010 Base Prospectus**”).
5. Sections 6 and 8, and Annexes A and B, of the Fifth Supplement to the 2010 Base Prospectus

dated 23 February 2011.

6. The Eighth Supplement to the 2010 Base Prospectus dated 24 March 2011.
7. The annual report and accounts of the Issuer (including the audited consolidated annual financial statements of the Issuer, together with the audit report thereon) for the year ended 31 December 2011 (excluding the sections headed “Financial review — Risk factors” on page 6 and “Additional information — Risk factors” on pages 283 to 296), published via RNS on 26 March 2012.
8. The annual report and accounts of the Issuer (including the audited consolidated annual financial statements of the Issuer, together with the audit report thereon) for the year ended 31 December 2010 (excluding the sections headed “Financial Review — Risk factors” on page 5 and “Additional Information — Risk factors” on pages 238 to 254), published via RNS on 15 April 2011.
9. The following sections of the annual report and accounts of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc (“**RBSG**”) for the year ended 31 December 2011, which were published via RNS on 9 March 2012:
 - (i) Independent auditor’s report on page 306;
 - (ii) Consolidated income statement on page 307;
 - (iii) Consolidated statement of comprehensive income on page 308;
 - (iv) Consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December 2011 on page 309;
 - (v) Consolidated statement of changes in equity on pages 310 to 312;
 - (vi) Consolidated cash flow statement on page 313;
 - (vii) Accounting policies on pages 314 to 326;
 - (viii) Notes on the consolidated accounts on pages 327 to 419;
 - (ix) Parent company financial statements and notes on pages 420 to 431;
 - (x) Essential reading – Highlights on page 1;
 - (xi) Chairman’s statement on page 9;
 - (xii) Group Chief Executive’s review on pages 10 to 11;
 - (xiii) Our key targets on page 13;
 - (xiv) Our business and our strategy on pages 14 to 18;
 - (xv) Divisional review on pages 19 to 29;

- (xvi) Business review on pages 32 to 249;
- (xvii) Corporate governance on pages 258 to 262;
- (xviii) Letter from the Chair of the Group Remuneration Committee on pages 272 to 273;
- (xix) Directors' remuneration report on pages 274 to 295;
- (xx) Report of the Directors on pages 298 to 302;
- (xxi) Directors' interests in shares on page 303;
- (xxii) Financial Summary on pages 433 to 441;
- (xxiii) Exchange rates on page 441;
- (xxiv) Economic and monetary environment on page 442;
- (xxv) Supervision on page 443;
- (xxvi) Regulatory developments and reviews on page 444;
- (xxvii) Description of property and equipment on page 445;
- (xxviii) Major shareholders on page 445;
- (xxix) Material contracts on pages 445 to 450; and
- (xxx) Glossary of terms on pages 476 to 483.

10. The following sections of the annual report and accounts of RBSG for the year ended 31 December 2010, which were published via RNS on 17 March 2011:

- (i) Independent auditor's report on page 267;
- (ii) Consolidated income statement on page 268;
- (iii) Consolidated statement of comprehensive income on page 269;
- (iv) Balance sheets as at 31 December 2010 on page 270;
- (v) Statements of changes in equity on pages 271 to 273;
- (vi) Cash flow statements on page 274;
- (vii) Accounting policies on pages 275 to 286;
- (viii) Notes on the accounts on pages 287 to 385;
- (ix) Essential reading – We have met, and in some cases exceeded, the targets for the second year of our Strategic Plan on page 1;
- (x) Chairman's statement on pages 2 to 3;
- (xi) Group Chief Executive's review on pages 4 to 5;

- (xii) Our key targets on page 7;
- (xiii) Our business and our strategy on pages 8 to 19;
- (xiv) Divisional review on pages 20 to 41;
- (xv) Business review on pages 49 to 224;
- (xvi) Report of the Directors on pages 230 to 234;
- (xvii) Corporate governance on pages 235 to 245;
- (xviii) Letter from the Chair of the Remuneration Committee on pages 246 to 247;
- (xix) Directors' remuneration report on pages 248 to 263;
- (xx) Directors' interests in shares on page 264;
- (xxi) Financial summary on pages 387 to 395;
- (xxii) Exchange rates on page 395;
- (xxiii) Economic and monetary environment on page 396;
- (xxiv) Supervision on page 397;
- (xxv) Regulatory developments and reviews on pages 398 to 399;
- (xxvi) Description of property and equipment on page 399;
- (xxvii) Major shareholders on page 399;
- (xxviii) Material contracts on pages 399 to 404; and
- (xxix) Glossary of terms on pages 434 to 439.

11. The unaudited Interim Management Statement Q1 2012 of RBSG which was published via RNS on 4 May 2012.
12. The press release entitled "Divisional Reorganisation and Group Reporting Changes (effective 1 January 2012)" which was published via RNS on 1 May 2012.

If the documents which are incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus themselves incorporate any information or other documents therein, either expressly or implicitly, such information or other documents will not form part of this Base Prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive except where such information or other documents are specifically incorporated by reference in, or attached to, the Base Prospectus.

In relation to those documents of which only part thereof is incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus, those parts of such documents which are not incorporated either are not relevant for the

investor or are covered elsewhere in this Base Prospectus.

Copies of the above documents can be obtained from the registered office of the Issuer at 36 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh, EH2 2YB, Scotland and on <http://markets.rbs.com/bparchive> or <http://markets.rbs.com/launchpad>; Tel. 00 44 (0)131 523 3636.

The Issuer will in the event of any significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to the information included in this Base Prospectus which is capable of affecting the assessment of any Securities, prepare a supplement to this Base Prospectus for use in connection with any subsequent issue of Securities.

This Base Prospectus and any supplement will be valid for listing Securities on Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext and/or any other exchange in an unlimited aggregate nominal amount.

Material Changes

Material changes of the Issuer's financial position since the date of this Base Prospectus will trigger the need for a supplement to this Base Prospectus under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC and Swiss Listing Rule Scheme F 2.2.5. Any supplements to this Base Prospectus are accessible at <http://markets.rbs.com/bparchive> or <http://markets.rbs.com/launchpad> and can be obtained, on request, free of charge, by writing or telephoning, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group Investor Relations, 280 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4RB, United Kingdom, telephone +44 207 672 1758, email investor.relations@rbs.com or at the registered office of the Issuer at 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA, United Kingdom.

TAXATION

Potential purchasers who are in any doubt about their tax position on purchase, ownership, transfer, exercise or non-exercise of any Security should consult their professional tax advisers.

1. GENERAL

Purchasers of Securities may be required to pay stamp taxes and/or other charges in accordance with the laws and practices of the country of purchase in addition to the issue or purchase price of each Security.

The Issuer shall not be liable for or otherwise obliged to pay any tax, duty or other payment which may arise as a result of the ownership, transfer or exercise of any Securities.

Prospective purchasers should be aware that tax treatment depends on the individual circumstances of each purchaser and may be subject to change in the future.

2. EU SAVINGS DIRECTIVE

Under EC Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income (the “**Directive**”), EU member states, subject to the following exceptions, are required to provide to the tax authorities of another EU member state details of payments of interest (or similar income) paid by a person within its jurisdiction to (or for the benefit of) an individual resident in that other EU member state or to certain limited types of entities established in that other EU member state. However, for a transitional period Luxembourg and Austria are instead required (unless during that period they elect otherwise) to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments (the ending of such transitional period being dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries). A number of non-EU countries and territories including Switzerland have adopted similar measures (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland).

The European Commission has proposed certain amendments to the Directive, which may, if implemented, amend or broaden the scope of the requirements described above.

3. UNITED KINGDOM

The following applies only to persons who are the beneficial owners of Securities and is a summary of the Issuer’s understanding of current United Kingdom tax law and United Kingdom HM Revenue & Customs (“HMRC”) practice relating only to certain aspects of United Kingdom taxation. It does not deal with any other United Kingdom taxation implications of acquiring, holding or disposing of Securities and should not be relied upon by Holders or prospective Holders of Securities. Some aspects do not apply to certain classes of person (such

as persons carrying on a trade of dealing in Securities and persons connected with the Issuer) to whom special rules may apply. The United Kingdom tax treatment of prospective Holders of Securities depends on their individual circumstances and may be subject to change in the future. The precise tax treatment of a Holder of Securities will depend for each issue on the terms of the Securities, as specified in the Conditions of the Securities as amended and supplemented by the applicable Final Terms. For United Kingdom tax purposes, the term “Security” or “Securities” refers to instruments of the type described in this Base Prospectus and is not intended to be determinative (or indicative) of the nature of the instrument for the purposes of United Kingdom taxation. Prospective Holders of Securities 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.

Withholding on account of United Kingdom tax

Payments made in respect of the Securities may be made without deduction or withholding for or on account of United Kingdom income tax where such payments are not regarded as interest, manufactured payments or annual payments for United Kingdom tax purposes.

Even if such payments were to be regarded as interest, manufactured payments or annual payments for United Kingdom tax purposes, the Issuer should not be required to withhold or deduct sums for or on account of United Kingdom income tax from payments made in respect of the Securities provided that the Securities are derivative contracts, the profits and losses arising from which are calculated in accordance with the provisions of Part 7 of the Corporation Tax Act 2009 (which broadly they should be provided that they are options, futures or contracts for differences for the purposes of Part 7 of that Act, are derivatives for the purposes of FRS25 (or International Accounting Standard 32) and are not excluded for the purposes of Part 7 of that Act by virtue of their underlying subject matter).

Interest on the Securities

If interest is payable on the Securities or if payments made in respect of the Securities were to be regarded as interest for United Kingdom tax purposes, such payments may be made without deduction or withholding for or on account of United Kingdom income tax, provided that the Issuer continues to be a bank within the meaning of section 991 of the Income Tax Act 2007 (the “Act”), and provided that any such interest is paid in the ordinary course of the Issuer’s business within the meaning of section 878 of the Act.

Payments of interest on or in respect of the Securities may also be made without deduction or withholding for or on account of United Kingdom income tax provided that the Securities are and continue to be listed on a “recognised stock exchange” within the meaning of section 1005 of the Act. Provided, therefore, that the Securities are and remain so listed, interest on the Securities will be payable without withholding or deduction for or on account of United Kingdom income tax.

Interest on or in respect of the Securities may also be paid without withholding or deduction for or on account of United Kingdom income tax where interest on or in respect of the Securities is paid by the Issuer and, at the time the payment is made, the Issuer reasonably believes (and any person by or through whom interest on or in respect of the Securities 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 or in respect of the Securities may also be paid without withholding or deduction for or on account of United Kingdom income tax where the maturity of the Securities is less than 365 days and those Securities do not form part of a scheme or arrangement of borrowing intended to be capable of remaining outstanding for more than 364 days. HMRC has issued a consultation document which, amongst other things, invites views on the proposal that deduction on account of United Kingdom income tax at the basic rate be required from payments of interest arising in the United Kingdom irrespective of whether such payments are payments of yearly interest. It is uncertain at this stage whether, and in what form, such proposal will be implemented.

In other cases, an amount must generally be withheld from payments of interest on or in respect of the Securities 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 Holder of Securities, HMRC can issue a notice to the Issuer to pay interest to the Holder of Securities without deduction of tax (or for interest to be paid with tax deducted at the rate provided for in the relevant double tax treaty, as applicable).

Holders of Securities may wish to note that, in certain circumstances, HMRC has power to obtain information (including the name and address of the beneficial owner) from any person in the United Kingdom who either pays or credits interest (or amounts treated as interest) to or receives interest (or amounts treated as interest) for the benefit of a Holder of Securities. HMRC also has power, in certain circumstances, to obtain information from any person in the United Kingdom who pays amounts payable on the redemption of Securities which are deeply discounted securities for the purposes of the Income Tax (Trading and Other Income) Act 2005 to or receives such amounts for the benefit of another person, although HMRC published practice indicates that HMRC will not exercise the power referred to above to require this information in respect of amounts payable on the redemption of deeply discounted securities where such amounts are paid on or before 5 April 2013. Such information may include the name and address of the beneficial owner of the amount payable on redemption. Any information obtained may, in certain circumstances, be exchanged by HMRC with the tax authorities of the jurisdiction in which the Holder of Securities is resident for tax purposes.

Stamp Duty

Stamp duty on the issue of Securities

Subject to the following two paragraphs, no stamp duty will generally be payable in relation to the issue of Securities, including where such Securities are issued into CREST.

A charge to United Kingdom stamp duty at a rate of 1.5 per cent. of the value of the Securities may arise on the issue of Securities in bearer form where such Securities are denominated in sterling and do not constitute loan capital for the purposes of section 78 Finance Act 1986 (“**FA 1986**”) (“**Loan Capital**”).

The issue of a Security which has the characteristics of an option or any instrument granting such a Security may also be subject to United Kingdom stamp duty at a rate of up to 4 per cent. of the consideration paid for the Security.

Stamp duty on the transfer of Securities

No United Kingdom stamp duty should be required to be paid on transfers of Securities on sale provided no instrument of transfer is used to complete such sales.

An instrument transferring Securities on sale may be subject to stamp duty at a rate of 0.5 per cent. (or 1.5 per cent. in the case of a transfer to a Clearance Service (as defined below) or to a person issuing depositary receipts) of the consideration paid for the Securities if the Securities are not Exempt Loan Capital (as defined below).

Stamp duty on the exercise or redemption of Securities

No United Kingdom stamp duty should be payable in relation to the exercise or redemption of a Security which is cash settled. United Kingdom stamp duty may be required to be paid in relation to the transfer of assets on the exercise or redemption of a Security which is settled by way of physical delivery.

Stamp duty reserve tax (“SDRT”)

For the purposes of the preceding and following paragraphs, “**Exempt Loan Capital**” means any security which constitutes Loan Capital and: (a) does not carry rights to acquire shares or securities (by way of exchange, conversion or otherwise); (b) has not carried and does not carry a right to interest the amount of which exceeds a reasonable commercial return on the nominal amount of the relevant security; (c) subject to certain exceptions has not carried and does not carry a right to interest the amount of which falls or has fallen to be determined to any extent by reference to the results of, or any part of, a business or to the value of any property; and (d) has not carried and does not carry a right to a premium which is not reasonably comparable with amounts payable on securities listed on the London Stock Exchange.

SDRT on Loan Securities

The following analysis applies to Securities which constitute stock and/or loan capital for the purposes of section 99(3) FA 1986 (“**Loan Securities**”), Loan Securities which are capable of being cash settled only (“**Cash Settled Loan Securities**”) and Loan Securities which are capable of being settled by way of physical delivery (“**Physically Settled Loan Securities**”).

SDRT on the issue of Loan Securities to a Clearance Service

No SDRT should be payable in relation to the issue to any person providing a clearance service, or a nominee for any such person, within the meaning of section 96 FA 1986 (a “**Clearance Service**”) of a Loan Security provided that it is Exempt Loan Capital.

Subject to the comments in the paragraph below regarding a decision of the European Court of Justice (the “**ECJ**”) and a decision of the First-tier Tax Tribunal, except where an election has been made under which the alternative system of charge as provided for in section 97A FA 1986 (a “**s97A Election**”) applies, SDRT should generally be payable in relation to the issue to a Clearance Service of a Loan Security which is not Exempt Loan Capital, unless that Loan Security is in bearer form and either: (i) it is denominated in sterling; or (ii) it is not denominated in sterling (and if it is a loan that is repayable in sterling this is solely at the option of the holder) and either raises new capital or is issued in exchange for an instrument raising new capital, in each case for the purposes of section 97(3)(b) FA 1986. Any such SDRT would be payable at a rate of 1.5 per cent. of the issue price.

Following the ECJ decision in *C-569/07 HSBC Holdings plc and Vidacos Nominees Ltd v The Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Revenue & Customs* (Case C-569/07) and the First-tier Tax Tribunal decision in *HSBC Holdings Plc and the Bank of New York Mellon Corporation v The Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Revenue & Customs* (the “**HSBC Decisions**”) HMRC has indicated that it will not seek to collect 1.5% SDRT when new shares are first issued to an EU or non-EU clearance service or EU or non-EU depository receipt system. However, in the case of issues to non-EU clearance services or non-EU depository receipt systems, HMRC has indicated that it would seek to collect (with interest) any SDRT found to be due following successful appeal by HMRC against the First-tier Tax Tribunal decision. It is not clear the extent to which these decisions apply to the Loan Securities or the way in which any change in legislation or HMRC practice in response to these decisions may alter the position outlined above.

SDRT on the issue of Loan Securities into CREST

No SDRT will be payable in respect of the issue of Loan Securities into CREST, provided they are not issued into the CREST account of a Clearance Service or to a person issuing depository receipts (or an agent or nominee for such a person).

SDRT on the transfer of Loan Securities held within a Clearance Service where no s97A Election has

been made

SDRT should generally not be payable in relation to an agreement to transfer a Loan Security held within a Clearance Service provided that no s97A Election applies in respect of the Security.

SDRT on the transfer of Loan Securities held outside a Clearance Service, held within CREST or held within a Clearance Service where a s97A Election has been made

In the case of Loan Securities held outside a Clearance Service, Loan Securities held within CREST or Loan Securities held within a Clearance Service where a s97A Election has been made, no SDRT should be payable in relation to the transfer of a Loan Security within CREST or any agreement to transfer a Loan Security, in each case, provided that it is Exempt Loan Capital.

In the case of Loan Securities held outside a Clearance Service, Loan Securities held within CREST or Loan Securities held within a Clearance Service where a s97A Election has been made, SDRT should generally be payable in relation to the transfer of a Loan Security within CREST or any agreement to transfer a Loan Security, in each case, which is not Exempt Loan Capital, unless that Loan Security is in bearer form and: (i) it constitutes Loan Capital, it is listed on a recognised stock exchange and it carries no right to obtain securities which are not so listed (for example by way of conversion or exchange); (ii) it was not exempt from stamp duty on issue because it does not constitute Loan Capital and it is denominated in sterling; or (iii) it was exempt from stamp duty on issue solely because it is denominated in a currency other than sterling and it is listed on a recognised stock exchange. Any such SDRT would be payable at a rate of 0.5 per cent. of the consideration given under an agreement to transfer such Loan Securities, unless the transfer is to a Clearance Service or to a person issuing depository receipts (or to an agent or nominee of such a person) where SDRT may be payable at a rate of 1.5 per cent.

SDRT on the exercise or redemption of Loan Securities

SDRT may be required to be paid in respect of the agreement to transfer an asset pursuant to a Physically Settled Loan Security. However, any such liability to SDRT will be cancelled (or if already paid, will be repayable) if an instrument effecting the transfer is executed, which is duly stamped or is not chargeable with stamp duty or otherwise required to be stamped, within six years of the agreement being made or, in the case of a conditional agreement, within six years of all conditions being satisfied.

SDRT on Option Securities

The following analysis applies to Securities which do not constitute stock and/or loan capital for the purposes of section 99(3) FA 1986 ("**Option Securities**"), Option Securities which are capable of being cash settled only ("**Cash Settled Option Securities**") and Option Securities which are capable of being settled by way of physical delivery ("**Physically Settled Option Securities**").

SDRT on the issue of Option Securities to a Clearance Service

No SDRT should be payable in relation to the issue of a Cash Settled Option Security to a Clearance Service unless such Security is either (a) an interest in stocks, shares or loan capital that is not Exempt Loan Capital or (b) an interest in dividends or other rights arising out of such stocks, shares or loan capital.

Subject to the comments in the paragraph below regarding the HSBC Decisions, except where a s97A Election applies, SDRT should generally be payable in relation to the issue to a Clearance Service of a Physically Settled Option Security which gives the holder an interest in, rights arising out of, or the right to acquire stocks, shares or loan capital that are not Exempt Loan Capital unless that Physically Settled Option Security is in bearer form and either: (i) it is denominated in sterling; or (ii) it is not denominated in sterling and either raises new capital or is issued in exchange for an instrument raising new capital, in each case for the purposes of section 97(3)(b) FA 1986. Any such SDRT would be payable at a rate of 1.5 per cent. of the issue price.

It is not clear the extent to which the HSBC Decisions apply to the Option Securities or the way in which any change in legislation or HMRC practice in response to this decision may alter the position outlined above.

SDRT on the issue of Option Securities into CREST

No SDRT will be payable in respect of the issue of Option Securities into CREST, provided they are not issued into the CREST account of a Clearance Service or to a person issuing depositary receipts (or an agent or nominee for such a person).

SDRT on the transfer of Option Securities held within a Clearance Service where no s97A Election has been made

SDRT should generally not be payable in relation to an agreement to transfer Option Securities held within a Clearance Service, provided that no s97A Election applies in respect of the Security.

SDRT on the transfer of Option Securities held outside a Clearance Service, held within CREST or held within a Clearance Service where a s97A Election has been made

No SDRT should be payable in relation to the transfer of a Cash Settled Option Security within CREST or an agreement to transfer a Cash Settled Option Security which is held outside a Clearance Service or which is held within a Clearance Service where a s97A Election has been made unless such Security is either (a) an interest in stocks, shares or loan capital that are not Exempt Loan Capital or (b) an interest in dividends or other rights arising out of such stocks, shares or loan capital.

In the case of Physically Settled Option Securities held outside a Clearance Service, Physically Settled Option Securities held within a CREST or Physically Settled Option Securities held within a

Clearance Service where a s97A Election has been made, SDRT should generally be payable in relation to the transfer of a Physically Settled Option Security within CREST or any agreement to transfer a Physically Settled Option Security, in each case, which gives the holder an interest in, rights arising out of, or the right to acquire stocks, shares or loan capital that are not Exempt Loan Capital unless that Physically Settled Option Security is in bearer form and: (i) it was not exempt from stamp duty on issue because it is denominated in sterling; or (ii) it was exempt from stamp duty on issue solely because it is denominated in a currency other than sterling and it is listed on a recognised stock exchange. Any such SDRT would be payable at a rate of 0.5 per cent. of the consideration given under an agreement to transfer such a Physically Settled Option Security, unless the transfer is to a Clearance Service or to a person issuing depository receipts (or to an agent or nominee of such a person) where SDRT may be payable at a rate of 1.5 per cent.

SDRT on the exercise or redemption of Option Securities

SDRT may be required to be paid in respect of the agreement to transfer an asset pursuant to a Physically Settled Option Security. However, any such liability to SDRT will be cancelled (or if already paid, will be repayable) if an instrument effecting the transfer is executed, which is duly stamped or is not chargeable with stamp duty or otherwise required to be stamped, within six years of the agreement being made or, in the case of a conditional agreement, within six years of all conditions being satisfied.

4. UNITED STATES

TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (THE “IRS”), WE INFORM YOU THAT ANY TAX DISCUSSION HEREIN WAS NOT WRITTEN AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED AND CANNOT BE USED BY ANY TAXPAYER FOR PURPOSES OF AVOIDING U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX PENALTIES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED ON THE TAXPAYER. ANY SUCH TAX DISCUSSION WAS WRITTEN TO SUPPORT THE PROMOTION OR MARKETING OF THE TRANSACTIONS DESCRIBED HEREIN. EACH TAXPAYER SHOULD SEEK ADVICE BASED ON THE TAXPAYER’S PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES FROM AN INDEPENDENT TAX ADVISER.

The following summary describes certain U.S. federal income tax considerations that may be relevant to a U.S. holder (as defined below) who purchases an Equity Certificate, or a Non-U.S. holder (as defined below) that purchases Securities (including, but not limited to, the Equity Certificates), but is not purported to be a complete analysis of all potential tax effects. This summary is based upon the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), existing and proposed regulations promulgated thereunder, and published rulings and court decisions, all as in effect and existing on the

date of this Base Prospectus and all of which are subject to change at any time with retrospective or prospective effect. The rules governing the U.S. federal income taxation of option transactions and other derivative financial instruments are complex and depend on a taxpayer's particular circumstances. Accordingly, this summary does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all of the tax considerations that may be relevant to a U.S. holder of an Equity Certificate. In particular, this summary deals only with Equity Certificates issued in registered form and with U.S. holders of Equity Certificates who purchase in the initial offering at the applicable issue price and in whose hands the Equity Certificates, or the stock, debt, commodity or other property underlying the Equity Certificates, would be capital assets for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In addition, this discussion assumes that the Equity Certificates that are treated as options for U.S. federal income tax purposes, when issued, are not significantly "in-the-money".

This summary also does not discuss the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a U.S. holder who is a member of a class of holders subject to special rules, such as a dealer in securities, commodities or derivative financial instruments; a trader in securities, commodities or derivative financial instruments that elects to use a mark-to-market method of accounting for securities or commodities holdings; a bank; a life insurance company; a tax-exempt organisation; entities that are treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as partnerships or other pass-through entities; an investor who purchases an Equity Certificate with respect to stock in a company that is treated as a passive foreign investment company ("PFIC") for U.S. federal income tax purposes; an investor who purchases an Equity Certificate and holds any other position (whether long or short, direct or indirect) in any asset underlying such option; an investor who purchases an Equity Certificate that is part of a hedging transaction or that has been hedged against currency risk; an investor who purchases an Equity Certificate that is part of a straddle or conversion transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes; and an investor whose functional currency for U.S. federal income tax purposes is not the U.S. dollar.

As a consequence of the foregoing, it should be particularly noted that this summary does not address the special tax considerations that apply to an investment in a combination of Equity Certificates with respect to the same underlying assets. Further, this summary does not address alternative minimum tax consequences or the indirect effects on the U.S. holders of equity interests in a holder of an Equity Certificate.

Any of the foregoing circumstances might substantially alter the tax consequences described below, and, in some instances, may require specific identification of positions in the relevant Equity Certificate before the close of the day on which they are acquired. For example, if the straddle rules were to apply, a U.S. holder of an Equity Certificate that is part of a straddle might be required to (i) recognise all or a portion of any gain on such Equity Certificate that would otherwise be long-term or short-term capital gain, as ordinary income or, if applicable, short-term capital gain, (ii) defer all, or a

portion, of any loss realised upon the sale, exchange, exercise, cancellation or lapse of such Equity Certificate and (iii) capitalise any interest or carrying charges incurred by such U.S. holder with respect to such Equity Certificate.

This summary does not address the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of every type of Equity Certificate which may be issued under the Programme. Additional U.S. federal income tax consequences, if any, applicable to a particular Equity Certificate may be set forth in the applicable Final Terms.

The rules governing the taxation of option transactions and derivative financial instruments are complex and depend on a taxpayer's particular circumstances. U.S. holders are strongly urged to consult their tax advisers concerning the U.S. federal, state, local, foreign and other national tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of Equity Certificates in their particular circumstances. U.S. holders should also consult their tax advisers as to the possibility of changes of law affecting taxation of derivative financial instruments with contingent payments, including prepaid forward contracts. Prospective investors should consult their tax advisers regarding the U.S. federal, state, local and foreign tax consequences of acquiring, owning and disposing of the Equity Certificates in light of such investor's own circumstances, including such investor's status as a U.S. holder or non-U.S. holder, as well as any other estate, gift, or other tax consequences that may arise under the laws of any state, local, foreign or other taxing jurisdiction.

For purposes of this discussion, a **"U.S. holder"** means a beneficial owner of an Equity Certificate that is:

- (i) a citizen or individual resident of the United States, as defined in Section 7701(b) of the Code,
- (ii) a corporation, including any entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, created or organised in or under the laws of the United States, any State thereof or the District of Columbia;
- (iii) an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income tax without regard to its source;
- (iv) a trust if (x) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust, and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust, or (y) such trust has a valid election in effect under applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations to be treated as a United States person.

For purposes of this discussion, a **"Non-U.S. holder"** means a beneficial owner of the Securities that

is not a U.S. holder.

If a partnership holds the Securities (including Equity Certificates), the tax treatment of a partner will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Partners in partnerships holding the Securities should consult their tax advisers regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences of acquiring, owning, exchanging and disposing of the Securities.

U.S. holders may be subject to a variety of U.S. tax consequences depending on the subject and the terms of the Equity Certificates. U.S. Holders should consult their own advisers about the tax consequences of purchasing Equity Certificates, particularly whether the Equity Certificates being acquired could be treated for U.S. tax purposes as debt instruments or as another type of financial instrument.

Classification of the Equity Certificates

Depending on the terms of an Equity Certificate, such Equity Certificate could be treated as one or more of the following: (i) a prepaid forward contract (which, depending on the terms, may be subject to embedded options), (ii) a combination of a loan and a prepaid forward contract, (iii) an outright or constructive ownership interest in the property underlying such Equity Certificate, or (iv) a debt instrument with or without contingent payments. Additional U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to a particular issuance of Equity Certificates may be set forth in the applicable Final Terms.

No ruling is being requested from the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) with respect to the Equity Certificates, and the treatment of the Equity Certificates described below is not binding on the IRS or the courts. As a result, significant aspects of the U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in the Equity Certificates are uncertain.

U.S. holders

Debt

The following is a summary of the principal U.S. federal income tax consequences of the ownership of Equity Certificates that are properly treated as debt for U.S. federal tax purposes.

Payment of Interest

Interest on an Equity Certificate, whether payable in U.S. dollars or a currency, composite currency or basket of currencies other than U.S. dollars (“foreign currency” interest on a “**Foreign Currency Equity Certificate**”), other than interest on a “**Discount Equity Certificate**” that is not “qualified

stated interest” (each as defined below under “Original Issue Discount —General”), will be taxable to a U.S. holder as ordinary income at the time it is received or accrued, depending on the U.S. holder’s method of accounting for tax purposes. Interest paid by the Issuer on the Equity Certificates and original issue discount (“OID”), if any, accrued with respect to Discount Equity Certificates (as defined below under “Original Issue Discount”) generally will constitute income from sources outside the United States subject to the rules regarding the foreign tax credit allowable to a U.S. holder. Prospective purchasers should consult their tax advisers concerning the foreign tax credit implications of any payment of foreign taxes.

Original Issue Discount

General

The following is a summary of the principal U.S. federal income tax consequences of the ownership of Equity Certificates issued with OID.

An Equity Certificate, other than an Equity Certificate with a term of one year or less, will be treated as issued with OID (a “**Discount Equity Certificate**”) if the excess of the Equity Certificate’s “stated redemption price at maturity” over its issue price is equal to or more than a *de minimis* amount (0.25 per cent. of the Equity Certificate’s stated redemption price at maturity multiplied by the number of complete years to its maturity). An obligation that provides for the payment of amounts other than qualified stated interest before maturity (an “installment obligation”) will be treated as a Discount Equity Certificate if the excess of the Equity Certificate’s stated redemption price at maturity over its issue price is equal to or greater than 0.25 per cent. of the Equity Certificate’s stated redemption price at maturity multiplied by the weighted average maturity of the Equity Certificate. A Equity Certificate’s weighted average maturity is the sum of the following amounts determined for each payment on a Equity Certificate (other than a payment of qualified stated interest): (i) the number of complete years from the issue date until the payment is made multiplied by (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is the amount of the payment and the denominator of which is the Equity Certificate’s stated redemption price at maturity. Generally, the issue price of an Equity Certificate will be the first price at which substantial amount of Equity Certificates included in the issue of which the Equity Certificate is a part is sold to persons other than bond houses, brokers, or similar persons or organisations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents, or wholesalers. The stated redemption price at maturity of an Equity Certificate is the total of all payments provided by the Equity Certificate that are not payments of “qualified stated interest”. A qualified stated interest payment is generally any one of a series of stated interest payments on an Equity Certificate that are unconditionally payable at least annually at a single fixed rate, or a variable rate (as described below under “Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificates”), applied to the outstanding principal amount of the

Equity Certificate. Solely for the purposes of determining whether an Equity Certificate has OID, the Issuer will be deemed to exercise any call option that has the effect of decreasing the yield on the Equity Certificate, and the U.S. holder will be deemed to exercise any put option that has the effect of increasing the yield on the Equity Certificate.

U.S. holders of Discount Equity Certificates must include OID in income calculated on a constant-yield method before the receipt of cash attributable to the income, and generally will have to include in income increasingly greater amounts of OID over the life of the Discount Equity Certificates. The amount of OID includible in income by a U.S. holder of Discount Equity Certificates is the sum of the daily portions of OID with respect to the Discount Equity Certificates for each day during the taxable year or portion of the taxable year on which the U.S. holder holds the Discount Equity Certificates. The daily portion is determined by allocating to each day in any “accrual period” a pro rata portion of the OID allocable to that accrual period. Accrual periods with respect to an Equity Certificate may be of any length selected by the U.S. holder and may vary in length over the term of the Equity Certificate as long as (i) no accrual period is longer than one year and (ii) each scheduled payment of interest or principal on the Equity Certificate occurs on either the final or first day of an accrual period. The amount of OID allocable to an accrual period equals the excess of (a) the product of the Discount Equity Certificate’s adjusted issue price at the beginning of the accrual period and the Discount Equity Certificate’s yield to maturity (determined on the basis of compounding at the close of each accrual period and properly adjusted for the length of the accrual period) over (b) the sum of the payments of qualified stated interest on the Equity Certificate allocable to the accrual period. The “adjusted issue price” of a Discount Equity Certificate at the beginning of any accrual period is the issue price of the Equity Certificate increased by (x) the amount of accrued OID for each prior accrual period and decreased by (y) the amount of any payments previously made on the Equity Certificate that were not qualified stated interest payments.

Acquisition Premium

A U.S. holder that purchases a Discount Equity Certificate for an amount less than or equal to the sum of all amounts payable on the Equity Certificate after the purchase date, other than payments of qualified stated interest, but in excess of its adjusted issue price (any such excess being “acquisition premium”) and that does not make the election to treat all interest as OID (described below under “Election to Treat All Interest as Original Issue Discount”), is permitted to reduce the daily portions of OID by a fraction, the numerator of which is the excess of the U.S. holder’s adjusted basis in the Discount Equity Certificate immediately after its purchase over the Discount Equity Certificate’s adjusted issue price, and the denominator of which is the excess of the sum of all amounts payable on the Equity Certificate after the purchase date, other than payments of qualified stated interest, over the Discount Equity Certificate’s adjusted issue price.

Market Discount

An Equity Certificate, other than an Equity Certificate with a term of one year or less, generally will be treated as purchased at a market discount if the Equity Certificate's stated redemption price at maturity or, in the case of a Discount Equity Certificate, the Equity Certificate's "revised issue price", exceeds the amount for which the U.S. holder purchased the Equity Certificate by at least 0.25 per cent. of the Equity Certificate's stated redemption price at maturity or revised issue price, respectively, multiplied by the number of complete years to the Equity Certificate's maturity (or, in the case of an Equity Certificate that is an installment obligation, the Equity Certificate's weighted average maturity). If this excess is not sufficient to cause the Equity Certificate to be treated as purchased at a market discount, then the excess constitutes "*de minimis* market discount". For this purpose, the "revised issue price" of an Equity Certificate generally equals its issue price, increased by the amount of any OID that has accrued on the Equity Certificate and decreased by the amount of any payments previously made on the Equity Certificate that were not qualified stated interest payments.

Under current law, any gain recognised on the maturity or disposition of an Equity Certificate treated as purchased at a market discount (including any payment on an Equity Certificate that is not qualified stated interest) will be treated as ordinary income to the extent that the gain does not exceed the accrued market discount on the Equity Certificate. Alternatively, a U.S. holder of an Equity Certificate treated as purchased at a market discount may elect to include market discount in income currently over the life of the Equity Certificate. This election will apply to all debt instruments with market discount acquired by the electing U.S. holder on or after the first day of the first taxable year to which the election applies. This election may not be revoked without the consent of the IRS. A U.S. holder of an Equity Certificate treated as purchased at a market discount that does not elect to include market discount in income currently will generally be required to defer deductions for interest on borrowings incurred to purchase or carry the Equity Certificate that is in excess of the interest and OID on the Equity Certificate includible in the U.S. holder's income, to the extent that this excess interest expense does not exceed the portion of the market discount allocable to the days on which the Equity Certificate was held by the U.S. holder.

Under current law, market discount will accrue on a straight-line basis unless the U.S. holder elects to accrue the market discount on a constant-yield method. This election applies only to the Equity Certificate with respect to which it is made and is irrevocable.

Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificates

Equity Certificates that provide for interest at variable rates ("**Variable Interest Rate Equity**

Certificates) generally will bear interest at a “qualified floating rate” and thus will be treated as “variable rate debt instruments” under Treasury Regulations governing accrual of OID. A Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate will qualify as a “variable rate debt instrument” if (a) its issue price does not exceed the total noncontingent principal payments due under the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate by more than a specified *de minimis* amount and (b) it provides for stated interest, paid or compounded at least annually, at current values of (i) one or more qualified floating rates, (ii) a single fixed rate and one or more qualified floating rates, (iii) a single objective rate, or (iv) a single fixed rate and a single objective rate that is a qualified inverse floating rate, and (c) it does not provide for any principal payments that are contingent (other than as described in (a) above).

A “qualified floating rate” is any variable rate where variations in the value of the rate can reasonably be expected to measure contemporaneous variations in the cost of newly borrowed funds in the currency in which the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate is denominated. A fixed multiple of a qualified floating rate will constitute a qualified floating rate only if the multiple is greater than 0.65 but not more than 1.35, whether or not a variable rate is increased or decreased by a fixed rate. In addition, two or more qualified floating rates that can reasonably be expected to have approximately the same values throughout the term of the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate (e.g., two or more qualified floating rates with values within 25 basis points of each other as determined on the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate's issue date) will be treated as a single qualified floating rate. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a variable rate that would otherwise constitute a qualified floating rate but which is subject to one or more restrictions such as a maximum numerical limitation (i.e., a cap) or a minimum numerical limitation (i.e., a floor) may, under certain circumstances, fail to be treated as a qualified floating rate unless the cap or floor is fixed throughout the term of the Equity Certificate.

An “objective rate” is a rate that is not itself a qualified floating rate but which is determined using a single fixed formula and which is based on objective financial or economic information (e.g., one or more qualified floating rates or the yield of actively traded personal property). A rate will not qualify as an objective rate if it is based on information that is within the control of the Issuer (or a related party) or that is unique to the circumstances of the Issuer (or a related party), such as dividends, profits or the value of the Issuer's stock (although a rate does not fail to be an objective rate merely because it is based on the credit quality of the Issuer). Other variable interest rates may be treated as objective rates if so designated by the IRS in the future. Despite the foregoing, a variable rate of interest on a Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate will not constitute an objective rate if it is reasonably expected that the average value of the rate during the first half of the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate's term will be either significantly less than or significantly greater than the average value of the rate during the final half of the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate's term. A

“qualified inverse floating rate” is any objective rate where the rate is equal to a fixed rate minus a qualified floating rate, as long as variations in the rate can reasonably be expected to inversely reflect contemporaneous variations in the qualified floating rate. If a Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate provides for stated interest at a fixed rate for an initial period of one year or less followed by a variable rate that is either a qualified floating rate or an objective rate for a subsequent period and if the variable rate on the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate's issue date is intended to approximate the fixed rate (e.g., the value of the variable rate on the issue date does not differ from the value of the fixed rate by more than 25 basis points), then the fixed rate and the variable rate together will constitute either a single qualified floating rate or objective rate, as the case may be.

A qualified floating rate or objective rate in effect at any time during the term of the instrument must be set at a “current value” of that rate – the value of the rate on any day that is no earlier than 3 months prior to the first day on which that value is in effect and no later than 1 year following that first day.

A Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate that provides for stated interest at either a single qualified floating rate or a single objective rate throughout the term thereof and that qualifies as a “variable rate debt instrument” will generally not be treated as having been issued with OID unless the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate is issued at a “true discount” (i.e., at a price below the Equity Certificate's stated principal amount) in excess of a specified *de minimis* amount. OID on a Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate arising from true discount is allocated to an accrual period using the constant yield method described above by assuming that the variable rate is a fixed rate equal to (i) in the case of a qualified floating rate or qualified inverse floating rate, the value, as at the issue date, of the qualified floating rate or qualified inverse floating rate, or (ii) in the case of an objective rate (other than a qualified inverse floating rate), a fixed rate that reflects the yield that is reasonably expected for the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate.

In general, any other Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate that qualifies as a “variable rate debt instrument” will be converted into an equivalent fixed rate debt instrument for purposes of determining the amount and accrual of OID and qualified stated interest on the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate. Such a Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate must be converted into an equivalent fixed rate debt instrument by substituting any qualified floating rate or qualified inverse floating rate provided for under the terms of the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate with a fixed rate equal to the value of the qualified floating rate or qualified inverse floating rate, as the case may be, as at the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate's issue date. Any objective rate (other than a qualified inverse floating rate) provided for under the terms of the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate is converted into a fixed rate that reflects the yield that is reasonably expected for the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate. In the case of a Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate that

qualifies as a “variable rate debt instrument” and provides for stated interest at a fixed rate in addition to either one or more qualified floating rates or a qualified inverse floating rate, the fixed rate is initially converted into a qualified floating rate (or a qualified inverse floating rate, if the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate provides for a qualified inverse floating rate). Under these circumstances, the qualified floating rate or qualified inverse floating rate that replaces the fixed rate must be such that the fair market value of the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate as at the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate’s issue date is approximately the same as the fair market value of an otherwise identical debt instrument that provides for either the qualified floating rate or qualified inverse floating rate rather than the fixed rate. Subsequent to converting the fixed rate into either a qualified floating rate or a qualified inverse floating rate, the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate is converted into an equivalent fixed rate debt instrument in the manner described above.

Once the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate is converted into an equivalent fixed rate debt instrument pursuant to the foregoing rules, the amount of OID and qualified stated interest, if any, are determined for the equivalent fixed rate debt instrument by applying the general OID rules to the equivalent fixed rate debt instrument and a U.S. holder of the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate will account for the OID and qualified stated interest as if the U.S. holder held the equivalent fixed rate debt instrument. In each accrual period, appropriate adjustments will be made to the amount of qualified stated interest or OID assumed to have been accrued or paid with respect to the equivalent fixed rate debt instrument in the event that these amounts differ from the actual amount of interest accrued or paid on the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate during the accrual period.

If a Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate, such as an Equity Certificate the payments on which are determined by reference to an index, does not qualify as a “variable rate debt instrument”, then the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate will be treated as a contingent payment debt instrument. See “Contingent Payment Debt Instruments” below for a discussion of the U.S. federal income tax treatment of such Equity Certificates.

Short-Term Equity Certificates

In general, an individual or other cash basis U.S. holder of an Equity Certificate with a term of one year or less is not required to accrue OID (calculated as set forth below for the purposes of this paragraph) for U.S. federal income tax purposes unless it elects to do so (but may be required to include any stated interest in income as the interest is received). Accrual basis U.S. holders and certain other U.S. holders are required to accrue OID on Equity Certificates with a term of one year or less on a straight-line basis or, if the U.S. holder so elects, under the constant-yield method (based on daily compounding). In the case of a U.S. holder not required and not electing to include OID in income currently, any gain realised on the sale or retirement of the Equity Certificate with a term of

one year or less will be ordinary income to the extent of the OID accrued on a straight-line basis (unless an election is made to accrue the OID under the constant-yield method) through the date of sale or retirement. U.S. holders who are not required and do not elect to accrue OID on Equity Certificates with a term of one year or less will be required to defer deductions for interest on borrowings allocable to Equity Certificates with a term of one year or less in an amount not exceeding the deferred income until the deferred income is realised.

For purposes of determining the amount of OID subject to these rules, all interest payments on an Equity Certificate with a term of one year or less are included in such Equity Certificate's stated redemption price at maturity. A U.S. holder may elect to determine OID on an Equity Certificate with a term of one year or less as if such Equity Certificate had been originally issued to the U.S. holder as the U.S. holder's purchase price for the Equity Certificate. This election shall apply to all obligations with a maturity of one year or less acquired by the U.S. holder on or after the first day of the first taxable year to which the election applies, and may not be revoked without the consent of the IRS.

Equity Certificates Purchased at a Premium

A U.S. holder that purchases an Equity Certificate for an amount in excess of its principal amount, or for a Discount Equity Certificate, its stated redemption price at maturity, may elect to treat the excess as "amortisable bond premium", in which case the amount required to be included in the U.S. holder's income each year with respect to interest on the Equity Certificate will be reduced by the amount of amortisable bond premium allocable (based on the Equity Certificate's yield to maturity) to that year. Any election to amortise bond premium shall apply to all bonds (other than bonds the interest on which is excludable from gross income for U.S. federal income tax purposes) held by the U.S. holder at the beginning of the first taxable year to which the election applies or thereafter acquired by the U.S. holder, and is irrevocable without the consent of the IRS. A U.S. holder that does not elect to take bond premium (other than acquisition premium, as discussed above under "Original Issue Discount—Acquisition Premium") into account currently will recognise a capital loss when the Equity Certificate matures.

Election to Treat All Interest as Original Issue Discount

A U.S. holder may elect to include in gross income all interest that accrues on Equity Certificates using the constant-yield method described above under "Original Issue Discount", with certain modifications. For purposes of this election, interest includes stated interest, OID, de minimis OID, market discount, de minimis market discount and unstated interest, as adjusted by any amortisable bond premium (discussed above under "Equity Certificates Purchased at a Premium") or acquisition premium. This election will generally apply only to the Equity Certificate with respect to which it is

made and may not be revoked without the consent of the IRS. If the election to apply the constant-yield method to all interest on an Equity Certificate is made with respect to an Equity Certificate treated as purchased at a market discount, the electing U.S. holder will be treated as having made the election discussed above under “Market Discount” to include market discount in income currently over the life of all debt instruments with market discount held or thereafter acquired by the U.S. holder. U.S. holders should consult their tax advisers concerning the propriety and consequences of this election.

Contingent Payment Debt Instruments

Certain Equity Certificates may be treated as “contingent payment debt instruments” for U.S. federal income tax purposes (“**Contingent Equity Certificates**”). Under applicable U.S. Treasury regulations, interest on Contingent Equity Certificates will be treated as OID, and must be accrued on a constant-yield basis based on a yield to maturity that reflects the rate at which the Issuer would issue a comparable fixed-rate non-exchangeable instrument (the “comparable yield”), in accordance with a projected payment schedule. This projected payment schedule must include each non-contingent payment on the Contingent Equity Certificates an estimated amount for each contingent payment, and must produce the comparable yield.

The Issuer is required to provide to holders, solely for U.S. federal income tax purposes, a schedule of the projected amounts of payments on Contingent Equity Certificates. This schedule must produce the comparable yield. The Final Terms of any Equity Certificate that is treated as a contingent payment debt instrument will indicate how a U.S. holder may obtain a copy of the comparable yield and projected payment schedule.

THE COMPARABLE YIELD AND PROJECTED PAYMENT SCHEDULE WILL NOT BE DETERMINED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN FOR THE DETERMINATION OF INTEREST ACCRUALS AND ADJUSTMENTS THEREOF IN RESPECT OF CONTINGENT EQUITY CERTIFICATES FOR UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES AND WILL NOT CONSTITUTE A PROJECTION OR REPRESENTATION REGARDING THE ACTUAL AMOUNTS PAYABLE TO THE HOLDERS OF THE EQUITY CERTIFICATES.

The use of the comparable yield and the calculation of the projected payment schedule will be based upon a number of assumptions and estimates and will not be a prediction, representation or guarantee of the actual amounts of interest that may be paid to a U.S. holder or the actual yield of the Contingent Equity Certificates. A U.S. holder will generally be bound by the comparable yield and the projected payment schedule determined by the Issuer, unless the U.S. holder determines its own comparable yield and projected payment schedule and explicitly discloses such schedule to the IRS, and explains

to the IRS the reason for preparing its own schedule. The Issuer's determination, however, is not binding on the IRS, and it is possible that the IRS could conclude that some other comparable yield or projected payment schedule should be used instead.

A U.S. holder of a Contingent Equity Certificate will generally be required to include OID in income pursuant to the rules discussed in the third paragraph under "Original Issue Discount – General", above, applied to the projected payment schedule. The "adjusted issue price" of a Contingent Equity Certificate at the beginning of any accrual period is the issue price of the Equity Certificate increased by the amount of accrued OID for each prior accrual period, and decreased by the projected amount of any payments on the Equity Certificate. No additional income will be recognised upon the receipt of payments of stated interest in amounts equal to the annual payments included in the projected payment schedule described above. Any differences between actual payments received by the U.S. holder on the Equity Certificates in a taxable year and the projected amount of those payments will be accounted for as additional interest (in the case of a positive adjustment) or as an offset to interest income in respect of the Equity Certificate (in the case of a negative adjustment), for the taxable year in which the actual payment is made. If the negative adjustment for any taxable year exceeds the amount of OID on the Contingent Equity Certificate for that year, the excess will be treated as an ordinary loss, but only to the extent the U.S. holder's total OID inclusions on the Contingent Equity Certificate exceed the total amount of any ordinary loss in respect of the Contingent Equity Certificate claimed by the U.S. holder under this rule in prior taxable years. Any negative adjustment that is not allowed as an ordinary loss for the taxable year is carried forward to the next taxable year, and is taken into account in determining whether the U.S. holder has a net positive or negative adjustment for that year. However, any negative adjustment that is carried forward to a taxable year in which the Contingent Equity Certificate is sold, exchanged or retired, to the extent not applied to OID accrued for such year, reduces the U.S. holder's amount realized on the sale, exchange or retirement.

Purchase, Sale and Retirement of Equity Certificates

A U.S. holder's tax basis in an Equity Certificate will generally be its cost, increased by the amount of any OID and market discount included in the U.S. holder's income with respect to the Equity Certificate and the amount, if any, of income attributable to *de minimis* OID and *de minimis* market discount included in the U.S. holder's income with respect to the Equity Certificate, and reduced by (i) the amount of any payments that are not qualified stated interest payments, and (ii) the amount of any amortisable bond premium applied to reduce interest on the Equity Certificate.

A U.S. holder will generally recognise gain or loss on the sale or retirement of an Equity Certificate equal to the difference between the amount realised on the sale or retirement and the U.S. holder's tax basis in the Equity Certificate. Except to the extent described above under "Original Issue Discount—

Market Discount” or “Original Issue Discount—Short Term Equity Certificates” or attributable to accrued but unpaid interest or changes in exchange rates (as discussed below), gain or loss recognised on the sale or retirement of an Equity Certificate will be capital gain or loss and generally will be treated as from U.S. sources for purposes of the U.S. foreign tax credit limitation and may be taxable at reduced rates in the case of a U.S. holder that is an individual, estate or trust, if the Equity Certificates are held for more than one year. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.

Contingent Equity Certificates

Gain from the sale or retirement of a Contingent Equity Certificate will be treated as interest income taxable at ordinary income (rather than capital gains) rates. Any loss will be ordinary loss to the extent that the U.S. holder's total interest inclusions to the date of sale or retirement exceed the total net negative adjustments that the U.S. holder took into account as ordinary loss, and any further loss will be capital loss. Gain or loss realised by a U.S. holder on the sale or retirement of a Contingent Equity Certificate will generally be foreign source.

A U.S. holder's tax basis in a Contingent Equity Certificate will generally be equal to its cost, increased by the amount of interest previously accrued with respect to the Equity Certificate (determined without regard to any positive or negative adjustments reflecting the difference between actual payments and projected payments), increased or decreased by the amount of any positive or negative adjustment that the holder is required to make to account for the difference between the holder's purchase price for the Equity Certificate and the adjusted issue price of the Equity Certificate at the time of the purchase, and decreased by the amount of any projected payments scheduled to be made on the Equity Certificate to the U.S. holder through such date (without regard to the actual amount paid).

Foreign Currency Equity Certificates

Interest

If an interest payment is denominated in, or determined by reference to, a foreign currency, the amount of income recognised by a cash basis U.S. holder will be the U.S. dollar value of the interest payment, based on the exchange rate in effect on the date of receipt, regardless of whether the payment is in fact converted into U.S. dollars.

An accrual basis U.S. holder may determine the amount of income recognised with respect to an interest payment denominated in, or determined by reference to, a foreign currency in accordance with either of two methods. Under the first method, the amount of income accrued will be based on the average exchange rate in effect during the interest accrual period (or, in the case of an accrual period

that spans two taxable years of a U.S. holder, the part of the period within the taxable year).

Under the second method, the U.S. holder may elect to determine the amount of income accrued on the basis of the exchange rate in effect on the last day of the accrual period (or, in the case of an accrual period that spans two taxable years, the exchange rate in effect on the last day of the part of the period within the taxable year). Additionally, if a payment of interest is actually received within five business days of the last day of the accrual period, an electing accrual basis U.S. holder may instead translate the accrued interest into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate in effect on the day of actual receipt. Any such election will apply to all debt instruments held by the U.S. holder at the beginning of the first taxable year to which the election applies or thereafter acquired by the U.S. holder, and will be irrevocable without the consent of the IRS.

Upon receipt of an interest payment (including a payment attributable to accrued but unpaid interest upon the sale or retirement of an Equity Certificate) denominated in, or determined by reference to, a foreign currency, the U.S. holder may recognise U.S. source exchange gain or loss (taxable as ordinary income or loss) equal to the difference between the amount received (translated into U.S. dollars at the spot rate on the date of receipt) and the amount previously accrued, regardless of whether the payment is in fact converted into U.S. dollars.

OID

OID for each accrual period on a Discount Equity Certificate that is denominated in, or determined by reference to, a foreign currency, will be determined in the foreign currency and then translated into U.S. dollars in the same manner as stated interest accrued by an accrual basis U.S. holder, as described above. Upon receipt of an amount attributable to OID (whether in connection with a payment on the Equity Certificate or a sale of the Equity Certificate), a U.S. holder may recognise U.S. source exchange gain or loss (taxable as ordinary income or loss) equal to the difference between the amount received (translated into U.S. dollars at the spot rate on the date of receipt) and the amount previously accrued, regardless of whether the payment is in fact converted into U.S. dollars.

Market Discount

Market discount on an Equity Certificate that is denominated in, or determined by reference to, a foreign currency, will be accrued in the foreign currency. If the U.S. holder elects to include market discount in income currently, the accrued market discount will be translated into U.S. dollars at the average exchange rate for the accrual period (or portion thereof within the U.S. holder's taxable year). Upon the receipt of an amount attributable to accrued market discount, the U.S. holder may recognise U.S. source exchange gain or loss (which will be taxable as ordinary income or loss) determined in the same manner as for accrued interest or OID. A U.S. holder that does not elect to include market

discount in income currently will recognise, upon the disposition or maturity of the Equity Certificate, the U.S. dollar value of the amount accrued, calculated at the spot rate on that date, and no part of this accrued market discount will be treated as exchange gain or loss.

Bond Premium

Bond premium (including acquisition premium) on an Equity Certificate that is denominated in, or determined by reference to, a foreign currency, will be computed in units of the foreign currency, and any such bond premium that is taken into account currently will reduce interest income in units of the foreign currency.

On the date bond premium offsets interest income, a U.S. holder may recognise U.S. source exchange gain or loss (taxable as ordinary income or loss) measured by the difference between the spot rate in effect on that date, and on the date the Equity Certificates were acquired by the U.S. holder.

Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificates

Special rules apply to determine the accrual of OID, and the amount, timing, source and character of any gain or loss on a Contingent Equity Certificate that is denominated in, or determined by reference to, a foreign currency (a “**Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificate**”). The rules applicable to Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificates are complex, and U.S. holders are urged to consult their tax advisers concerning the application of these rules.

Under these rules, a U.S. holder of a Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificate will generally be required to accrue OID in the foreign currency in which the Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificate is denominated (i) at a yield at which the Issuer would issue a fixed rate debt instrument denominated in the same foreign currency with terms and conditions similar to those of the Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificate, and (ii) in accordance with a projected payment schedule determined by the Issuer, under rules similar to those described above under “Contingent Payment Debt Instruments”. The amount of OID on a Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificate that accrues in any accrual period will be the product of the comparable yield of the Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificate (adjusted to reflect the length of the accrual period) and the adjusted issue price of the Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificate. The adjusted issue price of a Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificate will generally be determined under the rules described above, and will be denominated in the foreign currency of the Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificate.

OID on a Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificate will be translated into U.S. dollars under translation rules similar to those described above under “Foreign Currency—Interest”. Any positive

adjustment (i.e. the excess of actual payments over projected payments) in respect of a Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificate for a taxable year will be translated into U.S. dollars at the spot rate on the last day of the taxable year in which the adjustment is taken into account, or if earlier, the date on which the Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificate is disposed of. The amount of any negative adjustment on a Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificate (i.e. the excess of projected payments over actual payments) that is offset against accrued but unpaid OID will be translated into U.S. dollars at the same rate at which the OID was accrued. To the extent a net negative adjustment exceeds the amount of accrued but unpaid OID, the negative adjustment will be treated as offsetting OID that has accrued and been paid on the Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificate, and will be translated into U.S. dollars at the spot rate on the date the Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificate was issued. Any net negative adjustment carry forward will be carried forward in the relevant foreign currency.

Purchase, Sale and Retirement of Equity Certificates

Equity Certificates other than Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificates. As discussed above under “Purchase, Sale and Retirement of Equity Certificates”, a U.S. holder will generally recognise gain or loss on the sale or retirement of an Equity Certificate equal to the difference between the amount realised on the sale or retirement and its tax basis in the Equity Certificate. A U.S. holder’s tax basis in a Equity Certificate that is denominated in a foreign currency will be determined by reference to the U.S. dollar cost of the Equity Certificate. The U.S. dollar cost of an Equity Certificate purchased with foreign currency will generally be the U.S. dollar value of the purchase price on the date of purchase or, in the case of Equity Certificates traded on an established securities market, as defined in the applicable Treasury Regulations, that are purchased by a cash basis U.S. holder (or an accrual basis U.S. holder that so elects), on the settlement date for the purchase.

The amount realised on a sale or retirement for an amount in foreign currency will be the U.S. dollar value of this amount on the date of sale or retirement or, in the case of Equity Certificates traded on an established securities market, as defined in the applicable Treasury Regulations, sold by a cash basis U.S. holder (or an accrual basis U.S. holder that so elects), on the settlement date for the sale. Such an election by an accrual basis U.S. holder must be applied consistently from year to year and cannot be revoked without the consent of the IRS.

A U.S. holder will recognise U.S. source exchange rate gain or loss (taxable as ordinary income or loss) on the sale or retirement of an Equity Certificate equal to the difference, if any between the U.S. dollar values of the U.S. holder’s purchase price for the Equity Certificate (or, if less, the principal amount of the Equity Certificate) (i) on the date of sale or retirement and (ii) the date on which the U.S. holder acquired the Equity Certificate. Any such exchange rate gain or loss will be realised only

to the extent of total gain or loss realised on the sale or retirement (including any exchange gain or loss with respect to the receipt of accrued but unpaid interest).

Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificates. Upon a sale, exchange or retirement of a Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificate, a U.S. Holder will generally recognize taxable gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized on the sale, exchange or retirement and the U.S. holder's tax basis in the Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificate, both translated into U.S. dollars as described below. A U.S. holder's tax basis in a Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificate will equal (i) the cost thereof (translated into U.S. dollars at the spot rate on the issue date), (ii) increased by the amount of OID previously accrued on the Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificate (disregarding any positive or negative adjustments and translated into U.S. dollars using the exchange rate applicable to such OID) and (iii) decreased by the projected amount of all prior payments in respect of the Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificate. The U.S. dollar amount of the projected payments described in clause (iii) of the preceding sentence is determined by (i) first allocating the payments to the most recently accrued OID to which prior amounts have not already been allocated and translating those amounts into U.S. dollars at the rate at which the OID was accrued and (ii) then allocating any remaining amount to principal and translating such amount into U.S. dollars at the spot rate on the date the Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificate was acquired by the U.S. holder. For this purpose, any accrued OID reduced by a negative adjustment carry forward will be treated as principal.

The amount realized by a U.S. holder upon the sale, exchange or retirement of a Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificate will equal the amount of cash and the fair market value (determined in foreign currency) of any property received. If a U.S. holder holds a Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificate until its scheduled maturity, the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amount realized will be determined by separating such amount realized into principal and one or more OID components, based on the principal and OID comprising the U.S. holder's basis, with the amount realized allocated first to OID (and allocated to the most recently accrued amounts first) and any remaining amounts allocated to principal. The U.S. dollar equivalent of the amount realized upon a sale, exchange or unscheduled retirement of a Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificate will be determined in a similar manner, but will first be allocated to principal and then any accrued OID (and will be allocated to the earliest accrued amounts first). Each component of the amount realized will be translated into U.S. dollars using the exchange rate used with respect to the corresponding principal or accrued OID. The amount of any gain realized upon a sale, exchange or unscheduled retirement of a Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificate will be equal to the excess of the amount realized over the holder's tax basis, both expressed in foreign currency, and will be translated into U.S. dollars using the spot rate on the payment date. Gain from the sale or retirement of a Foreign Currency Contingent

Equity Certificate will generally be treated as interest income taxable at ordinary income (rather than capital gains) rates. Any loss will be ordinary loss to the extent that the U.S. holder's total OID inclusions to the date of sale or retirement exceed the total net negative adjustments that the U.S. holder took into account as ordinary loss, and any further loss will be capital loss. Gain or loss realized by a U.S. holder on the sale or retirement of a Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificate will generally be foreign source. Prospective purchasers should consult their tax advisers as to the foreign tax credit implications of the sale or retirement of Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificates.

A U.S. holder will also recognize U.S. source exchange rate gain or loss (taxable as ordinary income or loss) on the receipt of foreign currency in respect of a Foreign Currency Contingent Equity Certificate if the exchange rate in effect on the date the payment is received differs from the rate applicable to the principal or accrued OID to which such payment relates.

Disposition of Foreign Currency

Foreign currency received as interest on an Equity Certificate or on the sale or retirement of an Equity Certificate will generally have a tax basis equal to its U.S. dollar value at the time the interest is received or at the time of the sale or retirement. Foreign currency that is purchased will generally have a tax basis equal to the U.S. dollar value of the foreign currency on the date of purchase. Any gain or loss recognised on a sale or other disposition of a foreign currency (including its use to purchase Equity Certificates or upon exchange for U.S. dollars) will be U.S. source ordinary income or loss.

Other Treatments

Tax Treatment of Prepaid Forward Contracts (With or Without a Loan)

An Equity Certificate that provides for a payment in redemption at maturity that is based on the value of one or more Reference Items (whether physically settled by delivery of those Reference Items or settled in cash) and does not provide for a current coupon, may be identified as a prepaid "forward contract" for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If any Equity Certificates are treated as prepaid forward contracts ("**Forward Equity Certificates**") (with or without a loan) for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the following description should apply to such Equity Certificates.

In Notice 2008-2, the IRS and the U.S. Department of Treasury announced they were considering whether the holder of an instrument such as a Forward Equity Certificate should be required to accrue ordinary income on a current basis, whether additional gain or loss from Forward Equity Certificates should be treated as ordinary or capital, whether non-U.S. holders of Forward Equity Certificates should be subject to withholding tax on any deemed income accruals, and whether the special

“constructive ownership rules” of Section 1260 of the Code might be applied to Forward Equity Certificates. Legislation has also been proposed in Congress that would require the holders of certain prepaid forward contracts to accrue income during the term of the transaction. It is not possible to predict the final form of legislative or regulatory changes that might affect holders of instruments such as the Forward Equity Certificates, if any, but it is possible that any such changes could be applied retroactively. U.S. holders are urged to consult their tax advisors concerning the significance, and the potential impact, of the above considerations. The Issuer intends to continue treating the Equity Certificates for U.S. federal income tax purposes in accordance with the treatment described below unless and until such time as Congress, the Treasury, and/or the IRS determine that an alternative treatment is appropriate.

Interest Payments

Payments of interest on the loan (if any) will be taxable to a U.S. holder as ordinary interest income at the time such payments are accrued or are received (in accordance with the U.S. holder’s regular method of tax accounting). Under current law, U.S. holders should not be required to recognise income or loss upon the acquisition of a Forward Equity Certificate, and U.S. holders should not be required to accrue income with respect to a Forward Equity Certificate over the life of the Forward Equity Certificate.

Cash Settlement, Sale, or Other Disposition of the Forward Equity Certificates

Upon the receipt of cash upon settlement of an Forward Equity Certificate, or any portion of an Equity Certificate that is treated as a prepaid forward contract, or upon the sale or other disposition of such Forward Equity Certificate, a U.S. holder generally will recognise taxable gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realised (generally, the amount of cash received) and such U.S. holder’s tax basis in the Forward Equity Certificate. In general, a U.S. holder’s tax basis in a Forward Equity Certificate will equal the U.S. dollar amount that such U.S. holder paid to acquire the Forward Equity Certificate. Subject to the discussion below under “Constructive Ownership”, any such gain or loss generally will be long-term capital gain or loss if the Forward Equity Certificate was held for more than one year at the time of settlement or at the time of sale or other disposition.

Constructive Ownership

Some or all of the net long-term capital gain arising from certain “constructive ownership” transactions may be characterised as ordinary income, in which case an interest charge would be imposed on a deemed underpayment of tax for each taxable year during which the Forward Equity Certificate was held. These “constructive ownership transaction” rules have no immediate application to forward contracts in respect of most property underlying the Forward Equity Certificates, because

they are only applicable to the extent that the underlying property directly or indirectly includes shares of issuers treated as PFICs or as certain other “pass-through” entities. These rules, however, grant discretionary authority to the U.S. Treasury Department (the “**Treasury**”) to expand the scope of “constructive ownership” transactions to include forward contracts in respect of the stock of all corporations, in addition to forward contracts in respect of any debt instrument. The rules also separately direct the Treasury to promulgate regulations excluding a forward contract that does not convey “substantially all” of the economic return on any underlying asset from the scope of “constructive ownership” transactions. It is not possible to predict whether such regulations will be promulgated by the Treasury, or the form or effective date that any regulations that may be promulgated might take.

Interest in the Underlying Property

Depending on the terms of particular Forward Equity Certificates, a U.S. holder could be treated as owning the property underlying those Forward Equity Certificates for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In that event, for example, in the case of certain index linked Forward Equity Certificates, the U.S. holder would be required to recognise appropriate amounts of capital gain on the disposition of any shares included in the underlying index each time that the index is rebalanced. In such a case, such U.S. holder also would be subject to tax on dividends on shares included in the Index in an amount equal to the gross dividends paid by the companies whose shares are included in the Index. In addition, any current expenses (including any withholding taxes) in respect of shares included in the Index would be treated as if made directly by the U.S. holder, and the deductibility of such expenses (or creditability of such withholding taxes) could be subject to certain limitations.

Options or Warrants

An Equity Certificate that provides for a payment in redemption at maturity that may under certain circumstances be based on the value of one or more Reference Items (whether physically settled by delivery of those Reference Items or settled in cash) and also provides for a current coupon, may be identified as an “Option Equity Certificate” by the Issuer. The following is a summary of the principal U.S. federal income tax consequences of the ownership of Equity Certificates, treated as options or warrants for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

The treatment of Option Equity Certificates for U.S. federal income tax purposes is highly uncertain. It would be reasonable to treat the purchase of an Option Equity Certificate by a U.S. holder as a grant by the U.S. holder to the Issuer of an option contract (the “Put Option”), pursuant to which the U.S. holder may be required to purchase from the Issuer one or more the Reference Items (or an amount equal to the value of the Reference Items in the case of a cash-settled Option Equity Certificate), and

under which option (a) at the time of the issuance of the Option Equity Certificate the U.S. holder deposits irrevocably with the Issuer a fixed amount of cash to assure the fulfilment of the holder's purchase obligation described below (the "Deposit"), (b) until maturity the Issuer will be obligated to pay interest to the U.S. holder, as compensation for the use of the cash Deposit during the term of the Option Equity Certificate, (c) the Issuer will be obligated to pay an option premium to the holder in consideration for granting the option (the "Put Premium"), which premium will be payable as part of the coupon payments, (d) if pursuant to the terms of the Option Equity Certificates at maturity the holder is obligated to purchase the Reference Item(s), then the Deposit will be applied by the Issuer in full satisfaction of the holder's purchase obligation under the Put Option, and the Issuer will deliver to the holder the number of Reference Items that the holder is entitled to receive at that time pursuant to the terms of the Equity Certificates (or, if the Option Equity Certificates are cash settled, a cash amount equal to the value of the Reference items), and (e) if pursuant to the terms of the Option Equity Certificates the holder is not obligated to purchase the Reference Items at maturity, the Issuer will return the cash Deposit to the U.S. holder at maturity. The discussion below assumes that an Option Equity Certificate is so treated, except as explicitly provided.

Premium

Put Premium paid by a U.S. holder for an Option Equity Certificate will generally be treated as a non-deductible capital expenditure. As described in the following two sections, the amount of such premium will be taken into account upon the exercise, sale, transfer, cash settlement, or lapse of the Option Equity Certificate.

Exercise or Lapse of Option Equity Certificates

If the Put Option is deemed not to have been exercised at maturity, the cash payment of the full principal amount of the Option Equity Certificate at maturity would likely be treated as (i) payment in full of the principal amount of the Deposit (which would likely not result in the recognition of gain or loss to an initial purchaser) and (ii) the lapse of the Put Option, which would likely result in a U.S. holder's recognition of short-term capital gain in an amount equal to the Put Premium paid to the Holder.

If the Put Option is deemed to be exercised at maturity and is cash-settled, the payment at maturity would likely be treated as (i) payment in full of the principal amount of the Deposit (resulting in neither gain nor loss for an initial purchaser) and (ii) the exercise by the Issuer of the Put Option. The exercise of the Put Option would result in short-term capital gain or loss to the U.S. holder in an amount equal to the difference between (i) the sum of the cash received at maturity (other than amounts attributable to accrued but unpaid interest) and all previous payments of Put Premium, and

(ii) the holder's adjusted basis in the Deposit, as determined under “U.S. holders—Debt – Purchase, Sale and Retirement of Equity Certificates”.

Sale or Other Taxable Disposition of an Option Equity Certificates Prior to Maturity

Upon the sale or other taxable disposition of an Option Equity Certificate, a U.S. holder should allocate the amount received between the Deposit and the Put Option on the basis of their respective values on the date of sale or other disposition. The U.S. holder should generally recognise gain or loss with respect to the Deposit in an amount equal to the difference between the amount of the sales proceeds allocable to the Deposit and the U.S. holder's adjusted tax basis in the Deposit (which will generally equal the issue price of the Option Equity Certificate for an initial purchaser (as may be adjusted for any accrued OID on the Deposit)). Except to the extent attributable to accrued but unpaid interest, which will be taxed as such, this gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. holder has held the Option Equity Certificates for more than one year. If the Put Option has a positive value on the date of a sale of the Option Equity Certificate, the U.S. holder should recognise short-term capital gain equal to the portion of the sale proceeds allocable to the Put Option plus any previously received Put Premium. If the put option has a negative value on the date of sale, the U.S. holder should be treated as having paid the buyer an amount equal to the negative value in order to assume the U.S. holder's rights and obligations under the Put Option. In such a case, the U.S. holder should recognise short-term capital gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between the total Put Premium previously received and the amount of the payment deemed made by the U.S. holder with respect to the assumption of the Put Option.

Foreign Currency Option Equity Certificates

Option Equity Certificates denominated in, or determined by reference to, a foreign currency (“Foreign Currency Option Equity Certificates”) will be subject to special rules. Interest and OID denominated in, or determined by reference to, a foreign currency will generally be subject to the rules described in “Foreign Currency Equity Certificates” above.

The treatment upon the sale, retirement or disposition of the Deposit, as described above, should also be governed by the rules described under “Foreign Currency Equity Certificates” above, regardless of whether the Option Equity Certificate is cash settled. A U.S. holder will have a tax basis in any Reference Items received in an amount equal to the excess of the purchase price of the Option Equity Certificate, translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate in effect on the date of retirement, over the total premium payments received, with each premium likely translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate in effect on the date that it is received. U.S. holders should consult their tax advisers about the proper method for translating foreign currency with respect to an Option Equity Certificate

into U.S. dollars.

Mark-to-Market Rules

Under Section 1256 of the Code, special mark-to-market and character rules apply in the case of certain “nonequity” options and foreign currency contracts. Unless the Option Equity Certificates (other than Option Equity Certificates denominated in a currency other than the U.S. dollar) are listed on a “qualified board or exchange” for purposes of Section 1256 of the Code, however, these mark-to-market rules will not be applicable to U.S. holders of the Option Equity Certificates. Where relevant, the application of the Section 1256 of the Code rules to Option Equity Certificates denominated in a currency other than the U.S. dollar may be discussed in the applicable Final Terms.

Possible Alternative Characterisations

Due to the absence of authority as to the proper characterisation of the Option Equity Certificates, no assurance can be given that the IRS will accept, or that a court will uphold, the characterisation and tax treatment described above. It is possible, for example, that the IRS could maintain that amounts denominated as Put Premium (i) should be includible in the U.S. holder's income as interest in the manner described above regarding the interest payment, or (ii) should be included in a U.S. holder's income even in a case where the Option Equity Certificates is retired for Reference Items. Such treatment might arise, for example, if the IRS were successfully to maintain that amounts denominated as Put Premium (i) should be characterised for federal income tax purposes as interest, or (ii) should be treated as a return on the U.S. holder's investment in the Option Equity Certificates that constitutes income. Alternatively, the IRS could maintain that the Option Equity Certificates should be treated as contingent payment debt obligations, in which case the U.S. holder would be treated as owning Contingent Equity Certificates (or Equity Certificates denominated in a foreign currency treated as contingent payment debt instruments), subject to the treatment discussed above.

Loan and One or More Options

If any Equity Certificates are treated as a combination of a loan (or deposit) and one or more options, in general, payments of interest (if any) will be taxable to a U.S. holder as ordinary interest income at the time that such payments are accrued or are received (in accordance with the U.S. holder's regular method of tax accounting), while payments in respect of the options would be taxable in a manner similar to the taxation of corresponding payments on Option Equity Certificates, as described above under “Options or Warrants”.

Possible Alternative Tax Treatment

If an Equity Certificate is treated as a unit consisting of a loan and a forward contract, a U.S. holder

could be required to accrue a significant amount of OID on a current basis during the period in which it holds the Equity Certificate. Alternatively, it is possible that the Equity Certificates could be characterised for U.S. federal income tax purposes as debt instruments that are subject to the Contingent Payment Regulations (as more fully described above under “Contingent Payment Debt Instruments”), in which case, among other matters, a U.S. holder would be required to accrue income, as OID, at a “comparable yield” for the Issuer, on the purchase price. Furthermore, any gain realised with respect to the Equity Certificates would generally be treated as ordinary income.

It is also possible that future regulations or other IRS guidance would require a U.S. holder to accrue income on the Equity Certificates on a current basis. The IRS and the Treasury recently issued proposed regulations that require the current accrual of income with respect to contingent non-periodic payments made under certain notional principal contracts. The preamble to the regulations states that the “wait and see” method of tax accounting does not properly reflect the economic accrual of income on such contracts, and requires a current accrual of income with respect to some contracts already in existence at the time the proposed regulations were released. While the proposed regulations do not apply to prepaid forward contracts, the preamble to the proposed regulations expresses the view that similar timing issues exist in the case of prepaid forward contracts. If the IRS published future guidance requiring current accrual of income with respect to contingent payments on prepaid forward contracts, it is possible that a U.S. holder could be required to accrue income over the term of the Forward Equity Certificates.

Equity Certificates Denominated in a Currency Other Than the U.S. Dollar

In general, except to the extent that the mark-to-market and character rules under Section 1256 apply (see “— Options or Warrants — Mark-to-Market Rules” above), any gain or loss realised in respect of an Equity Certificate denominated in a currency other than the U.S. dollar will be ordinary income or loss. Any such gain or loss generally must be recognised upon a sale, exchange, termination, rollover, settlement or exercise of such Equity Certificate, as well as upon an offset of one contract against another in certain circumstances. In general, if an Option Equity Certificate denominated in a currency other than the U.S. dollar is subject to Section 1256, a U.S. holder will be required to include mark-to-market gain or loss in respect of such Option Equity Certificate at the end of each year (or upon transfer, termination, exercise, lapse or other disposition), with 40% of such gain or loss being short-term capital gain or loss and 60% of such gain or loss being long-term capital gain or loss.

Additional U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to Equity Certificates denominated in the currency other than the U.S. dollar may be set forth in the applicable Final Terms.

Foreign Currency Rules

Payments of premium, exercise price, sale proceeds, and cash settlement amounts in respect of Equity Certificates that are denominated in a currency other than the U.S. dollar will be subject to special U.S. tax rules regarding foreign currency transactions. U.S. holders should consult their tax advisers concerning the application of these rules in their particular circumstances.

Substitution of Issuer

The terms of the Equity Certificates provide that, in certain circumstances, the obligations of the Issuer under the Equity Certificates may be assumed by another entity. Any such assumption might be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a deemed disposition of Equity Certificates by a U.S. holder in exchange for new Equity Certificates issued by the Substitute. As a result of this deemed disposition, a U.S. holder could be required to recognize capital or ordinary gain or loss (as applicable, based on the U.S. federal income tax characterization of that Equity Certificate) for U.S. federal income tax purposes as though the U.S. holder had exchanged the Equity Certificate for a new Equity Certificate issued by the Substitute. U.S. holders should consult their tax advisers concerning the U.S. federal income tax consequences to them of a substitution of the issuer with respect to the Equity Certificates.

Non-U.S. holders of Securities, including, but not limited to, the Equity Certificates

Subject to the discussion of FATCA, Dividend Equivalent Payments and backup withholding below, payments on, and any proceeds of a sale or other disposition of, the Securities are currently exempt from U.S. federal income tax, including withholding taxes, if paid to a Non-U.S. holder unless the payment is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States.

In addition, (i) subject to the discussion of backup withholding and Dividend Equivalent Payments below, a Non-U.S. holder will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on any gain realized on the sale or exchange of the Securities, provided that such gain is not effectively connected with the conduct by the holder of a United States trade or business and, in the case of a Non-U.S. holder who is an individual, the holder is not present in the United States for a total of 183 days or more during the taxable year in which the gain is realized and certain other conditions are met and (ii) the Securities will be deemed to be situated outside the United States for purposes of the U.S. federal estate tax and will not be includible in the gross estate for purposes of such tax in the case of a nonresident of the United States who is not a citizen of the United States at the time of death.

FATCA Withholding

Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code (“**FATCA**”) impose a withholding tax of 30% on a portion of certain payments by non-U.S. entities (such as the Issuer), to persons that fail to meet requirements under FATCA. If the Issuer (or relevant intermediary) enters into and complies with an agreement

with the IRS (an “**IRS Agreement**”), this withholding tax may be imposed on a portion of payments to (a) certain holders or beneficial owners of Securities that do not provide certain information requested by the Issuer (or any relevant intermediary) and (b) any recipient (including an intermediary) of a payment that has not (or the relevant financial institution has not) entered into an IRS Agreement (or otherwise established an exemption from FATCA). Withholding should not be required with respect to payments on the Securities before January 1, 2017. Neither a holder nor a beneficial owner of Securities will be entitled to any additional amounts in the event such withholding tax is imposed. Certain beneficial owners may be eligible for a refund of amounts withheld as a result of FATCA.

The future application of FATCA to the Issuer and the holders of Securities is uncertain, and it is not clear at this time what actions, if any, will be required to minimise any adverse impact of FATCA on the Issuer and the holders of Securities. The Issuer has not decided whether it will enter into an IRS Agreement.

It is also uncertain at this time how the reporting mechanism will operate. In particular, certain changes will likely have to occur with the operation of DTC, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and other similar clearing systems.

FATCA is particularly complex and its application to the Issuer, the Securities and the Holders is uncertain at this time. Each holder of Securities should consult its own tax advisor to obtain a more detailed explanation of FATCA and to learn how it might affect such Holder in its particular circumstance.

Withholding on Dividend Equivalent Payments

Recently enacted U.S. legislation imposes a 30% U.S. withholding tax on payments that are directly or indirectly contingent upon, or determined by reference to, the payment of a dividend from a U.S. entity (a “**Dividend Equivalent Payment**”). The type of payments that constitute Dividend Equivalent Payments subject to this withholding tax is not entirely clear. Payments on Securities (including, but not limited to, the Equity Certificates) with equity in U.S. entities, or indices that include equity in U.S. entities, as the Underlying, or that reference dividend payments made by U.S. entities, could become subject to this withholding tax. Non-U.S. holders may be able to claim the benefits of a double tax treaty to reduce this withholding. Additionally, amounts paid pursuant to an early termination made in accordance with General Condition 3(b) could be subject to withholding if they are deemed to be Dividend Equivalent Payments. Neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor any other person shall pay any additional amounts to the Non-U.S. holders in respect of any U.S. withholding imposed on any Dividend Equivalent Payment. The application and interpretation of the rules governing U.S. withholding tax on Dividend Equivalent Payments is subject to change. Non-

U.S. holders should consult their tax advisers about possibility of U.S. withholding on payments made on Securities (including, but not limited to, the Equity Certificates).

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

In general, payments on, and the proceeds of a sale, redemption or other disposition of, the Equity Certificates, payable to a U.S. holder by a U.S. paying agent or other U.S. intermediary will be reported to the IRS and to the U.S. holder as may be required under applicable regulations. Backup withholding will apply to these payments, including payments of OID, if the U.S. holder fails to provide an accurate taxpayer identification number or certification of exempt status or fails to report all interest and dividends required to be shown on its U.S. federal income tax returns. Certain U.S. holders are not subject to backup withholding. U.S. holders should consult their tax advisers as to their qualification for exemption from backup withholding and the procedure for obtaining an exemption.

Payments on, and the proceeds of sale or other disposition of, Securities by a U.S. paying agent or other U.S. intermediary to Non-U.S. holders will not be subject to backup withholding tax and information reporting requirements if appropriate certification (Form W-8BEN or some other appropriate form) is provided by the Non-U.S. holder to the payor and the payor does not have actual knowledge that the certificate is false.

Reportable Transactions

A U.S. taxpayer that participates in a "reportable transaction" will be required to disclose its participation to the IRS. Under the relevant rules, if the Equity Certificates are denominated in a foreign currency or if the underlying is a foreign currency or basket of foreign currencies, a U.S. holder may be required to treat a foreign currency exchange loss from the Equity Certificates as a reportable transaction if this loss exceeds the relevant threshold in the regulations (U.S.\$50,000 in a single taxable year, if the U.S. holder is an individual or trust, or higher amounts for other non-individual U.S. holders), and to disclose its investment by filing Form 8886 with the IRS. A penalty in the amount of U.S.\$10,000 in the case of a natural person and U.S.\$50,000 in all other cases is generally imposed on any taxpayer that fails to timely file an information return with the IRS with respect to a transaction resulting in a loss that is treated as a reportable transaction. Prospective purchasers are urged to consult their tax advisers regarding the application of these rules.

Foreign Financial Asset Reporting

Recently enacted legislation imposes new reporting requirements on the holding of certain foreign financial assets, including debt or equity of foreign entities, if the aggregate value of all of these assets

exceeds U.S.\$50,000 at the end of the taxable year or U.S.\$75,000 at any time during the taxable year. These thresholds are higher for U.S. persons living outside of the United States and married couples filing jointly. The Equity Certificates may constitute foreign financial assets subject to these requirements. U.S. holders should consult their tax advisers regarding the application of this legislation.

5. SWITZERLAND

The following is a general summary of the Issuer's understanding of certain Swiss tax consequences in relation to dealings in the Securities according to the currently valid Swiss tax laws and the Swiss tax authorities' practice as at the date of publication of this Base Prospectus. This outline is a summary and not exhaustive and does not take into consideration possible special circumstances of some investors. Tax laws and the tax authorities' practice may undergo changes (or their interpretation or application may change) and their validity might also be retroactive.

Potential investors should consult their own tax advisors, legal advisers or financial consultants regarding their personal tax situation when entering into transactions with reference to the Securities.

- (a) General Information. The Swiss tax treatment of notes, bonds and other financial instruments are primarily regulated pursuant to the conditions set forth in the Circular Letter no. 15 of the Federal Tax Administration regarding the treatment of Bonds and Derivatives Financial Instruments for the purpose of the Federal Income Tax, Federal Withholding Tax and Federal Stamp Duties, as published on 7 February 2007. These rules are usually also applied by the Cantonal and Communal tax authorities. It should be noted that the Swiss tax terms "notes" and "bonds" are not consistent with the corresponding terms stipulated by Swiss security laws and the international or foreign understanding of such terms.
- (b) Swiss Stamp Taxes. The issuance of Securities issued by a foreign resident issuer is in general not subject to the Swiss Issue Stamp Tax ("Emissionsabgabe"). Secondary market transactions of Securities which are considered as (debt) financing instruments, share-like products, fund-like products and Low Exercise Price Options (LEPO) on shares with maturity more than one year and the issuance of fund-like Securities issued by a foreign resident issuer are subject to the Swiss Securities Transfer Tax, provided that a Swiss securities dealer ("Effekthändler"), as defined in art. 13 para. 3 of the Swiss Federal Act on Stamp Duties ("Stempelabgabengesetz"), is a party to the Securities transaction or acts as an intermediary thereto. Certain exemptions may, inter alia, apply with regard to institutional investors such as mutual funds, life insurance companies and social security institutions. Pure derivatives for Swiss tax purposes like options and futures do normally not classify as taxable securities and

are therefore not subject to Swiss Issue Stamp Tax and Swiss Securities Transfer Tax. If upon the exercise or redemption of a Security an underlying security is delivered to the holder of the Security, the transfer of the underlying security may be subject to Swiss Securities Transfer Tax.

- (c) **Swiss Withholding Tax.** Securities issued by a foreign resident issuer are in general not subject to Swiss withholding tax. Payments or credit of (deemed) interest or dividends on a Security issued by a Swiss resident issuer may be subject to Swiss federal withholding tax at a rate of 35%. This may apply likewise to payments or credits of yield from Securities which classify for tax purposes as fund-like products. The holder of a Security who is resident in Switzerland may be entitled to a full refund of or a full tax credit for the Swiss federal withholding tax, subject to conditions being met. A non Swiss resident holder of a Security may be able to claim a full or partial refund of the Swiss federal withholding tax if such a holder is entitled to claim benefits with regard to such a payment of a double taxation treaty between Switzerland and his or her country of residence.
- (d) **Swiss Income Tax Treatment for Securities Held by Private Investors (Individuals) with Tax Residence in Switzerland as Part of their Private Assets.** Payments or credits received by a holder of a Security, which are considered in a Swiss tax perspective as dividends or interests, are subject to income tax. Gains or losses realised upon a sale or other disposition by individuals with tax residence in Switzerland holding a Security as part of their private assets (private capital gain or losses) are in general not subject to Swiss Income Tax and are not deductible from taxable income respectively. However, capital gains may be subject to income taxation, if a Security qualifies as predominant one-time interest paying bond. Also gains or losses realised by buying or selling of pure derivatives for Swiss tax purposes (options and futures) are not subject to income tax as they are considered as tax-exempt capital gains or losses. Whether a Security generates taxable income (dividend and interest) or tax-exempt capital gains is depending on certain features of the Security (1-delta pay-off, reverse convertible, guaranteed coupon payments or capital protection etc.), on the underlying of the Security and on the maturity of the Security. Some Securities may be divided into taxable bonds and a tax-exempt option (or combinations of options) provided that the Security is, for Swiss tax purposes, made transparent by the issuer. A Security is considered transparent if the value on issuance of its bond and its option components can be determined separately. Under the condition of transparency, the option premium paid by the issuer is exempt from income taxation (where otherwise applicable); taxation is limited to the interest of the bond part which would have been paid for an investment in a comparable straight bond of the same issuer with a similar term and the same currency at market conditions. If the

interest part of the Security is paid as a one-time compensation, the so-called “modifizierte Differenzbesteuerung” may apply in each case of pre-maturity sale or redemption of the Security. If a Security is not made transparent for Swiss tax purposes (only if the security needs to be transparent for Swiss tax purposes) the total payment to the investor (except the repayment of the invested capital) could be considered as taxable income.

- (e) Swiss Income Tax Treatment for Securities Held by Swiss Resident Entities or Individuals as Part of Business Assets. Income of any kind realised from Securities as part of business assets of individuals (including deemed securities dealers for Swiss tax purposes) or entities in Switzerland are subject to personal income tax or corporate income tax respectively as part of their overall net income.
- (f) Wealth Taxation of Securities Held by Private Investors (Individuals) with Tax Residence in Switzerland. The market value of the Securities may be subject to wealth tax levied on overall net wealth of individuals with tax residence in Switzerland, regardless of whether the Securities are held as part of their private or business assets.
- (g) EU Savings Tax. On 26 October 2004, the European Community and Switzerland entered into an agreement on the taxation of savings income pursuant to which Switzerland adopts measures equivalent to those of the European Directive 2003/48/EC of 3 June 2003 on the taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments. The agreement came into force as of 1 July 2005. On the basis of this agreement, Switzerland introduced a withholding tax on interest payments and other similar income paid by a paying agent within Switzerland to an individual resident in an EU member state. The withholding tax is withheld at a rate of 15 % for the first three years beginning with 1 July 2005, 20 % for the next three years and 35 % thereafter, with the option of such an individual to have the paying agent and Switzerland provide to the tax authorities of the Member State details of the payments in lieu of the withholding. The beneficial owner of the interest payments may be entitled to a tax credit or refund of the withholding, if any, provided that that certain conditions are met. Securities issued under this programme may be subject to EU Savings Tax. The qualification regarding “in scope” or “out of scope” of the EU Savings Tax is depending on certain features of the Security and on the underlying of the Security.

SELLING RESTRICTIONS

In respect of each Series of Securities issued under the Programme, a Dealer and/or distributor may, by entering into a purchase agreement, agree with the Issuer the basis upon which it agrees to purchase Securities. Any such agreement will extend to those matters stated under “Form of the Securities” and the Conditions.

The statements which follow are of a general nature. Potential purchasers in each jurisdiction must ensure that they are able validly to take delivery of the Securities and any assets into which they may convert or be settled. Additional certifications may be required by the Issuer and/or any clearance system at the time of exercise and/or settlement/or redemption.

1. GENERAL

No action has been or will be taken by the Issuer or any Dealer that would permit a public offering of the Securities or possession or distribution of any offering material in relation to the Securities in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. No offers, sales or deliveries of any Securities, or distribution of any offering material relating to the Securities, may be made in or from any jurisdiction except in circumstances which will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations and will not impose any obligation on the Issuer.

2. PUBLIC OFFER SELLING RESTRICTION UNDER THE PROSPECTUS DIRECTIVE

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a “**Relevant Member State**”), each Dealer represents and agrees 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 Securities which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Base Prospectus as completed by the final terms in relation thereto to the public in that Relevant Member State except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of such Securities to the public in that Relevant Member State:

- (a) if the final terms in relation to the Securities specify that an offer of those Securities may be made other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in that Relevant Member State (a “**Non-exempt Offer**”), following the date of publication of a prospectus in relation to such Securities which has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant Member State, provided that any such prospectus has subsequently been completed by the final terms contemplating such Non-exempt Offer, in

accordance with the Prospectus Directive, in the period beginning and ending on the dates specified in such prospectus or final terms, as applicable, and the Issuer has consented in writing to its use for the purpose of that Non-exempt Offer;

- (b) at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- (c) 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); or
- (d) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive, provided that no such offer of Securities referred to in (b) to (d) above shall require the Issuer 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 Securities to the public**” in relation to any Securities 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 Securities to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the Securities, 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.

3. THE NETHERLANDS

Securities which qualify as savings certificates as defined in the Savings Certificates Act (“*Wet inzake spaarbewijzen*”) may only be transferred or accepted through the mediation of either the Issuer or an admitted institution of Euronext Amsterdam N.V. with due observance of the Savings Certificates Act and its implementing regulations (including registration requirements), provided that no mediation is required in respect of:

- (a) the initial issue of those Securities to the first holders thereof;
- (b) any transfer and delivery by individuals who do not act in the conduct of a profession or trade; and
- (c) the issue and trading of those Securities, if they are physically issued outside The Netherlands and are not distributed in The Netherlands in the course of primary trading or immediately thereafter.

The Securities may not be offered to the public in the Netherlands in reliance on Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive unless (i) such offer is made exclusively to persons or entities which are qualified investors as defined in the Dutch Financial Supervision Act or (ii) standard exemption wording is disclosed as required by Article 5:20(5) of the Dutch Financial Supervision Act, provided that no such offer of Securities shall require publication of a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement to a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

4. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Selling Restrictions set out herein apply only to those Regulation S Global Securities issued in bearer or registered form.

No Securities of any Series have been, or will be, registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Securities Act**”), and trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the “**CFTC**”) under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (the “**CEA**”). No Securities of any Series, or interests therein, may at any time be offered, sold, resold or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person or to others for offer, sale, resale or delivery, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person.

Offers, sales, resales or deliveries of Securities of any Series, or interests therein, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons would constitute a violation of United States securities laws unless made in compliance with the registration requirements of the Securities Act or pursuant to an exemption therefrom. In addition, in the absence of relief from the CFTC, offers, sales, resales, trades or deliveries of Securities, or interests therein, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons, may constitute a violation of United States law governing commodities trading.

Securities in bearer form having a maturity of more than one year will be issued in compliance with U.S. Treas. Reg. §1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(C) (the “**C Rules**”). Securities in bearer form having a maturity of one year or less are not subject to the C Rules.

The Securities subject to the C Rules may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. tax regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “**Code**”) and the U.S. Treasury regulations thereunder.

The Issuer will require each Dealer participating in the distribution of Securities subject to the C Rules to agree that it will not at any time offer, sell, resell or deliver, directly or indirectly, the Securities in the United States or to others for offer, sale, resale or delivery, directly or indirectly, in the United States. Further, the Issuer and each Dealer to which it sells the Securities will represent and

agree that in connection with the original issuance of such Securities that it has not communicated, and will not communicate, directly or indirectly, with a prospective purchaser if such purchaser is within the United States and will not otherwise involve its U.S. office in the offer or sale of such Securities. The terms used in the preceding sentence (and not otherwise defined below) have the meanings given to them by the Code and the U.S. Treasury regulations thereunder, including the C Rules.

As used herein, “**United States**” means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia), its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction; and “**U.S. person**” means (i) an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States; (ii) a corporation, a partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (iii) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (iv) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (v) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (ii) above; (vi) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (i) to (v) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the CFTC's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (vii) any other “U.S. Person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act or in regulations adopted under the CEA.

Notice to purchasers and holders of Securities initially represented by Regulation S Global Securities and transfer restrictions

Each purchaser of Securities will, by its purchase of such Securities, be deemed to acknowledge, represent and agree as follows:

- (a) that trading in the Securities has not been and will not be approved by the CFTC under the CEA;
- (b) that it will not at any time offer, sell, resell or deliver, directly or indirectly, any Securities of such Series so purchased in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person or to others for offer, sale, resale or delivery, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person;
- (c) that it is not a U.S. person, and it is not purchasing any Securities of such Series for the account or benefit of any U.S. person;

- (d) that it will not make offers, sales, resales or deliveries of any Securities of such Series (otherwise acquired), directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person;
- (e) that it will send each person who purchases any Securities of such issue from it a written confirmation (which shall include the definitions of “**United States**” and “**U.S. person**” set forth herein) stating that the Securities have not been registered under the Securities Act, that trading in the Securities has not been approved by the CFTC under the CEA and stating that such purchaser agrees that it is not a U.S. person and will not at any time offer, sell, resell or deliver any of such Securities, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person;
- (f) that no U.S. person or person in the United States may at any time trade or maintain a position in the instruments and that a person entitled to receive an interim payment or exercising (or entitled to receive any amount at maturity or exercise under) the instrument will be required to certify that neither it nor the beneficial owner of the instrument is a U.S. person or is located in the United States;
- (g) that any person exercising a Security will be required to represent that it is not a U.S. person; and
- (h) if it is outside the United States and is not a U.S. person, that if it should resell or otherwise transfer the Securities at any time after the closing of the offer of the relevant Securities, it will do so only (a) outside the United States in compliance with Rule 903 or 904 under the Securities Act and (b) in accordance with all applicable United States state securities laws; and it acknowledges that the Global Securities will bear a legend to the following effect unless otherwise agreed to by the Issuer:

THE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE “SECURITIES ACT”) AND THE SECURITIES MAY NOT AT ANY TIME BE EXERCISED, OFFERED, SOLD, TRANSFERRED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, ANY U.S. PERSON AS DEFINED IN REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT. FURTHERMORE, TRADING IN THE SECURITIES HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION UNDER THE UNITED STATES COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT, AS AMENDED AND NO U.S. PERSON MAY AT ANY TIME TRADE OR MAINTAIN A POSITION IN THE SECURITIES.

5. UNITED KINGDOM

Each Dealer represents, warrants and agrees that 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 Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the “FSMA”)) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Securities in circumstances in which section 21(1) of the FSMA would not, if the Issuer was not an authorised person, apply to the Issuer and it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Securities in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

6. INDIA

Any purchase of the Securities relating to or linked to securities listed on a stock exchange in India or indices that reference such securities should be made on the understanding that the purchaser shall be deemed to acknowledge, represent, warrant and undertake to the Group that:

- (a) it consents to the provision by the Group to any Indian governmental or regulatory authority upon receiving a request from such authority of any information regarding it and its dealings in the Securities as required under applicable Indian regulations and/or as requested by any Indian governmental or regulatory authority;
- (b) it agrees to promptly provide to the Group, or directly to the relevant Indian governmental or regulatory authority (and confirm to the Group when it has done so), such additional information that the Group deems necessary or appropriate in order for the Group to comply with any such regulations and/or requests;
- (c) the Securities are not being purchased by, for the account of, or pursuant to or in connection with any back-to-back transaction with: (i) a Person Resident in India as the term is used in the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999; or (ii) a “Non-Resident Indian”, as such terms are used in the Foreign Exchange Management (Deposit) Regulations 2000 as notified by the Reserve Bank of India (each, a “**Restricted Entity**”) or a nominee of a Restricted Entity;
- (d) the Securities shall not be offered, sold or transferred to any person/entity whose controller is a Restricted Entity where “controller” means any person or group of persons who (i) is/are entitled to exercise, or control the exercise of a majority or more of the voting power of the purchaser; (ii) holds or is otherwise entitled to a majority or more of the economic interest in the purchaser, or (iii) in fact exercises control over the purchaser. “Control” means the ability to appoint a majority or more of the directors of an entity, or the capacity to control decision-making, directly or indirectly, in relation to the financial, investment and/or operating policies of an entity in any manner.

Notwithstanding the foregoing definition, in the case only where an entity’s investments are being

managed on a discretionary basis by an investment manager, such investment manager shall not be deemed to be such entity's controller for the purposes of this representation by reason only of it being able to control decision-making in relation to the entity's financial, investment and /or operating policies.

- (e) the Securities are not being purchased by, for the account of, or pursuant to or in connection with any back-to-back transaction with any entity or person that is not a "person regulated by an appropriate foreign regulatory authority" (as such term and/or requirements relating thereto are defined or otherwise interpreted for the purposes of Regulation 15A of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Foreign Institutional Investors) Regulations, 1995) (a "**Regulated Entity**");
- (f) the Securities are not being purchased with the intent of circumventing or otherwise avoiding any requirements applicable under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Foreign Institutional Investors) Regulations, 1995 (including, without limitation, any restrictions applying to foreign institutional investors in relation to their issuances and/or other dealings in the Securities with, Restricted Entities and persons/entities who are not Regulated Entities);
- (g) it has purchased the Securities on its own account and not as an agent, nominee, trustee or representative of any other person and no agreement for the issuance of a back-to-back offshore derivatives instrument shall be entered against the Securities;
- (h) it will not, directly or indirectly, sell, transfer, assign, novate or otherwise dispose of the Securities to or for the account of any Restricted Entity, nominee of any Restricted Entity or an entity which is not a Regulated Entity;
- (i) it acknowledges that non-compliance with, or breach, violation or contravention of, the obligations under these representations, warranties, agreements and undertakings that (including, without limitation, any restrictions with respect to a transfer) ("**Obligations**") may result in non-compliance with, or breach, violation or contravention of, applicable laws, regulations, governmental orders or directions, regulatory sanctions against the Issuer and/or its associates/affiliates and cause irreparable harm to the Issuer and/or its associates/affiliates. Accordingly, it further acknowledges that, in the event of any non-compliance with, or breach, violation or contravention of the Obligations by it, the Issuer and/or its associates/affiliates may notify the relevant Indian governmental or regulatory authority of the breach, violation or contravention and exercise any rights and take any measures available to the Issuer and/or its associates/affiliates under the terms of the Securities, or any other measures to prevent, avoid, mitigate, remedy or cure such non-compliance, breach, violation or contravention, including but not limited to termination or compulsory redemption of the Securities by the Issuer and/or its associates/affiliates;

- (j) it will promptly notify the Issuer should any of the representations, warranties, agreements and undertakings given by it change or no longer hold true; and
- (i) any sale, transfer, assignment, novation or other disposal of the Securities by it, whether direct or indirect, will be subject to the acquiring entity giving substantially the same representations and warranties to it as set out in sub-paragraphs (c) to (i) (inclusive).

The Securities shall not be offered, sold or transferred to (i) a Protected Cell Company (“PCC”) or Segregated Portfolio Company (“SPC”) or an equivalent structure however described, or (ii) a Multi Class Share Vehicle (“MCV”) by constitution or an equivalent structure however described that contains more than one class of shares, except where (a) a common portfolio is maintained for all classes of shares and satisfies broad-based criteria, or (b) a segregated portfolio is maintained for separate classes of shares wherein each such class of shares are in turn broad-based. For this purpose, a "broad-based" fund or class of shares (where the holder's segregated portfolio is maintained for separate classes of shares) as the term is defined in the Explanation to Regulation 6 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Foreign Institutional Investors) Regulations, 1995 means a fund, established or incorporated outside India, which has at least twenty investors, with no single individual investor holding more than 49% of the shares or units of the fund; provided that if the broad-based fund has institutional investor(s) it shall not be necessary for the fund to have twenty investors. Further, if the broad-based fund has an institutional investor who holds more than 49% of the shares or units in the fund, then the institutional investor must itself be a broad-based fund.

7. HONG KONG

Securities that are not "structured products" as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong may not be offered or sold in Hong Kong, by means of any document, other than (i) to "professional investors" within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong and any rules made under that Ordinance; or (ii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a "prospectus" within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of that Ordinance.

In relation to Securities that are "structured products" as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong and unless permitted to do so under the laws of Hong Kong, no person may issue or have in his/her possession for the purpose of issue, or will issue, or have in his/her possession for the purposes of issue, any advertisement, invitation or document relating to the Securities whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong, other than with respect to the Securities intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong, or only to "professional investors" as

defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong and any rules made under that Ordinance.

8. SINGAPORE

This Base Prospectus has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore under the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the “SFA”) and accordingly, the Securities may not be offered or sold, nor may the Securities be the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, nor may this Base Prospectus or any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase of the Securities be circulated or distributed, whether directly or indirectly, to any person in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA) pursuant to Section 274 of the SFA, (ii) 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 an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) of the SFA, and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the SFA or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the Securities are acquired by persons who are relevant persons specified in Section 276 of the SFA namely:

- (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or
- (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor, the shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures 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 Securities pursuant to an offer made under Section 275 of the SFA except:
 - (1) to an institutional investor (under Section 274 of the SFA) or to a relevant person as defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA, or which arises from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) of the SFA (in the case of that corporation) or Section 276(4)(b)(i)(B) of the SFA (in the case of that trust);
 - (2) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer;
 - (3) where the transfer is by operation of law; or

(4) as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA.

9. TAIWAN

The Securities may not be sold, offered or issued to Taiwan resident investors unless they are made available outside Taiwan for purchase by such investors outside Taiwan.

10. SAUDI ARABIA

Any purchase of the Securities relating to or linked to securities, whether or not listed on a stock exchange, in Saudi Arabia or indices that reference such securities should be made on the understanding that the purchaser shall be deemed to acknowledge, represent, warrant and undertake to the Issuer and each Dealer that:

- (a) it consents to the provision by the Issuer or any Dealer to any Saudi Arabian governmental or regulatory authority, (such as the KSA Capital Markets Authority) of any information regarding it and its dealings in the Securities as required under applicable Saudi Arabian regulations and/or as requested by any Saudi Arabian governmental or regulatory authority;
- (b) it agrees to promptly provide to the Issuer and each Dealer, or directly to the relevant governmental or regulatory authority (and confirm to the Issuer and each Dealer when it has done so), such additional information that the Issuer and each Dealer deems necessary or appropriate in order for the Issuer and each Dealer to comply with any such regulations and/or requests;
- (c) the Securities are not being purchased for the account of or pursuant to or in connection with a “Non-resident foreign investor” for the purposes of any CMA or other governmental or regulatory authority resolution and it is not knowingly entering into a transaction for the purchase of Securities, on behalf of, or for the benefit or account of any person or entity that is not a non-resident foreign investor for the purposes of such resolution.

Prospective investors must seek legal advice as to whether they are entitled to subscribe to the Securities and must comply with all relevant Saudi Arabian laws in this respect. Each investor is deemed to have acknowledged and agreed that it is eligible to invest in the Securities under applicable laws and regulations and that it is not prohibited under any law or regulation in Saudi Arabia from acquiring, owning or selling the Securities.

11. SWITZERLAND

Securities issued under this Programme which are not listed on SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd. do not qualify for public distribution in or from Switzerland according to Article 5 of the Swiss Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes. Accordingly, such Securities may not be publicly distributed in or

from Switzerland and neither this Programme, any Final Terms nor any marketing material relating to the Securities may be distributed in connection with such distribution, unless a special simplified prospectus is prepared setting forth any and all information which may be required to be disclosed in a simplified prospectus pursuant to Art. 5 of the Swiss Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes and any implementing ordinance or other applicable act or regulation or self-regulation in the Final Terms or a separate document (the “**Simplified Prospectus**”). Any term sheet prepared shall be subject to the Final Terms and the Simplified Prospectus, if any, for the relevant Securities. If no Simplified Prospectus is prepared, the Securities may only be offered and the Programme, any Final Terms or any marketing material may only be distributed in or from Switzerland to qualified investors according to the applicable provisions of the Collective Investment Scheme Act (“**CISA**”) in such a way that there is no public marketing or offering in or from Switzerland as defined pursuant to the most restrictive interpretation of the applicable Swiss laws and regulations.

12. FINLAND

Each Dealer and/or distributor confirms and agrees that it will not, directly or indirectly, offer for subscription or purchase or offer invitations to subscribe for or buy or sell the Securities or distribute any draft or definitive document in relation to any such offer, invitation or sale in Finland except in compliance with the laws of Finland and in such manner that no obligation for the Issuer to prepare any prospectus in respect of the issuance of the Securities pursuant to Finnish law and regulation will arise.

13. THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

The Securities are not offered within the British Virgin Islands, but may be acquired by British Virgin Islands persons who receive this offer outside the British Virgin Islands (in a manner which does not contravene the laws of the jurisdiction in which such offer is received) and who meet the Issuer’s eligibility criteria.

14. THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

Each Dealer and/or distributor of the Securities shall agree to comply with any direction of the Registrar of Companies in the Cayman Islands prohibiting (a) the sale of the Securities in the Cayman Islands or (b) any invitation in the Cayman Islands to subscribe for the Securities.

SALES WITHIN THE UNITED STATES

The information and restrictions set out herein apply only to those Securities which are Equity Certificates issued in registered form to U.S. persons who are QIBs in reliance on Rule 144A, and only the Equity Certificates, and no other Securities, will be offered in the United States to QIBs in reliance on Rule 144A.

PART I: GENERAL

The Securities have not been registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Securities Act**”) or the securities laws of any state or political subdivision of the United States, and may not be offered, sold, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to the requirements of the Securities Act and any applicable U.S. state securities laws. The Securities are being offered and sold only to U.S. persons who are "qualified institutional buyers" (“**QIBs**”) (as defined in Rule 144A of the Securities Act) (“**Rule 144A**”) in reliance on the exemption from registration requirements of the Securities Act provided by Rule 144A, in each case in accordance with any applicable securities laws of the United States and any other applicable jurisdictions. Prospective purchasers are hereby notified that sellers of the Securities may be relying on the exemption from the provisions of Section 5 of the Securities Act provided by Rule 144A.

Effective from the date of commencement of discussions concerning a particular Series of Securities (each, a “**Relevant Series**”), each Holder and its respective employees, representatives or other agents may disclose to any and all persons, without limitation of any kind, the tax treatment and tax structure of the Relevant Series and all materials of any kind, including opinions or other tax analyses, if any, that have been provided to such Holder relating to such tax treatment and tax structure. However, the foregoing does not constitute an authorisation to disclose the Issuer’s identity or that of its affiliates, agents or advisors or, except to the extent relating to such tax structure or tax treatment, any specific pricing terms or commercial or financial information.

Notice to New Hampshire Residents

NEITHER THE FACT THAT A REGISTRATION STATEMENT OR AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE HAS BEEN FILED UNDER CHAPTER 421-B (**RSA 421-B**) OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE REVISED STATUTES WITH THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, NOR THE FACT THAT A SECURITY IS EFFECTIVELY REGISTERED OR A PERSON IS LICENSED IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE CONSTITUTES A FINDING BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE THAT ANY DOCUMENT FILED UNDER RSA 421-B IS TRUE,

COMPLETE AND NOT MISLEADING. NEITHER ANY SUCH FACT NOR THE FACT THAT AN EXEMPTION OR EXCEPTION IS AVAILABLE FOR A SECURITY OR A TRANSACTION MEANS THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HAS PASSED IN ANY WAY UPON THE MERITS OR QUALIFICATIONS OF, OR RECOMMENDED OR GIVEN APPROVAL TO, ANY PERSON, OR SECURITY, OR TRANSACTION. IT IS UNLAWFUL TO MAKE, OR CAUSE TO BE MADE, TO ANY PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER, CUSTOMER, OR CLIENT ANY REPRESENTATION INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

Available Information

To permit compliance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act in connection with sales of any Securities, the Issuer has undertaken to furnish, upon the request of a Holder of such Securities, or a beneficial owner of an interest therein, to such Holder or beneficial owner or to a prospective purchaser designated by such Holder or beneficial owner, the information required to be delivered under Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act if, at the time of the request, the Issuer is neither a reporting company under Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “**Exchange Act**”) nor exempt from reporting pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Exchange Act.

Notice to Purchasers and Holders of Securities initially represented by Rule 144A Global Securities and Transfer Restrictions

As a result of the following restrictions, purchasers of Securities in the United States are advised to consult legal counsel prior to making any purchase, offer, sale, resale or other transfer of such Securities.

Each purchaser of Securities will, by its purchase of such Securities, be deemed to acknowledge, represent and agree as follows (unless otherwise specified, terms used in this paragraph that are defined in Rule 144A or in Regulation S under the Securities Act (“**Regulation S**”) are used herein as defined therein):

- (i) that for so long as the Securities are “restricted securities” (as defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act) it is a QIB, purchasing (or holding) the Securities for its own account or for the account of one or more QIBs as to which it exercises sole investment discretion and it is aware, and each beneficial owner of such Security has been advised, that any sale to it is being made in reliance on Rule 144A;
- (ii) that in issuing the Securities, the Issuer is not making, and has not made any representations whatsoever as to any issuer of the Shares (the “**Underlying Issuer**”) or any information contained in any document filed by the Underlying Issuer with any exchange or with any

- governmental entity regulating the purchase and sale of securities or the Securities;
- (iii) that the Issuer and any affiliate of the Issuer may, whether by virtue of the types of relationships described above or otherwise, at the date hereof or at any time hereafter be in possession of information in relation to the Underlying Issuer that is or may be material in the context of the Securities and which is or may not be known to the general public or the Holder. The Securities do not create any obligation on the part of the Issuer or any affiliate of the Issuer to disclose to the Holder any such relationship or information (whether or not confidential) and neither the Issuer nor any other affiliate of the Issuer shall be liable to the Holder by reason of such non-disclosure. No such information has been used in the selection of the Underlying Issuer for the Securities;
 - (iv) that the Issuer and any affiliate of the Issuer may have existing or future business relationships with the Underlying Issuer (including, but not limited to, lending, depository, risk management, advisory or banking relationships) and will pursue actions and take steps that it deems or they deem necessary or appropriate to protect its or their interests arising therefrom without regard to the consequences for a Holder of the Securities;
 - (v) that the market value of the Securities may be adversely affected by movements in the value of the Shares or in interest rates or currency exchange rates;
 - (vi) trading in the Securities has not been and will not be approved by the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the U.S. Commodity Exchange Act;
 - (vii) that the Securities are being offered and sold in a transaction not involving a public offering in the United States within the meaning of the Securities Act and that the Securities have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act or any other applicable United States state securities laws and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except as set forth below;
 - (viii) that if in the future it decides to resell, or otherwise transfer the Securities or any beneficial interests in the Securities, it will do so only (a) to the Issuer or any affiliate thereof, (b) pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, (c) to a person whom the seller reasonably believes is a QIB purchasing for its own account or for the account of a QIB in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A, or (d) pursuant to an exemption from registration under the Securities Act, in each case in accordance with all applicable United States state securities laws;
 - (ix) it will, and will require each subsequent Holder to, notify any purchaser of the Securities from it of the resale restrictions referred to in paragraph (viii) above, if then applicable;
 - (x) that (a) Securities offered in the United States to QIBs will be represented by one or more

Rule 144A Global Securities, (b) interests in a Rule 144A Global Security are not and will not be exchangeable for interests in any other Global Security and (c) no interest in a Rule 144A Global Security may be offered, sold, pledged or otherwise transferred to a person who would take delivery in the form of an interest in any other Global Security;

- (xi) that the Rule 144A Global Securities will bear a legend to the following effect unless otherwise agreed to by the Issuer:

“THIS SECURITY HAS NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE “SECURITIES ACT”), OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE U.S. STATE SECURITIES LAWS, OR WITH ANY SECURITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF ANY STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND, ACCORDINGLY, MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR SOLD WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, U.S. PERSONS EXCEPT PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND UNLESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER JURISDICTION. EACH PURCHASER OF THIS SECURITY, WHETHER UPON ORIGINAL ISSUANCE OR SUBSEQUENT TRANSFER, ACKNOWLEDGES THE RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER SET FORTH BELOW AND AGREES THAT IT SHALL TRANSFER SUCH SECURITIES ONLY AS PROVIDED HEREIN. BY ITS ACQUISITION THEREOF, THE HOLDER OF THIS SECURITY OR AN INTEREST HEREIN REPRESENTS THAT IT IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) PURCHASING THIS SECURITY OR AN INTEREST HEREIN FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF ONE OR MORE QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS AS TO WHICH IT EXERCISES SOLE INVESTMENT DISCRETION. EACH PURCHASER OF THIS SECURITY OR AN INTEREST HEREIN IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE SELLER OF THIS SECURITY OR AN INTEREST HEREIN MAY BE RELYING ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A THEREUNDER. THE HOLDER OF THIS SECURITY OR AN INTEREST HEREIN, BY ITS ACCEPTANCE THEREOF, AGREES TO OFFER, SELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER THIS SECURITY ONLY (A) TO THE ISSUER OR ANY AFFILIATE THEREOF, (B) PURSUANT TO A REGISTRATION STATEMENT THAT HAS BEEN DECLARED EFFECTIVE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (C) TO A PERSON IT REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER THAT PURCHASES FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR (D) PURSUANT TO ANOTHER EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, IN EACH CASE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF THE STATES OF THE

UNITED STATES AND ANY OTHER JURISDICTION. THE HOLDER (OR BENEFICIAL HOLDER) WILL, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT HOLDER IS REQUIRED TO, NOTIFY ANY PURCHASER OF THIS SECURITY FROM IT OF THE TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS REFERRED TO IN THIS PARAGRAPH.

IF AT ANY TIME ANY TRANSFER AGENT SUBSEQUENTLY DETERMINES OR IS SUBSEQUENTLY NOTIFIED BY THE ISSUER THAT THE HOLDER OF ANY INTEREST IN THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED BY THIS SECURITY WAS IN BREACH, AT THE TIME GIVEN, OF ANY REPRESENTATION OR AGREEMENT SET FORTH IN ANY TRANSFER CERTIFICATE, THEN THE PURPORTED TRANSFER SHALL BE ABSOLUTELY NULL AND VOID AB INITIO AND SHALL VEST NO RIGHTS IN THE PURPORTED TRANSFEREE (SUCH PURPORTED TRANSFEREE, A “DISQUALIFIED TRANSFEREE”) AND THE LAST PRECEDING HOLDER OF SUCH INTEREST THAT WAS NOT A DISQUALIFIED TRANSFEREE SHALL BE RESTORED TO ALL RIGHTS AS A HOLDER THEREOF RETROACTIVELY TO THE DATE OF SUCH TRANSFER OF SUCH INTEREST BY SUCH HOLDER.

THE ISSUER HAS THE RIGHT TO COMPEL ANY HOLDER OF THE SECURITIES THAT IS NOT A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER TO SELL ITS SECURITIES, OR MAY SELL SUCH SECURITIES ON BEHALF OF SUCH OWNER, AT THE LOWEST OF (X) THE PURCHASE PRICE THEREFOR PAID BY THE HOLDER, AS THE CASE MAY BE, (Y) 100 PER CENT. OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT THEREOF AND (Z) THE FAIR MARKET VALUE THEREOF.

IF REQUESTED BY THE ISSUER OR BY A MANAGER, THE PURCHASER AGREES TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE TRANSFER OF THIS SECURITY IS PERMISSIBLE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT.”;

- (xii) that the Rule 144A Global Securities issued to U.S. holders with “original issue discount” for U.S. federal income tax purpose will bear a legend to the following effect unless otherwise agreed to by the Issuer:

“FOR PURPOSES OF SECTIONS 1271 ET. SEQ. OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED, THIS SECURITY HAS ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT OF [CURRENCY][AMOUNT] PER EACH [CURRENCY][AMOUNT] OF NOMINAL AMOUNT OF THIS SECURITY; THE ISSUE PRICE OF THIS SECURITY IS [CURRENCY][AMOUNT]; THE ISSUE DATE IS [DATE]; AND THE YIELD TO MATURITY (COMPOUNDED [SEMI-ANNUALLY]) IS [YIELD].”;

- (xiii) that the Issuer and others will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the foregoing acknowledgements, representations and agreements and agrees that if any of such acknowledgements, representations or agreements made by it are no longer accurate, it shall promptly notify the Issuer; and if it is acquiring any Securities as a fiduciary or agent for one or more accounts it represents that it has sole investment discretion with respect to each such

account and that it has full power to make the foregoing acknowledgements, representations and agreements on behalf of each such account;

- (xiv) that it has such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters that it is capable of evaluating the merits and risks of purchasing the Securities, and it can bear the economic risk of an investment in the Securities; and
- (xv) that it is not purchasing Securities in order to reduce its U.S. federal income tax liability or pursuant to a tax avoidance plan.

No sale of interests in a Rule 144A Global Security to any one purchaser, will be for less than U.S.\$100,000 (or its foreign currency equivalent) nominal amount. No interest in a Rule 144A Global Security will be issued in connection with a sale in a smaller applicable nominal amount. If the purchaser is a non-bank fiduciary acting on behalf of others, each person for whom it is acting must purchase at least U.S.\$100,000 (or its foreign currency equivalent) nominal amount of Securities.

ERISA

The Issuer and certain affiliates of the Issuer may each be considered a “party in interest” within the meaning of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“**ERISA**”) or a “disqualified person” within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the “**Code**”) with respect to certain employee benefit plans and individual retirement accounts, Keogh plans and other plans subject to Section 4975 of the Code. Prohibited transactions within the meaning of ERISA or the Code may arise, for example, if the Securities are acquired by or with the assets of a pension or other employee benefit plan or account with respect to which the Issuer or any of its affiliates is a service provider, unless the Securities are acquired pursuant to an exemption from the prohibited transaction rules. Similar rules may also apply to certain governmental plans (as defined in Section 3(32) of ERISA) church or non U.S. plans, to the extent such plans are subject to provisions similar to the prohibited transaction rules under other federal, state, local or non-U.S. laws.

The assets of a pension or other employee benefit plan may include assets held in the general account of an insurance company that are deemed to be “plan assets” under ERISA.

The acquisition of the Securities may be eligible for one of the exemptions noted below if such acquisition:

- (a) (i) is made solely with the assets of a bank collective investment fund and (ii) satisfies the requirements and conditions of Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption (“**PTCE**”) 91-38 issued by the Department of Labor (“**DOL**”);
- (b) (i) is made solely with assets of an insurance company pooled separate account and

- (ii) satisfies the requirements and conditions of PTCE 90-1 issued by the DOL;
- (c) (i) is made solely with assets managed by a qualified professional asset manager and (ii) satisfies the requirements and conditions of PTCE 84-14 issued by the DOL;
- (d) (i) is made solely with assets of a governmental, church or non-U.S. plan, and (ii) is not subject to any federal, state, local or non-U.S. law that is substantially similar to the provisions of Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code;
- (e) (i) is made solely with assets of an insurance company general account and (ii) satisfies the requirements and conditions of PTCE 95-60 issued by the DOL;
- (f) (i) is made solely with assets managed by an in-house asset manager and (ii) satisfies the requirements and conditions of PTCE 96-23 issued by the DOL; or
- (g) is made in accordance with Section 408(b)(17) to a non-fiduciary service provider for adequate consideration.

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Final Terms, by its purchase of any Security and by each subsequent transferee's purchase of any Security, each Holder and each subsequent transferee will be deemed to have represented and warranted on each day from the date on which it acquires the Security through and including the date on which it disposes of its interest in the Security, either that (A) it is not a plan subject to the fiduciary responsibility provisions of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code or a governmental, church or non-U.S. plan which is subject to any federal, state, local or non-U.S. law that is substantially similar to the provisions of Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code or, (B)(i) its purchase, holding and disposition of the Security will not result in a prohibited transaction under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 or the Code (or, in the case of a governmental, church or non-U.S. plan, a violation of any substantially similar federal, state, local or non-U.S. law) or any other violation of an applicable requirement of ERISA of the Code (including, without limitation, Section 404(b) of ERISA and DOL regulation section 2550.404b-1) for which an exemption is not available, and (ii) neither the Issuer nor any of its affiliates is a "fiduciary" (within the meaning of Section 3(21) of ERISA or, in the case of a governmental, church or non-U.S. plan, any substantially similar federal, state, local or non-U.S. law) with respect to it by reason of its investment in the Securities and no advice that has been provided to it by the Issuer or any of its affiliates has formed a basis for any investment decision by it made in connection with the Securities. By its purchase of any Security, each Holder hereby indemnifies the Issuer, its subsidiaries and affiliates, and its officers, directors, advisors and other representatives and any of their subsidiaries or affiliates, against any direct or indirect liability that arises from any breach (whether or not intentional) of the foregoing representations.

Each purchaser of Securities will, by its purchase of such Securities, be deemed to acknowledge that

the purchase of the Security may not satisfy the indicia of ownership requirements under ERISA (Section 404(b)) and the Issuer makes no representations in connection therewith. Accordingly, benefit plan investors that are subject to ERISA should consult with their own counsel to determine whether the purchase of Securities will satisfy the indicia of ownership requirements of ERISA applicable to such purchase.

Any insurance company or pension or employee benefit plan proposing to invest in the Securities should consult with its legal counsel. Purchasers of the Securities have exclusive responsibility for ensuring that their purchase and holding of the Securities does not violate the fiduciary and prohibited transaction rules of ERISA, the Code or any similar laws or rules.

THE SALE OF SECURITIES TO A PENSION OR OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN IS IN NO RESPECT A REPRESENTATION BY THE ISSUER THAT SUCH AN INVESTMENT MEETS ALL RELEVANT LEGAL REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO INVESTMENTS BY PENSION OR EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS GENERALLY OR ANY PARTICULAR PLAN, OR THAT SUCH AN INVESTMENT IS APPROPRIATE FOR PLANS GENERALLY OR ANY PARTICULAR PLAN.

PART II: FORM OF THE SECURITIES

Information under this heading is applicable solely to Equity Certificates represented by Rule 144A Global Securities.

Initial Issue of Securities

The Rule 144A Global Security will be deposited with either (i) a custodian for, and registered in the name of, Cede & Co. as nominee for DTC or (ii) the common depository for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and registered in the name of a nominee of the common depository, and either DTC or Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, will credit each subscriber with a principal amount of Securities equal to the principal amount thereof for which it has subscribed and paid.

Relationship of Accountholders with Clearing Agents

For so long as any of the Securities is represented by a Rule 144A Global Security and such Rule 144A Global Security is held on behalf of one or more Clearing Agents, each person who is for the time being shown in the records of a Clearing Agent as the holder of a particular nominal amount or unit quantity of Securities (an “**Accountholder**”) shall be treated as the holder of that nominal amount or unit quantity of Securities for all purposes other than with respect to the payment or delivery of any amount on the Securities, the right to which shall be vested, as against the Issuer, solely in the registered holder of such Rule 144A Global Security in accordance with and subject to

its terms. Each Accountholder must look solely to the relevant Clearing Agent for its share of each payment or delivery made to the registered holder of a Rule 144A Global Security.

For each Rule 144A Global Security the Issuer will covenant in favour of each Accountholder that it will make all payments in respect of the nominal amount or unit quantity of Securities for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agents as being held by the Accountholder and represented a Rule 144A Global Security to the registered holder of such Rule 144A Global Security in accordance with its terms and acknowledges that each Accountholder may take proceedings to enforce this covenant and any of the other rights which it has (described under the preceding paragraph) directly against the Issuer.

Exchange

Each Rule 144A Global Security will be exchangeable for Definitive Securities:

- (i) by the Issuer giving notice to Holders of its intention to effect such exchange; or
- (ii) otherwise, if the Rule 144A Global Security is held on behalf of a Clearing Agent and any such Clearing Agent is closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of legal holidays) or announces an intention to cease business permanently or does in fact do so and the Holder is unable to settle the Securities through any non-affected Clearing Agent (an “**Exchange Event**”).

The Issuer will promptly give notice to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event. In the event of the occurrence of any Exchange Event, a Clearing Agent, acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in the Rule 144A Global Security, may give notice to the Principal Agent requesting exchange and the Issuer may also give notice to the Principal Agent requesting exchange. Any exchange shall occur no later than 10 days after the date of receipt of the relevant notice by the Principal Agent.

Exchanges will be made upon presentation of the Rule 144A Global Security at the office of the Principal Agent by the holder of it on any day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which banks are open for general business in New York. The aggregate nominal amount or unit quantity of Definitive Securities in registered form issued upon an exchange of the whole of the Rule 144A Global Security will be equal to the aggregate nominal amount or unit quantity of the Rule 144A Global Security.

On an exchange in whole of the Rule 144A Global Security, the Rule 144A Global Security shall be surrendered to the Registrar. Details of all exchanges shall be entered in the Register.

In this Base Prospectus, “**Definitive Securities**” means, in relation to any Rule 144A Global Security, the definitive Securities in registered form for which such Rule 144A Global Security may be exchanged. Definitive Securities will be security printed in accordance with any applicable legal and stock exchange requirements in or substantially in the form available from the offices of the Issuer.

Delivery of Definitive Securities

On or after any due date for exchange the holder of any Rule 144A Global Security may surrender such Global Security. In exchange for any Rule 144A Global Security the relevant Issuer will deliver, or procure the delivery of, an equal aggregate principal amount or unit quantity of duly executed and authenticated Definitive Securities.

Legends

Each Rule 144A Global Security and Definitive Security issued in exchange therefor will bear a legend as described under “Sales within the United States”.

Amendments to Conditions

The Rule 144A Global Securities contain provisions that apply to the Securities that they represent, some of which modify the effect of the terms and conditions of the Securities set out in the Base Prospectus. The following is a summary of those provisions:

Payments or Delivery

Any payments or deliveries (as the case may be) that are made in respect of a Rule 144A Global Security shall be made to its holder against (if no further payment or delivery falls to be made on it) surrender of it at the specified office of the Principal Agent or of any other Agent provided for in the Conditions.

Cancellation

Cancellation of any Security represented by a Rule 144A Global Security that is required by the Conditions to be cancelled (other than upon its redemption) shall be effected by entry in the Register, whereupon the nominal amount or unit quantity hereof shall be reduced for all purposes by the amount so cancelled and endorsed.

Clearing and Settlement

Please refer to “Clearing and Settlement” for information on clearing and settlement of Rule 144A Global Securities.

FORM OF THE SECURITIES

Information under this heading is applicable to Securities (other than Equity Certificates initially represented by Rule 144A Global Securities) for which the Clearing Agent is specified to be Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and/or Clearstream Banking in the applicable Final Terms and references to “Global Securities” in this section shall mean Global Securities other than Equity Certificates initially represented by Rule 144A Global Securities. Please refer to “Sales within the United States” for information on Equity Certificates represented by Rule 144A Global Securities.

Initial Issue of Securities

Regulation S Global Bearer Securities

All Securities may be in bearer form. Regulation S Global Bearer Securities may be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the related Series of Securities to a Clearing Agent or the depository for one or more Clearing Agents (the “**Common Depository**”).

Upon the initial deposit of a Regulation S Global Bearer Security with a Common Depository for a Clearing Agent, such Clearing Agent will credit each subscriber with a nominal amount or unit quantity of Securities equal to the nominal amount thereof for which it has subscribed and paid.

Securities that are initially deposited with the Common Depository for a Clearing Agent (the “**Relevant Clearing Agent**”) may also be credited to the accounts of subscribers with (if indicated in the relevant Final Terms) other Clearing Agents through direct or indirect accounts with the Relevant Clearing Agent held by such other Clearing Agents. Conversely, Securities that are initially deposited with any other Clearing Agent may similarly be credited to the accounts of subscribers with the Relevant Clearing Agent.

Regulation S Registered Global Securities

Regulation S Registered Global Securities will be registered in the name of a nominee of the common depository for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg will credit each subscriber with a principal amount of Securities equal to the principal amount thereof for which it has subscribed and paid.

Legends

Each Regulation S Global Security shall bear a legend applicable to such Security as set out under “– Selling Restrictions – United States of America”.

Relationship of Accountholders with Clearing Agents

For so long as any of the Securities is represented by a Global Security and such Global Security is

held on behalf of one or more Clearing Agents, each person who is for the time being shown in the records of a Clearing Agent as the holder of a particular nominal amount or unit quantity of Securities (an “**Accountholder**”) shall be treated as the holder of that nominal amount or unit quantity of Securities for all purposes other than with respect to the payment or delivery of any amount on the Securities, the right to which shall be vested, as against the Issuer, in the case of a Regulation S Global Bearer Security, solely in the bearer or, in the case of a Regulation S Registered Global Security, the registered holder, of a Global Security in accordance with and subject to its terms. Each Accountholder must look solely to the relevant Clearing Agent for its share of each payment or delivery made to, in the case of a Regulation S Global Bearer Security, the bearer or, in the case of a Regulation S Registered Global Security, the registered holder, of a Global Security.

The Issuer covenants in favour of each Accountholder that it will make all payments in respect of the nominal amount or unit quantity of Securities for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agents as being held by the Accountholder and represented by a Global Security to, in the case of a Regulation S Global Bearer Security, the bearer or, in the case of a Regulation S Registered Global Security, the registered holder, of a Global Security in accordance with its terms and acknowledges that each Accountholder may take proceedings to enforce this covenant and any of the other rights which it has (described under the preceding paragraph) directly against the Issuer.

Exchange

Regulation S Global Bearer Security

Each Regulation S Global Bearer Security will be exchangeable on or after its Exchange Date (as defined below), in whole but not in part, for Definitive Securities in bearer form (as defined below):

- (i) if such Regulation S Bearer Global Security is held by a Clearing Agent and any such Clearing Agent is closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of legal holidays) or announces an intention to cease business permanently or does in fact do so and the Holder is unable to settle such Securities through any non-affected Clearing Agent; or
- (ii) if so specified in the Final Terms, General Conditions or Product Conditions of such Regulation S Bearer Global Security, in an aggregate nominal amount or unit quantity equal to the nominal amount or unit quantity of such Regulation S Bearer Global Security submitted for exchange,

provided that in each case, certification as to non-US beneficial ownership in the form required by the relevant Clearing Agent has been provided to the such Clearing Agent with respect to such nominal amount or unit quantity submitted for such exchange.

Regulation S Registered Global Security

Each Regulation S Registered Global Security will be exchangeable in whole but not in part for Definitive Securities in registered form (as defined below):

- (i) by the Issuer giving notice to the Holders of its intention to effect such exchange; and
- (ii) otherwise, if the Regulation S Registered Global Security is held on behalf of a Clearing Agent and any such Clearing Agent is closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of legal holidays) or announces an intention to cease business permanently or does in fact do so and the Holder is unable to settle the Securities through any non-affected Clearing Agent.

Definitive Securities issued in exchange for a beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Security shall bear a legend applicable to such Securities as set out under “–Selling Restrictions – United States of America”.

Delivery of Definitive Securities

On or after any due date for exchange the holder of a Regulation S Global Security may surrender such Regulation S Global Security or, in the case of a partial exchange, present it for endorsement to or to the order of the Principal Agent. In exchange for any Regulation S Global Security, or the part thereof to be exchanged, the Issuer will in the case of a Regulation S Global Security exchangeable for Definitive Securities, deliver, or procure the delivery of, an equal aggregate nominal amount or unit quantity of duly executed and authenticated Definitive Securities. In this Base Prospectus, “**Definitive Securities**” means, in relation to any Regulation S Global Security, the definitive bearer or registered Securities, as applicable, for which such Global Security may be exchanged (if appropriate, having attached to them all Coupons in respect of interest that have not already been paid on the Global Security). Definitive Securities will be security printed in accordance with any applicable legal and stock exchange requirements in or substantially in the form available from the offices of the Issuer. On an exchange in whole of a Regulation S Registered Global Security, the Regulation S Registered Global Security shall be surrendered to the Registrar. Details of all exchanges of Regulation S Registered Global Securities shall be entered in the Register.

Exchange Date

“**Exchange Date**” means in relation to a permanent Global Security in bearer form, the first day following the giving of notice requiring exchange and on a day on which banks are open for business in the city in which the specified office of the Principal Agent is located and in the city in which the relevant Clearing Agent is located.

Amendment to Conditions

The permanent Global Securities and Regulation S Registered Global Securities contain provisions that apply to the Securities that they represent, some of which modify the effect of the terms and conditions of the Securities set out in this Base Prospectus. The following is a summary of certain of those provisions:

Permanent Regulation S Global Bearer Securities

(i) Payments or Delivery

Any payments or deliveries (as the case may be) that are made in respect of a Regulation S Global Bearer Security shall be made to its holder against presentation and (if no further payment or delivery falls to be made on it) surrender of it at the specified office of the Principal Agent or of any other Agent provided for in the Conditions. If any payment or delivery (as the case may be) is made in respect of any Security represented by a Regulation S Global Bearer Security (i) in full, the portion of such Regulation S Global Bearer Security representing such Security shall be cancelled and the amount or unit quantity so cancelled shall be endorsed by or on behalf of the Principal Agent on such Regulation S Global Bearer Security (such endorsement being prima facie evidence that the payment or delivery in question has been made) or (ii) otherwise, a record of each such payment or delivery shall be endorsed by or on behalf of the Principal Agent on such Regulation S Global Bearer Security (such endorsement being prima facie evidence that the payment or delivery in question has been made).

(ii) Cancellation

Cancellation of any Security represented by a permanent Regulation S Global Bearer Security that is required by the Conditions to be cancelled (other than upon its redemption) will be effected by reduction in the nominal amount or unit quantity of the relevant permanent Regulation S Global Bearer Security.

Regulation S Registered Global Securities

(i) Payments or Delivery

Any payments or deliveries (as the case may be) that are made in respect of a Regulation S Registered Global Security shall be made to its holder against (if no further payment or delivery falls to be made on it) surrender of it at the specified office of the Principal Agent or of any other Agent provided for in the Conditions.

(ii) Cancellation

Cancellation of any Security represented by a Regulation S Registered Global Security that is required by the Conditions to be cancelled (other than upon its redemption) shall be effected by entry

in the Register, whereupon the nominal amount or unit quantity hereof shall be reduced for all purposes by the amount so cancelled and endorsed.

Securities in certificated form

All Securities, other than Dematerialised Securities, will be issued in certificated form.

Securities in dematerialised form

Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “Holder” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

Clearing and Settlement

Please refer to “Clearing and Settlement” for information on clearing and settlement of Global Securities.

Securities cleared through CREST

Dematerialised Securities may be issued that are cleared through CREST (defined below under “General Information – Clearing and Settlement Systems”) that will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “Regulations”). In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “Register”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator and the Regulations. Please see the relevant General Conditions, Product Conditions and Final Terms for further information on Securities cleared through CREST.

CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT

Clearing and settlement of the Global Securities will be effected in accordance with the operating procedures of DTC, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other Clearing Agent, as applicable.

Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and DTC

Custodial and depositary links have been established with Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and DTC to facilitate the initial issue of the Securities and cross-market transfers of the Securities associated with secondary market trading.

Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg each hold securities for their customers and facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions through electronic book-entry transfer between their respective accountholders and provide various services including safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally-traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg also provide clearance and settlement facilities for domestic securities markets in several countries through established depositary and custodial relationships. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have established an electronic bridge between their two systems across which their respective customers may settle trades with each other. Their customers are worldwide 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 which clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with an accountholder of either system.

Distributions of principal and interest and any other amounts with respect to book-entry interests in the Securities held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg will be credited, to the extent received by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg from the Principal Agent, to the cash accounts of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg customers in accordance with the relevant system's rules and procedures.

DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organised under the laws of the State of New York and a "banking organisation" within the meaning of New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC holds securities for DTC participants and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between DTC participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of DTC participants. DTC is owned by a number of

its participants and by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the American Stock Exchange, Inc. and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. DTC participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations and certain other organisations. Indirect access to DTC is also available to others, such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies, which clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a DTC participant, either directly or indirectly. The rules applicable to DTC and its participants are on file with the SEC.

The Issuer expects that DTC or its nominee, or Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or the nominee of their common depository, as applicable, (the “**Global Security Clearing Agent**”) upon receipt of any payment of principal or interest in respect of a Rule 144A Global Security representing any Securities held by the Global Security Clearing Agent, payment in respect of which is to be made in the Global Security Clearing Agent, will credit the accounts of their participants with payments of principal or interest on the date payable in amounts proportionate to their respective interests in the principal amount of such Rule 144A Global Security as shown on the records of the Global Security Clearing Agent. The Issuer also expects that payments by participants to owners of interests in such Rule 144A Global Security held through such participants of a Global Security Clearing Agent, will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with securities held for the account of customers registered in street names. Such payments will be the responsibility of such participants.

The laws of some states of the United States require that certain persons take physical delivery of securities in definitive form. Consequently the ability to transfer interests in a Rule 144A Global Security to such persons may be limited. Because DTC and Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg can only act on behalf of participants, who in turn act on behalf of indirect participants, the ability of a person having an interest in a Rule 144A Global Security to pledge such interest to persons or entities which do not participate, directly or indirectly, in DTC or Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, or otherwise take actions in respect of such interest, may be affected by the lack of a physical certificate in respect of such interest.

The holdings of book-entry interests in Securities in Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and DTC will be reflected in the book-entry accounts of each such institution. Beneficial ownership in Securities will be held through financial institutions as direct and indirect participants in Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and DTC. Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and DTC, as the case may be, and every other intermediate holder in the chain to the beneficial owner of book-entry interests in the Securities, will be responsible for establishing and maintaining accounts for their participants and customers having interests in the book-entry interests in the Securities.

The Registrar will be responsible for maintaining a record of the aggregate holdings of Securities registered in the name of a nominee for the common depository for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, a nominee for DTC and/or holders of Securities represented by Definitive Securities. The Principal Agent will be responsible for ensuring that payments received by it from the Issuer for holders of interests in the Securities holding through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg are credited to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, and the Principal Agent will also be responsible for ensuring that payments received by the Principal Agent from the Issuer for holders of interests in the Securities holding through DTC are credited to DTC. Payments to holders of Securities represented by Definitive Securities will be made in accordance with the Conditions.

The Issuer will not impose any fees in respect of the Securities; however, holders of book-entry interests in the Securities may incur fees normally payable in respect of the maintenance and operation of accounts in Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and DTC.

Interests in Regulation S Global Securities and Rule 144A Global Securities will be in uncertificated book-entry form. Purchasers electing to hold book-entry interests in the Securities through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg accounts will follow the settlement procedures applicable to conventional eurobonds. Book-entry interests in the Regulation S Global Securities and Rule 144A Global Securities will be credited to Euroclear participant securities clearance accounts on the Business Day (as defined in the Conditions) following the Issue Date against payment (for value at the Issue Date), and to Clearstream, Luxembourg participant securities custody accounts on the Issue Date against payment in same day funds. DTC participants acting on behalf of purchasers electing to hold book-entry interests in the Rule 144A Global Securities through DTC will follow the delivery practices applicable to securities eligible for DTC's Same-Day Funds Settlement ("SDFS") system. DTC participant securities accounts will be credited with book-entry interests in the Rule 144A Global Securities following confirmation of receipt of payment to the Issuer on the Closing Date.

Trading between Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg Accountholders

Secondary market sales of book-entry interests in the Securities held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg to purchasers of book-entry interests in the Securities through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg will be conducted in accordance with the normal rules and operating procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and will be settled using the procedures applicable to conventional eurobonds.

Trading between DTC Participants in Securities held in DTC

Secondary market sales of book-entry interests in the Securities which are held in DTC

between DTC participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with DTC rules and will be settled using the procedures applicable to United States corporate debt obligations in DTC's SDFS system in same-day funds, if payment is effected in U.S. dollars or free of payment, if payment is not effected in U.S. dollars. Where payment is not effected in U.S. dollars, separate payment arrangements outside DTC are required to be made between the DTC participants.

Transfers within and between DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg

So long as a Global Security Clearing Agent is the holder of a Regulation S Global Security or a Rule 144A Global Security, as the case may be, such Global Security Clearing Agent will be considered the sole owner or holder of the Securities represented by such Regulation S Global Security or Rule 144A Global Security. All payments in respect of Securities represented by a Regulation S Global Security or Rule 144A Global Security will be made to a Global Security Clearing Agent. None of the Issuer, the Registrar, any Agent, Dealer, or Arranger or any affiliate of any of the above or any person by whom any of the above is controlled for the purposes of the Securities Act will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in Regulation S Global Securities or Rule 144A Global Securities or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

The information in this section regarding the procedures of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and DTC in order to facilitate the transfers of beneficial interests in the Securities among participants of DTC, Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear has been obtained from sources that the Issuer believes to be reliable but prospective investors are advised to make their own enquiries as to such procedures. None of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC is under any obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures, and such procedures may be discontinued at any time. None of the Issuer or the Registrar or any affiliate of any of the above, or any person by whom any of the above is controlled for the purposes of the Securities Act, will have any responsibility for the performance by DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg or their respective direct or indirect participants or accountholders of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations or for the sufficiency for any purpose of the arrangements described above.

Pre-Issue Trades Settlement

It is expected that delivery of the Securities will be made against payment therefor on or about a date which will occur more than three business days after the date of pricing of the Securities. Pursuant to Rule 15c6-1 under the Exchange Act, trades in the U.S. secondary

market generally are required to settle in three business days, unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade Securities in the United States on the date of pricing or the next succeeding business day will be required, by virtue of the fact that the Securities may initially settle on or about a date which will occur more than three business days after the date of pricing of the Securities, to specify an alternate settlement cycle at the time of any such trade to prevent a failed settlement. Purchasers of Securities who wish to trade Securities on the date of pricing or the next succeeding business day should consult their own advisor.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Authorisation

The establishment of the Base Prospectus and the issue of Securities has been duly authorised by resolutions of (i) the Issuer's board of directors dated 18 November 2009 and 15 December 2009; (ii) resolutions of the Group Asset and Liability Management Committee dated 8 February 2010 and a sub-committee of the Group Asset and Liability Management Committee dated 18 May 2011 and 22 May 2012.

Listing

Application will be made to NYSE Euronext or any other stock exchange or market for Securities issued up to the expiry of 12 months from the date of this Base Prospectus to be admitted to trading and to be listed on Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext or any other stock exchange or market. Certain Securities issued under this Base Prospectus may not be listed. For so long as the Securities are listed on Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext and NYSE Euronext requires so there will be a paying agent in The Netherlands. Citibank International Plc, Netherlands Branch, Global Transaction Services, Hoge Mosten 2, 4822 NH Breda, The Netherlands has been appointed as the initial paying agent in The Netherlands.

An issue of Securities of the same class as Securities already trading on a stock exchange or market for Securities, will only be admitted to trading on the same such stock exchange or market for Securities.

Recent Developments

Proposals – Dutch Scheme

On 26 March 2012, RBSG and RBS announced that (1) RBS N.V. (as the demerging company) and RBS II B.V. (as the acquiring company) had that day filed a proposal with the Dutch Trade Register for a legal demerger and (2) following a preliminary hearing at the Court of Session in Scotland, RBS and RBS II B.V. had that day made filings with Companies House in the UK and the Dutch Trade Register respectively for a proposed cross-border merger of RBS II B.V. into RBS (together with the proposal for the legal demerger, the “**Proposals**”). Upon implementation of the Proposals, a substantial part of the business conducted by RBS N.V. in The Netherlands as well as in certain EMEA branches of RBS N.V. (the “**Transferring Businesses**”) will be transferred to RBS. The Proposals will be implemented by the demerger of the Transferring Businesses into RBS II B.V. (a Dutch company licensed as a bank in The Netherlands that has been established specifically for the

purposes of the Dutch Scheme (as defined below)) by way of a Dutch statutory demerger (the “**Demerger**”), followed by the merger of RBS II B.V. into RBS through a cross-border merger (the “**Merger**” and, together with the Demerger, the “**Dutch Scheme**”). RBS and RBS N.V. have discussed the Dutch Scheme in detail with De Nederlandsche Bank and the Financial Services Authority. Implementation of the Dutch Scheme is subject, amongst other matters, to regulatory and court approvals. If granted, the regulatory approvals will be granted on the basis that the Demerger will not proceed unless the Merger is to proceed thereafter. Subject to these matters, it is expected that the Dutch Scheme will take effect on 9 July 2012.

Assets, Owners’ Equity and Capital Ratios

The Group had total assets of £1,507 billion and owners’ equity of £75 billion as at 31 December 2011. The Group’s capital ratios as at 31 December 2011 were a total capital ratio of 13.8 per cent., a Core Tier 1 capital ratio of 10.6 per cent. and a Tier 1 capital ratio of 13.0 per cent.

The Issuer Group had total assets of £1,432.8 billion and owners’ equity of £61.7 billion as at 31 December 2011. As at 31 December 2011, the Issuer Group’s capital ratios were a total capital ratio of 14.6 per cent., a Core Tier 1 capital ratio of 9.2 per cent. and a Tier 1 capital ratio of 11.0 per cent.

No Significant Change and No Material Adverse Change

There has been no significant change in the trading or financial position of the Issuer Group taken as a whole since 31 December 2011 (the end of the last financial period for which audited financial information of the Issuer Group has been published).

There has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the Issuer Group taken as a whole since 31 December 2011 (the date of the last published audited financial information of the Issuer Group).

Documents available

During the validity of this Base Prospectus, copies of the following documents will, when published, be available, free of charge, from the registered office of the Issuer:

- (a) the incorporation documents of the Issuer;
- (b) the consolidated audited financial statements of the Issuer in respect of the financial years ended 31 December 2010 and 31 December 2011, together with the audit reports thereon;
- (c) all future consolidated financial statements of the Issuer;
- (d) a copy of the Registration Document;

- (e) a copy of this Base Prospectus; and
- (f) all documents incorporated herein by reference.

In addition, copies of the Registry Services Agreement (as defined in the “Conditions”) will be made available for inspection during normal business hours at the registered office of the Registrar in respect of Securities cleared through CREST (defined below).

Clearing and settlement systems

The Securities have been accepted for clearance through Clearstream Banking AG (“**Clearstream AG**”), Nederlands Centraal Instituut voor Giraal Effectenverkeer B.V. (“**Euroclear Netherlands**”), Euroclear Bank, S.A./N.V. (“**Euroclear Luxembourg**”), Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme* (“**Clearstream, Luxembourg**”), Euroclear Finland OY (“**Euroclear Finland**”), Euroclear Sweden AB (“**Euroclear Sweden**”), Verdipapirsentralen ASA (“**VPS ASA**”), SIX SIS Ltd and the dematerialised and uncertificated securities trading system operated by Euroclear UK and Ireland Limited (“**CREST**”). The appropriate WKN, Common Code, International Securities Identification Number and Valoren for each Series allocated by Clearstream AG, Euroclear Netherlands, Euroclear, Luxembourg, Clearstream, Luxembourg, Euroclear Finland, Euroclear Sweden, VPS ASA and SIX SIS Ltd, and any other relevant security code allocated by any other relevant clearing system, will be specified in the applicable Final Terms. If the Securities are to clear through an additional or alternative clearing system the appropriate additional or alternative information will be specified in the applicable Final Terms. Transactions will normally be effected for settlement not earlier than three days after the date of the transaction.

Information on the Offering of the Securities

(a) Offer Process

For a short period prior to the Launch Date specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Securities of the relevant Series may be offered by the Issuer for subscription to prospective investors but the Issuer reserves the right to close subscription early. The Issuer anticipates that it will deliver the Final Terms in respect of each Series of the Securities which are to be admitted to trading and listed on Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext prior to the commencement of the Subscription Period specified in the Final Terms or prior to the Launch Date specified in the Final Terms if there is no Subscription Period. On or about the Launch Date, the Issuer will, pursuant to its agreement with NYSE Euronext, offer to buy or sell the Securities of any Series to be admitted to trading and listed on Euronext Amsterdam. The Issuer expects that each such Series of the Securities will be admitted to trading on Euronext Amsterdam with effect from the Launch Date stated in the applicable Final Terms. Except in the case of dematerialised Securities, the Securities will be issued in global form and all trades will be settled in the applicable clearing systems on their usual basis for secondary market transactions.

Other than the issue price of the Securities of the relevant Series, each prospective investor shall not be required to pay any expenses to the Issuer in order to subscribe for the relevant Securities.

Securities may be listed or admitted to trading, as the case may be, on such other or further stock exchanges or markets as the Issuer may decide. The Issuer may also issue unlisted Securities and/or Securities not admitted to trading on any market.

(b) Description of the Application and Payment Process for a Prospective Purchaser

Applications for Securities may be made by a prospective purchaser through any Dealer, broker, financial adviser, banker, financial intermediary or other agent acting in such a capacity (each a “Selling Agent”) which has a relationship with the Issuer governing the sale of the Securities. Pursuant to anti-money laundering regulations, prospective purchasers who are not an existing client of a Selling Agent may be required by their Selling Agent of choice to complete an anti-money laundering form and to provide further evidence of identification in advance of applying for any Securities.

Each prospective purchaser should ascertain from its Selling Agent of choice when that Selling Agent will require receipt of cleared funds from its clients in respect of applications for Securities and the manner in which payment should be made to the Selling Agent. Each Selling Agent may impose different arrangements relating to the purchase of Securities and prospective investors should contact the Selling Agents directly for information concerning such arrangements. Applicants for Securities who arrange to purchase the Securities through a Selling Agent should note that in doing so they are assuming the credit risk of the relevant Selling Agent and that such arrangements will be subject to the applicable conditions of the relevant Selling Agent.

(c) Conditions to Which the Offer is Subject

The offer, in respect of a particular Series of Securities is subject to the Conditions as set out in this Base Prospectus, the relevant Final Terms and any document incorporated by reference (see “*Documents Incorporated by Reference*”).

(d) Minimum/Maximum Application Amount

Investors are required to subscribe for a minimum of one (1) Security and thereafter in multiples of one (1) Security unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms in respect of the relevant Series of the Securities. There is no maximum subscription amount unless otherwise stated in the relevant Final Terms in respect of the relevant Series of the Securities.

(e) Scale-back and Cancellation

The Issuer and/or any Dealer reserves the right, prior to the Issue Date, in its absolute discretion to:

1. decline in whole or in part an application for Securities such that a prospective purchaser for

Securities may, in certain circumstances, not be issued the number of (or any) Securities for which it has applied (“**Scale-back**”); or

2. withdraw, cancel or modify the offer of the Securities (“**Cancellation**”).

The Issuer may Scale-back or effect a Cancellation of the Securities without notice and will notify prospective investors, either directly or indirectly through a relevant Selling Agent, of such Scale-back or Cancellation after such Scale-back or Cancellation has occurred. In the event that the Securities are not issued, no subscription monies shall be payable by prospective purchasers to the Issuer (either directly or indirectly through a Selling Agent (as defined above)) in respect of the Securities. Prospective purchasers should contact their Selling Agent of choice for details of the arrangements for the return of application monies in such circumstances. The Issuer shall have no responsibility for, or liability arising out of, the relationship between prospective purchasers and their respective Selling Agents and clearing system operators, including, without limitation, in respect of arrangements concerning the return of monies by such persons to their clients.

(f) Details of the Manner in Which the Results of the Initial Offer are to be Made Public

The total amount of the offer shall be as specified in the relevant Final Terms in respect of the relevant Series of the Securities. If an amount is not fixed then the Issuer will make a notification pursuant to Article 8 of the Prospectus Directive. Except in the case of (i) for a Scale-back or a Cancellation, in which case the Issuer will notify prospective investors of such Scale-back or Cancellation as described in sub-paragraph (e) above, or (ii) as otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms in respect of the relevant Series of the Securities, the Issuer will issue all of the Securities that are the subject of the offer on the Issue Date. A prospective investor submitting an application to purchase Securities will be notified by the Issuer, either directly or indirectly through a relevant Selling Agent, of the acceptance or otherwise of such application on or prior to the Issue Date. Dealing may begin before such notification is made.

(g) Categories of Investors to which Securities are Offered

The Securities will be offered to both retail and qualified investors.

(h) Expenses and Taxes

Any expenses are described in the relevant Product Conditions and Final Terms for the relevant Series and will be deducted accordingly. For further information on taxes, please refer to the section titled “**Taxation**”.

(i) Responsibility Statement

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Base Prospectus, as completed and/or amended by the Final Terms. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Issuer (which has

taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Base Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

(j) Post-issuance information

The Issuer does not intend to provide any post-issuance information.

(k) Description of the Securities

Certificates are investment instruments which, at maturity, expiration, settlement or redemption, and subject to due exercise in accordance with their Conditions, either:

(i) pay an amount determined by reference to the value of the underlying currency, commodity, index (including in the case of an index, the index and its constituent elements), share, bond, basket or other product (each, an “**Underlying**”) on one or more specified days or deliver the Underlying, subject to the certificate entitlement; or (ii) in the case of worst of knock-in basket reverse exchangeable deferred purchase agreement certificates, deliver an amount of delivery share or shares (that may or may not be a constituent or constituents of the Underlying basket) and if a Holder has elected to enter into a sale facility with the Issuer and the Issuer has consented to such election, allow the Issuer to arrange for the sale of the delivery share or shares and for the sale proceeds to be delivered to the Holder on the settlement date or redemption date, as the case may be, subject in each case to the terms of the relevant certificate.

As such, certificates expose the investor to the risks associated with the related Underlying (or any constituent elements).

Investors should be aware that their entire investment may be lost in the event that the Underlying is (or any constituent elements are) valued at zero. Unlike a direct investment in the Underlying, investors in the Securities are not able to hold certificates beyond their stated maturity, expiration, settlement or redemption date in the expectation of a recovery in the price of the Underlying (or any constituent elements).

The price at which a holder will be able to sell certificates prior to maturity or expiration or redemption may be at a potentially substantial discount to the market value of the certificates at the issue date, if, at such time and in addition to any other factors, the value of the Underlying is below, equal to or not sufficiently above the value of the Underlying at the issue date.

Worst of knock-in basket reverse exchangeable deferred purchase agreement certificates provide for a coupon or coupons to be paid to Holders, are linked to a basket of single stocks and, on the relevant settlement date or redemption date, as the case may be, will deliver a number of delivery share or shares (that may or may not be a constituent or constituents of the basket). The value of the delivery share or shares shall be determined on the basis of whether or not a knock-in event has occurred

during a particular period and if such event has occurred, also determined on the basis of the performance of the least performing stock in the basket. The Holder may request that the Issuer arrange for the sale of the delivery share or shares due to be delivered to the Holder on the settlement date or redemption date, as the case may be. If such sale is arranged, the sale proceeds may be less than the value of the delivery share or shares due to be delivered on the settlement date or redemption date, as the case may be, if the market price of the delivery stock or stocks at the time the sale is executed is less than the value of the delivery share or shares due to be delivered on such date. Worst of knock-in basket reverse exchangeable deferred purchase agreement certificates are not open end certificates and are automatically exercised on the exercise date (in the case of Exercisable Certificates) or redeemed on the redemption date (in the case of Redeemable Certificates) (as specified in the relevant Final Terms)

Airbag certificates are similar to ordinary certificates except that the return to the Holder is subject to a minimum amount unless the Underlying drops below a predetermined level. The Holder is entitled to an increased return if the Underlying rises above its level as at the Pricing Date, but such return may be subject to a maximum amount. These certificates cannot (in the case of Exercisable Certificates) be exercised by the Holder but instead are automatically exercised at maturity.

Discount certificates are similar to ordinary certificates, except that the return to the Holder is effectively capped. These certificates cannot (in the case of Exercisable Certificates) be exercised by the Holder but instead are automatically exercised at maturity.

Bonus certificates are similar to ordinary certificates except that the Underlying is monitored during the life of the certificates. If a knock-out event occurs (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) at any point during the life of the certificates then at expiration or maturity or redemption, as the case may be, the Holder will receive an amount equivalent to the value of the Underlying as at expiration or maturity. If a knock-out event has not occurred at any point during the life of the certificates then the Holder will receive at least the amount originally invested, and possibly more, as specified in the relevant Final Terms. These certificates cannot (in the case of Exercisable Certificates) be exercised by the Holder but instead are automatically exercised at maturity.

Double-up certificates are similar to ordinary certificates except that a Strike Price is set at the issue of the certificates equal to or around the level of the Underlying at that time. If the Underlying on expiration or maturity is at or above the Strike Price, then the Holder will receive an amount equal to the value of the Underlying plus the difference between the value of the Underlying and the Strike Price, effectively “doubling-up” the increase in performance of the Underlying. The amount received by the Holder will however be subject to a maximum amount. These certificates cannot (in the case of Exercisable Certificates) be exercised by the Holder but instead are automatically exercised at maturity.

Express certificates are similar to ordinary certificates except that the certificates may provide that (i) they will be subject to automatic early termination in certain circumstances and (ii) they can be terminated by the Issuer upon such notice as set out in the applicable Final Terms. To the extent that, at the maturity of the certificates, the Underlying has risen above its level at the Pricing Date, the Holder will participate in such rise, but such returns may be subject to a maximum amount. To the extent that, at the maturity of the certificates, the Underlying has fallen below its level at the Pricing Date, the Holder may receive less than the amount invested and, in certain cases, could lose its entire investment.

Equity Certificates are certificates where the Underlying is a share. Equity Certificates are not open end certificates. Equity Certificates may be cash settled or (in the case of non-U.S. persons) physically settled. Cash settled certificates pay, upon exercise or redemption, as the case may be, a cash amount determined by reference to the value of the Underlying. Physically settled certificates entitle the holder, upon exercise or redemption, as the case may be, to delivery of a defined amount of the Underlying and a cash payment in respect of any fractional entitlement.

Issued Financial Instruments on the Issuer's securities

At the date of this Base Prospectus, there are no convertible bonds or options on the Issuer's securities (including employee options) outstanding which have been issued by the Issuer or by group companies of the Issuer.

Equity Securities

All of the Issuer's ordinary shares are held by The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc and are not listed or traded.

Third Party Information

Where information has been sourced from a third party, the Issuer confirms that this information has been accurately reproduced and that as far as the Issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.

PROPRIETARY INDEX DESCRIPTIONS

RBS UK Navigator Index (GBP) (the “**Index**”)

The Index is calculated by The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V., acting through its London Branch, or its successor (the “**Index Calculation Agent**”) based on a methodology developed by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (the “**Index Sponsor**”).

The Index objective is to track a risk-stabilised, dynamic long-short algorithm which is linked to the Excess Return UK 100 Strategy (the “**ER Asset**”). The most current version of the ER Asset rules is available from the Index Sponsor upon request.

The dynamic long-short algorithm means an algorithm that can have either a notionally long or short position in the ER Asset at a particular point in time, but not both simultaneously. If the algorithm has a long position, the level of the Index will increase if the ER Asset rises in value and decrease if the ER Asset falls in value. If the algorithm has a short position, the level of the Index will increase if the ER Asset falls and decrease if the ER Asset rises.

On each monthly trend observation date, the algorithm compares the level of the ER Asset at the valuation time (“**ER Closing Price**”) to its monthly average price over the preceding 12 months (“**Moving Average Twelve**”) to determine market trend, and the Moving Average Twelve to the monthly average price over the preceding 3 months (“**Moving Average Three**”) to determine the strength of the market trend.

If the ER Closing Price on such trend observation date is greater than, or equal to, the Moving Average Twelve, then the market trend is deemed to be positive and the Index shall have a positive economic exposure to the ER Asset for the subsequent month. If the ER Closing Price on a trend observation date is lower than the Moving Average Twelve, then the market trend is deemed to be negative and the Index shall have a negative economic exposure to the ER Asset for the subsequent month.

If the market trend is positive and the Moving Average Three is greater than, or equal to, the Moving Average Twelve, then the long-exposure of the Index to the ER Asset will be 125%. In all other cases (i.e., the Moving Average Three is less than the Moving Average Twelve), the long-exposure will be 75%. If the market trend is negative and the Moving Average Three is less than the Moving Average Twelve, then the short-exposure of the Index to the ER Asset will be 125%. In all other cases (i.e., the Moving Average Three is more than the Moving Average Twelve), the short-exposure will be 75%.

The Index invests in the algorithm using a dynamic participation that is adjusted on a daily basis in order to stabilise the volatility of the Index. The dynamic participation will vary between 0% and 100% and shall be dependent on the realised volatility of the ER Asset. If the level of the realised

volatility increases above a certain level, the dynamic participation in the ER Asset will be decreased and if the realised volatility decreases below a certain level, the dynamic participation in the ER Asset will be increased. As such, the Index aims to realise a target volatility of less than 12% annualised. Information about the past and the future performance of the Index and its volatility can be obtained on Bloomberg page RBSDTUG1 Index.

A copy of the Index rules relating to the Index will be available for review from the Launch Date (if any) or Issue Date to the Settlement Date or Redemption Date at (i) the registered office of the Issuer at 36 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YB, Scotland and (ii) the office of any distributor(s). Investors should note that this description is subject to the detailed provisions of the Index rules. Full information on the composition and calculation of the Index is only available on the basis of the provisions set out in the Index rules. Investors should carefully read the Index rules before making any investment decisions in relation to the Instruments and, in particular, should read and understand the disclaimers and risk factors set out therein. In order to obtain the Index rules, an investor may need to give certain non-disclosure representations to the Index Sponsor.

Investors should note that the Index rules are subject to change from time to time. In certain circumstances, the Index Sponsor can change the method of calculating the Index, or may discontinue or suspend calculation or dissemination of the Index, which could affect the return or principal amount paid on the Instruments.

Index Sponsor: The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

Disclaimer:

Although the Index Sponsor will obtain information for inclusion in or for use in the calculation of the Index from sources which the Index Sponsor considers reliable, the Index Sponsor will not independently verify such information and does not guarantee the accuracy and/or the completeness of the Index or any data included therein. The Index Sponsor is under no obligation to advise any person of any error in the Index.

The Index Sponsor makes no express or implied representations or warranties concerning (i) the accuracy or completeness of this summary, (ii) whether or not the Index may achieve any particular level or meet or correlate with any particular objective or (iii) the fitness for any purpose of the Index or this summary.

The Index Sponsor accepts no legal liability to any person in connection with (i) this summary and (ii) its publication and dissemination of the Index.

Nothing in this description will:

exclude or restrict any obligation the Index Sponsor may have to any recipient of this summary, nor any liability the Index Sponsor may incur to any such recipient, under the Financial Services and

Markets Act 2000, or the regulatory regime thereunder; or

exclude or restrict, to an extent prohibited by law, any duty or liability the Index Sponsor may have to any recipient of this description.

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc owns intellectual property rights in the Index. Any use of any such intellectual property rights must be with the consent of The Royal Bank of Scotland plc.

RBS UK Autopilot Index (GBP) (the “**Index**”)

The Index is calculated by RBS Business Services Private Limited, acting through its London Branch, or its successor (the “**Index Calculation Agent**”) based on a methodology developed by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (the “**Index Sponsor**”).

The Index aims to track the return of a notional strategy that allocates between the following five constituents which may be comprised of one or more underlyings:

An equally-weighted basket of the FTSE 100 Index, S&P 500 Index, Nikkei 225 Stock Average and the DJ EUROSTOXX 50 (Price) Index (“**Constituent 1**”);

iShares MSCI Emerging Market Index Fund (“**Constituent 2**”);

DJ AIG Commodity Excess Return Index (“**Constituent 3**”);

FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Europe Index (“**Constituent 4**”);

and the UK Retail Prices Index which is entitled “**All Items NSA Inflation Index**” (the “**Inflation Index**” or “**Constituent 5**” and Constituents 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 shall be collectively referred to as the “**Constituents**”).

On or around the first calendar day of each month (“**Rebalancing Date**”) the Index Calculation Agent will rebalance the weight allocated to a Constituent and such weight will be effective following the Rebalancing Date. The weight to be allocated to each Constituent will be determined with reference to the value of each Constituent 1, 2, 3 and 4 taken on the first calculation date immediately preceding each Rebalancing Date (“**Determination Date**”).

On each Determination Date, the value of Constituents 1, 2, 3 and 4 will each be compared to its respective monthly average value over the preceding 12 months (“**Moving Average**”). If the relevant value of Constituent 1, 2, 3 and 4 is greater than its respective Moving Average, the Index Calculation Agent will allocate a weight of 25% of the notional value of the Index to such Constituent from the day immediately following the Rebalance Date up to and including the immediately following Rebalancing Date. Otherwise, the Index Calculation Agent shall allocate a weight of 25% of the notional value of the Index to the Inflation Index. Hence, each of Constituent 1, 2, 3 and 4 can have a weight of either 0% or 25% and Constituent 5 can have a weight of either 0%, 25%, 50%, 75% or 100%. In total, the weights shall sum to 100%.

In any monthly performance period which will commence on the day immediately following a Rebalancing Date and end on the following Rebalancing Date (“**Monthly Performance Period**”), the monthly return of each Constituent shall be determined by the Index Calculation Agent from the start of the Monthly Performance Period until the end of the Monthly Performance Period. With respect to Constituents 1, 2, 3 and 4 the monthly return will be capped at 7.00% and with respect to the Inflation

Index, the monthly return shall be fixed at one-twelfth of the annual return of Inflation Index. Information about the past and the future performance of the Index and its volatility can be obtained on Bloomberg page RBSDAPG1 Index.

A copy of the Index rules relating to the Index will be available for review from the Launch Date (if any) or Issue Date to the Settlement Date or Redemption Date at (i) the registered office of the Issuer at 36 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YB, Scotland and (ii) the office of any distributor(s). Investors should note that this description is subject to the detailed provisions of the Index rules. Full information on the composition and calculation of the Index is only available on the basis of the provisions set out in the Index rules. Investors should read carefully the Index rules before making any investment decisions in relation to the Instruments and, in particular, should read and understand the disclaimers and risk factors set out therein. In order to obtain the Index rules, an investor may need to give certain non-disclosure representations to the Index Sponsor.

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RBS VC BRIC (EUR) ER 16% Index (the “**Index**”)

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The Index aims to track a notional strategy that applies volatility control and circuit breaker mechanisms (as defined below) to the performance of the Base Methodology (as defined below) following the deduction of trading cost. The “**Base Methodology**” reflects the performance of the Reference Index following the deduction of the Performance Adjustment. The “**Reference Index**” is the DAXGlobal BRIC Net TR EUR Index which is sponsored and published by Deutsche Borse AG (Bloomberg code D1AZN Index).

The “**Performance Adjustment**” is the level of adjustment, applied to the Base Methodology which represents the costs incurred by the Sponsor in linking (and therefore notionally exposing) the Index to the Reference Index. The Performance Adjustment will reduce the level of the Base Methodology and therefore the Index level.

The Index level is reduced by trading costs which represent the costs incurred by the Sponsor from the bid-offer spread notionally payable to change the exposure in the Reference Index.

The purpose of the volatility-control mechanism is to dynamically adjust exposure to the Base Methodology based on the Maximum Realised Volatility (as defined below) of the Base Methodology.

The “**Maximum Realised Volatility**” is calculated as the maximum Realised Volatility (as defined below) over 5 consecutive calculation dates which are used as reference observation dates. The “**Realised Volatility**” herein is specifically a measure of how much the daily returns of the Base Methodology have fluctuated around their average in the past over a defined time period. The time period is taken to be twenty (20) calculation dates and the average is calculated as the arithmetic mean.

Exposure to the Base Methodology is reduced if the Maximum Realised Volatility of the Base Methodology increases to certain levels. Conversely, exposure to the Base Methodology is increased if the Maximum Realised Volatility of the Base Methodology decreases to certain levels.

The dynamically adjusted exposure (the “**Dynamic Participation**”) provides for the Index to have exposure to the Base Methodology within a range from a minimum of 0% to a maximum of 100.00%. The Dynamic Participation is thus determined according to the range that the Maximum Realised Volatility falls within.

In certain instances, the Dynamic Participation applied to the Base Methodology is reduced to zero

irrespective of the Maximum Realised Volatility of the Base Methodology. This change in the Dynamic Participation occurs when the Base Methodology detects a sudden spike in the volatility of the Base Methodology along with fall in the value of the Base Methodology. When this spike occurs (known as a “**Circuit Breaker Trigger Event**”), the exposure to the Base Methodology will be zero from and including the day upon which a Circuit Breaker Trigger Event occurs to and including the four consecutive calculation dates following such date.

Information about the past and the future performance of the Index and its volatility can be obtained from Bloomberg code: RBSBEBE1 Index.

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The Index aims to track a notional strategy that applies a volatility control mechanism (as defined below) to the performance of the RICI® Enhanced Excess Return Index (Bloomberg page RIEHGLER Index) (the “**Reference Index**”).

The purpose of the volatility-control mechanism is to dynamically adjust exposure to the Reference Index based on the Maximum Realised Volatility (as defined below) of the Reference Index.

The “**Maximum Realised Volatility**” is calculated as the maximum Realised Volatility (as defined below) over 5 consecutive calculation dates which are used as reference observation dates. The “**Realised Volatility**” herein is specifically a measure of how much the daily returns of the Reference Index have fluctuated around their average in the past over a defined time period. The time period is taken to be twenty (20) calculation dates and the average is calculated as the arithmetic mean.

Exposure to the Reference Index is reduced if the Maximum Realised Volatility of the Reference Index increases to certain levels. Conversely, exposure to the Reference Index is increased if the Maximum Realised Volatility of the Reference Index decreases to certain levels.

The dynamically adjusted exposure (the “**Dynamic Participation**”) provides for the Index to have exposure to the Reference Index within a range from a minimum of 0% to a maximum of 100.00%. The Dynamic Participation is thus determined according to the range that the Maximum Realised Volatility falls within.

Information about the past and the future performance of the Index and its volatility can be obtained from Bloomberg code: RSBMTU1 Index.

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RBS Environmental Strategy (GBP) PR 12% Index (the “**Index**”)

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The Index aims to track a notional strategy that applies a volatility control mechanism (as defined below) to the performance of the Reference Asset (as defined below). The Reference Asset reflects the performance of the Reference Index following the deduction of the Performance Adjustment. The “**Reference Index**” is the RBS Environmental Base Total Return Index (Bloomberg code RBSZENVT Index).

The “**Performance Adjustment**” is the level of adjustment applied to the Reference Asset, which represents the amounts synthetically deducted by the Sponsor when creating the price return Index. The Performance Adjustment will reduce the level of the Reference Asset and therefore the Index level.

The purpose of the volatility-control mechanism is to dynamically adjust exposure to the Reference Asset based on the Maximum Realised Volatility (as defined below) of the Reference Asset.

The “**Maximum Realised Volatility**” is calculated as the maximum Realised Volatility (as defined below) over 5 consecutive calculation dates which are used as reference observation dates. The “**Realised Volatility**” herein is specifically a measure of how much the daily returns of the Reference Asset have fluctuated around their average in the past over a defined time period. The time period is taken to be twenty (20) calculation dates and the average is calculated as the arithmetic mean.

Exposure to the Reference Asset is reduced if the Maximum Realised Volatility of the Reference Asset increases to certain levels. Conversely, exposure to the Reference Asset is increased if the Maximum Realised Volatility of the Reference Asset decreases to certain levels.

The dynamically adjusted exposure (the “**Dynamic Participation**”) provides for the Index to have exposure to the Reference Asset within a range from a minimum of 0% to a maximum of 100.00%. The Dynamic Participation is thus determined according to the range that the Maximum Realised Volatility falls within.

Information about the past and the future performance of the Index and its volatility can be obtained from Bloomberg code: RBSBEVG1 Index.

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RBS UK Balanced Sector (GBP) PR 12.65% Index (the “**Index**”)

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The Index aims to track a notional strategy that applies a volatility control mechanism (as defined below) to the performance of the Reference Asset (as defined below). The “**Reference Asset**” reflects the performance of the Reference Index following the deduction of the Performance Adjustment. The “**Reference Index**” is the RBS Balanced Sector Base Total Return Index (Bloomberg code RBSZUKBS Index).

The “**Performance Adjustment**” is the level of adjustment applied to the Reference Asset, which represents the amounts synthetically deducted by the Sponsor when creating the price return Index. The Performance Adjustment will reduce the level of the Reference Asset and therefore the Index level.

The purpose of the volatility-control mechanism is to dynamically adjust exposure to the Reference Asset based on the Maximum Realised Volatility (as defined below) of the Reference Asset.

The “**Maximum Realised Volatility**” is calculated as the maximum Realised Volatility (as defined below) over 5 consecutive calculation dates which are used as reference observation dates. The “**Realised Volatility**” herein is specifically a measure of how much the daily returns of the Reference Asset have fluctuated around their average in the past over a defined time period. The time period is taken to be twenty (20) calculation dates and the average is calculated as the arithmetic mean.

Exposure to the Reference Asset is reduced if the Maximum Realised Volatility of the Reference Asset increases to certain levels. Conversely, exposure to the Reference Asset is increased if the Maximum Realised Volatility of the Reference Asset decreases to certain levels.

The dynamically adjusted exposure (the “**Dynamic Participation**”) provides for the Index to have exposure to the Reference Asset within a range from a minimum of 0% to a maximum of 165.00%. The Dynamic Participation is thus determined according to the range that the Maximum Realised Volatility falls within.

Information about the past and the future performance of the Index and its volatility can be obtained from Bloomberg code: RSBUTG1 Index.

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RBS Global Metal & Mining Index (USD) TR (the “**Index**”)

The Index is based on a methodology (the “**Index Rules**”) developed by The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. (the “**Index Sponsor**”).

The Index is initially equally weighted and tracks 30 companies which are operating in the Metal & Mining industry according to the S&P industry classification, as determined in the reasonable discretion of the index calculator (each a “**Metal & Mining Related Company**” and together “**Metal & Mining Related Companies**”).

To qualify for inclusion in the Index, a “**Share Company**” (a company which for the time being is included in the Index) must in addition to being a Metal and Mining Related Company, have a total market capitalisation of minimum USD 100,000,000 or the equivalent amount in another currency calculated by applying the exchange rate and have a 3 month average daily turnover of a minimum of USD 1,000,000 (the “**Selection Criteria**”).

On the index launch date the value of the Index (“**Index Value**”) was USD 100.

The Index Value is calculated once a day on every business day. The Index Value is the weighted total of all the shares in the Index multiplied by the price of each share. All distributions made by a Share Company shall be notionally reinvested proportionally according to each share’s weight in the Index in order to preserve the weighting given to the stock of each share company included in the Index.

The Index shall be re-weighted annually. The existing shares shall be weighted equally with effect from the annual re-weighting date. The basis for the re-weighting shall be the prices of the shares from the annual re-weighting date taking into account the relevant exchange rate if necessary.

The Index shall comprise at any time of at least seven “**Qualifying Share Companies**” (meaning each Metal & Mining Related Company which complies with the Selection Criteria and which for the time being is included in the Index) and ceases to exist if there are less than seven Qualifying Share Companies eligible for inclusion.

The information above is a description of the methodology and material rules and risks relating to the Index. The Selection Criteria indicate the key criteria which must be fulfilled for inclusion in the Index, but is not intended to be exhaustive. The Index Sponsor makes no representation or warranty that the Index will achieve its stated investment objectives.

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RBS Mongolia Opportunity Index (USD) TR (the “**Index**”)

The Index is based on a methodology (the “**Index Rules**”) developed by The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. (the “**Index Sponsor**”).

The Index is a net total return index designed to reflect the performance of the securities of all companies that derive at least 50% of their revenues from Mongolia, or at least 50% of their property and other interests in mineral resource properties are held in Mongolia (each such company a “**Mongolia-related Company**” and together referred to as the “**Mongolia-related Companies**”). Only ordinary shares or preferred shares, American Depository Receipts or Global Depository Receipts of such Mongolia-related Companies are eligible for inclusion in the Index.

On each “**Determination Date**” (being 10 business days before each semi annual re-weighting date), the index calculator will determine which securities are eligible for inclusion in the Index. In addition to being a Mongolia Related Company, each issuer of a security must have a total market capitalisation of greater than USD 100,000,000 or the equivalent amount in another currency calculated by applying the exchange rate, the security must have a 3 month average daily value traded of greater than USD 500,000 (the “**Selection Criteria**”).

On the Index launch date the value of the Index was USD 100.

The index calculator shall compile a list of all Qualifying Share Companies (such list the “**Selection List**”). The securities that will be included in the Index effective at the open of trading on the relevant re-weighting date (the “**Prospective Shares**”) are selected from the Qualifying Shares on the Selection List in accordance with the following selection procedure (“**Selection Procedure**”):

If a “**Qualifying Share Company**” (meaning a company which is the issuer of a “**Qualifying Share**”, which is any security which complies with the Selection Criteria) has issued several classes of securities which are eligible based on the Selection Criteria, the index calculator shall remove the class of security with the lower liquidity measured by 3 month average daily value traded;

the Qualifying Share Companies in the Selection List are ranked in descending order by their market capitalisation in USD (or the equivalent amount in another currency calculated by applying the Exchange Rate) as published on Bloomberg. The Qualifying Share Company with the highest market capitalisation is listed first with a rank equal to 1;

If the Selection List includes 15 or more Qualifying Share Companies, the Qualifying Shares of the top 15 largest Qualifying Share Companies based on market capitalisation, or, where the Selection List includes less than 15 (but at least 7) Qualifying Share Companies, the Qualifying Shares of all Qualifying Share Companies are included in the Index, and the respective weight of each Prospective Share cannot exceed 15%.

The value of the index (“**Index Value**”) is calculated once a day on every business day. The Index Value is the weighted total of all the shares in the basket multiplied by the price of each share. All distributions made by a share company shall be notionally reinvested proportionally according to each share’s weight in the Index in order to preserve the weighting given to the stock of each share company included in the Index. The index calculator will calculate and publish the Index Value.

The composition of the Index is determined on each Determination Date and the Index is rebalanced on each semi annual re-weighting date. The Index shall initially and on each semi annual re-weighting date be modified market capitalisation weighted. The Index shall include at any time a minimum number of 7 shares and will cease to be calculated if there are less than 7 Qualifying Share Companies.

The information above is a description of the methodology and material rules and risks relating to the Index. The Selection Criteria indicate the key criteria which must be fulfilled for inclusion in the Index, but is not intended to be exhaustive. The Index Sponsor makes no representation or warranty that the Index will achieve its stated investment objectives.

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Rare Metals Mining Index (USD) TR (the “**Index**”)

The Index is based on a methodology (the “**Index Rules**”) developed by The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. (the “**Index Sponsor**”).

The Index is a total return index designed to reflect the performance of the securities of companies actively involved in mining or mineral exploration of beryllium, cobalt, lithium, molybdenum, rhodium, ruthenium, tantalum, or titanium (each such company a “**Rare Metals Mining Company**” and together referred to as the “**Rare Metals Mining Companies**”) that are included in the Index. New applications of such metals in catalysts and alloying agents as technological advances are made, may create new supply and demand patterns. Only ordinary or preference shares, American Depository Receipts or Global Depository Receipts of such Rare Metals Mining Companies are eligible for inclusion in the Index.

On each “**Determination Date**” (being 10 business days before the index launch date or each semi annual re-weighting date), the index calculator will determine which securities are eligible for inclusion in the Index. In addition to being a Rare Metals Mining Company, each issuer of a security must have a total market capitalisation of greater than USD 100,000,000 but less than USD 10,000,000,000 or the equivalent amount in another currency calculated by applying the exchange rate and the security must have a 3 month average daily value traded of greater than USD 1,000,000 (the “**Selection Criteria**”).

Between each Determination Date and the index launch date or the relevant semi annual re-weighting date, the index calculator shall compile a list of “**Qualifying Share Companies**” (meaning a company which is the issuer of a “**Qualifying Share**”, which is any security which complies with the Selection Criteria) (such list, the “**Selection List**”). The index components are selected in accordance with the following selection procedure (“**Selection Procedure**”):

If a Qualifying Share Company has issued several classes of securities, the index calculator shall take the class of security which best represents the Qualifying Share Company, as determined by it at its sole and absolute discretion, and which complies with all of the Selection Criteria;

On the Determination Date, the Qualifying Share Companies on the Selection List are ranked in descending order by their market capitalisation in USD (or the equivalent amount in another currency calculated by applying the Exchange Rate) as published on Bloomberg. The

Qualifying Share Company with the highest market capitalisation is listed first with a rank equal to 1;

If the Selection List comprises 15 or more Qualifying Share Companies, the top 15 Qualifying Share Companies using the above ranking, or, where the Selection List comprises less than 15 Qualifying Share Companies, all the Qualifying Share Companies, are included in the Index, and the respective weight of each index component cannot exceed 15%.

The value of the index (“**Index Value**”) is calculated once a day on every business day. The Index Value is the weighted total of all the shares in the basket multiplied by the price of each share. All distributions made by a share company shall be notionally reinvested proportionally according to each share’s weight in the Index in order to preserve the weighting given to the stock of each share company included in the Index. The index calculator will calculate and publish the Index Value.

The index components will, initially and on each semi annual re-weighting date, be modified market capitalisation weighted, with a maximum weight of 15%.

The Index shall comprise at any time a minimum of 7 shares and will cease to be calculated if there are less than 7 Qualifying Share Companies.

The information above is a description of the methodology and material rules and risks relating to the Index. The Selection Criteria indicate the key criteria which must be fulfilled for inclusion in the Index, but is not intended to be exhaustive. The Index Sponsor makes no representation or warranty that the Index will achieve its stated investment objectives.

A copy of the Index Rules relating to the Index will be available for review from the beginning of the offer period (if any) to the relevant maturity date upon request at the offices of the Index Sponsor at The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. 250 Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 4AA. Investors should note that this description of the Index Rules is subject to the detailed provisions of the Index Rules. In order to obtain the Index Rules, an investor may need to give certain non-disclosure representations to the Index Sponsor.

Investors should note that the Index Rules are subject to change from time to time. In certain circumstances, the Index Sponsor can change the method of calculating the Index, or may discontinue or suspend calculation or dissemination of the Index which could affect the return or principal amount paid on the Securities.

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RBS VC Commodity Autopilot Index (USD) PR 10% (the “**Index**”)

The Index is calculated by RBS Business Services Private Limited (the “**Calculation Agent**”) based on a methodology developed by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (the “**Index Sponsor**”). The Index is denominated in USD (the “**Base Currency**”).

The Index aims to track a Core Index (as defined below) after a volatility control overlay has been applied to the Core Index.

The purpose of the volatility control overlay is to dynamically adjust exposure to the Core Index based upon the maximum realised historical volatility (the “**Maximum Realised Volatility**”) of the Core Index. The Maximum Realised Volatility is calculated as the highest Realised Volatility observed over five (5) consecutive Calculation Dates. The Realised Volatility is a measure of how much the daily returns of the Core Index have fluctuated around their average in the past over a defined time period. The time period is taken to be twenty (20) days and the average is calculated as the arithmetic mean.

Exposure to the Core Index is reduced if the Maximum Realised Volatility of the Core Index increases to certain levels. Conversely, exposure to the Core Index is increased if the Maximum Realised Volatility of the Core Index decreases to certain levels. The dynamically adjusted exposure (“**Dynamic Exposure**”) provides exposure to the Core Index within a range from a minimum of 0.0% to a maximum of 100.0%. The Dynamic Exposure depends upon the range that the Maximum Realised Volatility falls within. The Index aims to realise an annualised volatility of less than 10.0% annualised.

The “**Core Index**” is linked to the performance of an equally weighted basket of three following underlying assets by the application of an algorithm and deduction of an access cost:

RICI[®] EnhancedSM Energy Excess Return Index (“**Underlying 1**”);

RICI[®] EnhancedSM Agriculture Excess Return Index (“**Underlying 2**”); and

RICI[®] EnhancedSM Metals Excess Return Index (“**Underlying 3**”);

and each an “**Underlying U**” for U = 1 to 3 and together the “**Underlyings**”.

Access costs with respect to U = 1 to 3 will be deducted from the performance of the relevant Underlying, which will, in turn, reduce the level of the Core Index. The deduction of the access cost from the performance of the Underlying represents the costs charged and expenses incurred by the Index Sponsor when investing in each Underlying (for U = 1 to 3).

On each Calculation Date, the simple moving average of the levels of each Underlying (for U = 1 to 3) is calculated by using values up to and including that Calculation Date (each a “**Moving Average U**”). The number of Calculation Dates used to calculate the Moving Average may vary for each Underlying (for U = 1 to 3), (each a **Moving Average Period**). The Moving Average U is arrived at by the summation of the levels of an Underlying U over the Moving Average Period (including the level on Calculation Date t) and dividing the result by the number of Calculation Dates in its Moving Average Period.

On each Calculation Date, the trend of an Underlying is reviewed. The Core Index will reference an economic long exposure to an Underlying U (for U = 1 to 3) if, on a given Calculation Date, it is observed that the level of an Underlying U (for U = 1 to 3) has been higher than its Moving Average U on each of the last 10 consecutive Calculation Dates. If the level of an Underlying U (for U = 1 to 3) have been equal to or less than the corresponding Moving Average U on each of the last 10 consecutive Calculation Dates, the Core Index will not have exposure to the Underlying U (for U = 1 to 3). When a level is above its Moving Average U for 10 consecutive Calculation Dates, an Underlying U (for U = 1 to 3) is said to be in a positive trend. When a level is equal to or below its Moving Average U for 10 consecutive Calculation Dates, the Underlying U (for U = 1 to 3) is said to be in a negative trend. A trend will revert (and therefore exposure to an Underlying will change) only if there have been 10 consecutive Calculation Dates where the levels of an Underlying have been uniformly (a) equal to or below the Moving Average U in the case of a trend reverting from positive to negative, or (b) above the Moving Average U in the case of a trend reverting from negative to positive.

The Core Index is rebalanced on the first Calculation Date of each calendar month so that the weighting of the Underlyings in the Core Index are equal.

The Index also accrues interest at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum.

The Index shall be calculated at the Valuation Time (“**Valuation Time**” being the time at which levels for all Underlyings are available on the relevant exchanges) on each scheduled trading day (i.e. a day on which each exchange (where trading of the Underlying principally occurs) and related exchange is scheduled to be open for its regular trading session) which is not a disrupted day (each such day being a “**Calculation Date**”).

The information above is a description of the methodology and material rules relating to the Index. The Index Sponsor makes no representation or warranty that the Index will achieve its stated investment objectives.

A copy of the Index Rules relating to the Index will be available for review from the beginning of the offer period (if any) to the relevant maturity date upon request at the offices of the Index Sponsor at The Royal Bank of Scotland plc. 250 Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 4AA. Investors should note that this description of the Index Rules is subject to the detailed provisions of the Index Rules. In order to obtain the Index Rules, an investor may need to give certain non-disclosure representations to the Index Sponsor.

Investors should note that the Index Rules are subject to change from time to time. In certain circumstances, the Index Sponsor can change the method of calculating the Index, or may discontinue or suspend calculation or dissemination of the Index which could affect the return or principal amount paid on the Securities.

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RBS Waste Management Index (EUR) TR (the “**Index**”)

The Index is based on a methodology (the “**Index Rules**”) developed by The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. (the “**Index Sponsor**”).

The Index is a total return index designed to reflect the performance of the securities of companies which generate more than 50% of total revenues from the collection, transport, processing, recycling or disposal of waste materials, or revenues more than EUR 1 billion from these activities (each such company a “**Waste Management Company**” and together referred to as the “**Waste Management Companies**”) that are included in the Index. Only ordinary or preference shares, American Depository Receipts or Global Depository Receipts of such Waste Management Companies are eligible for inclusion in the Index.

The index calculator will make determinations as regards the securities which are eligible for inclusion within the Index on the basis of certain criteria and will determine their weights. In addition to being a Waste Management Company, each issuer of a security must have a total market capitalisation of minimum EUR 500,000,000 or the equivalent amount in another currency calculated by applying the exchange rate and the security must have a 3 month average daily value traded of greater than EUR 1,000,000 (the “**Selection Criteria**”).

The Index will initially comprise the shares of 15 companies selected by the index calculator on the Index launch date which comply with the Selection Criteria (“**Qualifying Share Companies**”). On the Index launch date the value of the Index was EUR 100 (“**Initial Index Value**”).

A list shall be compiled of Qualifying Share Companies (such list, the “**Selection List**”). The index components are selected in accordance with the following selection procedure (“**Selection Procedure**”):

If a Qualifying Share Company has issued several classes of securities, the index calculator shall take the class of security which best represents the Qualifying Share Company, as determined by it at its sole and absolute discretion, and which complies with all of the Selection Criteria.

The Qualifying Share Companies on the Selection List are ranked in descending order by their market capitalisation in EUR (or the equivalent amount in another currency calculated by applying the Exchange Rate) as published on Bloomberg. The Qualifying Share Company with the highest market capitalisation is listed first with a rank equal to 1.

If the Selection List comprises 15 or more Qualifying Share Companies, the top 15 Qualifying Share Companies using the above ranking, or, where the Selection List comprises less than 15 Qualifying Share Companies, all the Qualifying Share Companies, are included in the Index, and the respective weight of each index component is calculated by dividing 1 by the number of index components.

The value of the index (“**Index Value**”) is calculated once a day on every business day. The Index Value is the weighted total of all the shares in the basket multiplied by the price of each share. All distributions shall be notionally reinvested proportionally according to each share’s weight in the Index in order to preserve the initial weighting given to the stock of each share company included in the Index.

Following the initial composition of the Index when it is first launched, the index calculator will semi annually review the notional composition of the Index and re-weight the components of the Index subject to each component meeting the Selection Criteria.

The index components will, initially and on each semi annual re-weighting date be equal weighted.

The Index shall comprise at any time of a minimum of 8 shares and ceases to be calculated if there are less than 8 Qualifying Share Companies.

The information above is a description of the methodology and material rules and risks relating to the Index. The Selection Criteria indicate the key criteria which must be fulfilled for inclusion in the Index, but is not intended to be exhaustive. The Index Sponsor makes no representation or warranty that the Index will achieve its stated investment objectives.

A copy of the Index Rules relating to the Index will be available for review from the beginning of the offer period (if any) to the relevant maturity date upon request at the offices of the Index Sponsor at The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. 250 Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 4AA. Investors should note that this description of the Index Rules is subject to the detailed provisions of the Index Rules. In order to obtain the Index Rules, an investor may need to give certain non-disclosure representations to the Index Sponsor.

Investors should note that the Index Rules are subject to change from time to time. In certain circumstances, the Index Sponsor can change the method of calculating the Index, or may discontinue or suspend calculation or dissemination of the Index which could affect the return or principal amount paid on the Securities.

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RBS Climate Change & Environment Index (EUR) TR (the “**Index**”)

The Index is based on a methodology (the “**Index Rules**”) developed by The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. (the “**Index Sponsor**”).

The Index is designed to reflect the performance of the securities of the “**Sector Companies**” (being companies which derive revenues from one or more of the following sectors: ethanol, geothermal power and other alternative fuels, hydroelectric power, platinum and palladium mining, solar power, water, waste management or wind power (collectively the “**Sectors**”) and are not classified on Bloomberg as being in any of the following industry groups: (i) Oil & Gas; (ii) Gas; or (iii) Coal), as determined at the sole and absolute discretion of the index calculator, after reasonable consideration of the available information, that are included in the Index. Only ordinary or preference shares, American Depository Receipts or Global Depository Receipts of such Sector Companies are eligible for inclusion in the Index.

The index calculator will make determinations as regards the securities which are eligible for inclusion within the Index on the basis of certain criteria and will determine the quantity of such securities to be included. In addition to being a Sector Company (with revenue generated from all of the Sectors being greater than 25% of the Sector Company’s total revenue), each issuer of a security must have a total market capitalisation of greater than EUR 600,000,000 or the equivalent amount in another currency calculated by applying the exchange rate and the security must have a 3 month average daily value traded of greater than EUR 1,000,000 (the “**Selection Criteria**”).

The Index will initially comprise the shares of 30 companies selected by the index calculator on the index launch date. On the index launch date the value of the Index was EUR 133.65 (“**Initial Index Value**”). A list shall be compiled of “**Qualifying Share Companies**” (meaning a company which is the issuer of a “**Qualifying Share**”, which is any security which complies with the Selection Criteria) (such list, the “**Selection List**”). The Selection List is divided in 8 Sector Selection Lists. The index components are selected in accordance with the following selection procedure (“**Selection Procedure**”):

If a Qualifying Share Company has issued several classes of securities, the index calculator shall take the class of security which best represents the Qualifying Share Company, as determined by it at its sole and absolute discretion, and which complies with the Selection Criteria.

The Qualifying Share Companies on the Sector Selection Lists are ranked in descending order by their market capitalisation in EUR (or the equivalent amount in another currency calculated by applying the Exchange Rate) as published on Bloomberg, inside the Sector Selection List. The Qualifying Share Company with the highest market capitalisation is listed first with a rank equal to 1.

The top 4 Qualifying Share Companies in each Sector Selection List using the above ranking are included in the Index, and the respective weights of each index components is calculated by dividing the weighting given to a particular Sector by the number of index components who share the same sector.

The value of the index (“**Index Value**”) is calculated once a day on every business day. The Index Value is the weighted total of all the shares in the basket multiplied by the price of each share. All distributions shall be notionally reinvested proportionally according to each share’s weight in the Index in order to preserve the weighting given to the stock of each share company included in the Index. The index calculator will calculate and publish the Index Value.

The index components will initially be equal weighted inside each Sector, with the Sector weights determined by the index calculator fixed on the index launch date and evolving with the Sector market capitalisation, being for each Sector, the sum of the market capitalisations of the index components within such Sector.

Following the initial composition of the Index on the index launch date, the index calculator will, on each re-weighting date, review the notional composition of the Index and re-weight the index components subject to the requirement that each of the newly selected shares meet the Selection Criteria. The index components shall be notionally re-weighted with effect from the semi annual re-weighting date. The basis for a re-weighting shall be the prices of the shares from the re-weighting date.

In the case where less than 4 companies in a Sector meet the Selection Criteria, there will be less than 4 companies included in the Index for this Sector. In the case where no company in a specific Sector meets the Selection Criteria, this Sector will not be included.

The Index shall comprise at any time a minimum of 15 shares and ceases to be calculated if there are less than 15 Qualifying Share Companies. The index components shall also represent, at any time, a minimum of 5 sectors and ceases to be calculated if it, at any time, is representative of less than 5 out of the 8 Sectors.

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A copy of the Index Rules relating to the Index will be available for review from the beginning of the offer period (if any) to the relevant maturity date upon request at the offices of the Index Sponsor at The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. 250 Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 4AA. Investors should note that this description of the Index Rules is subject to the detailed provisions of the Index Rules. In order to obtain the Index Rules, an investor may need to give certain non-disclosure representations to the Index Sponsor.

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RBS Clean Renewable Energy TR Index (the “**Index**”)

The Index is based on a methodology (the “**Index Rules**”) developed by The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. (the “**Index Sponsor**”).

The Index is initially equally weighted and tracks 10 companies which derive at least 60% of their revenues from producing or servicing renewable energy or activities linked to renewable energy which can be attributed to at least one of the following “clean” renewable energy sub industries: wind, water, solar, bio fuel, hydroelectric power, geothermal or fuel cells, as determined in the reasonable discretion of the index calculator (each a “**Renewable Energy Related Company**” and together “**Renewable Energy Related Companies**”).

In addition to being a Renewable Energy Related Company, each issuer of a security must have a total market capitalisation of minimum USD 100,000,000 or the equivalent amount in another currency calculated by applying the exchange rate and the security must have a 3 month average daily value traded of a minimum of USD 3,000,000. If a stock is covered by analysts, the percentage of “Buy” and “Hold” Analyst recommendations (ANR) for such a stock shall be at least 50% of total recommendations (the “**Selection Criteria**”). Except from this rule is Vestas Wind Systems A/S due to the company’s importance in the wind power industry being one of the world’s largest manufacturer of wind turbines.

On the index launch date the Index will initially comprise the shares (the “**Shares**”) of 10 companies (each a “**Share Company**” and together “**Share Companies**”) as selected by the index calculator on the index launch date (each a “**Renewable Energy Index Component**” and together the “**Renewable Energy Index Components**”). The Renewable Energy Index Components will be initially equally weighted (each Share Company at 10%) in the Index based on the price of the Renewable Energy Index Components on the index launch date.

The value of the index (“**Index Value**”) is calculated once a day on every business day. The Index Value is the weighted total of all the shares in the basket multiplied by the price of each share. All distributions shall be notionally reinvested proportionally according to each share’s weight in the Index in order to preserve the weighting given to the stock of each share company included in the Index. The index calculator will calculate and publish the Index Value.

The Index shall be re-weighted on each annual re-weighting date. The shares of the largest Renewable Energy Related Companies by market capitalisation that meet the Selection Criteria will be included in the Index and shall be weighted equally with effect from the re-

weighting date. The basis for the re-weighting shall be the prices of the Shares from the re-weighting date taking into account the relevant exchange rate.

The Index shall comprise at any time of at least seven “**Qualifying Share Companies**” (meaning a company which is the issuer of a “**Qualifying Share**”, which is any security which complies with the Selection Criteria) and ceases to exist if there are less than seven Qualifying Share Companies eligible.

The information above is a description of the methodology and material rules and risks relating to the Index. The Selection Criteria indicate the key criteria which must be fulfilled for inclusion in the Index, but is not intended to be exhaustive. The Index Sponsor makes no representation or warranty that the Index will achieve its stated investment objectives.

A copy of the Index Rules relating to the Index will be available for review from the beginning of the offer period (if any) to the relevant maturity date upon request at the offices of the Index Sponsor at The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. 250 Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 4AA. Investors should note that this description of the Index Rules is subject to the detailed provisions of the Index Rules. In order to obtain the Index Rules, an investor may need to give certain non-disclosure representations to the Index Sponsor.

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RBS Wind TR Index (the “**Index**”)

The Index is based on a methodology (the “**Index Rules**”) developed by The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. (the “**Index Sponsor**”).

The Index is a total return index designed to reflect the performance of the securities of companies involved in the production of energy from wind or distribution of wind generators or services to the wind industry (each such company a “**Wind Company**” and together referred to as the “**Wind Companies**”), as determined at the sole and absolute discretion of the index calculator, after reasonable consideration of the available information, that are included in the Index. Only ordinary or preference shares, units, American Depositary Receipts or Global Depositary Receipts of such Wind Companies are eligible for inclusion in the Index.

The index calculator will make determinations as regards the securities which are eligible for inclusion within the Index on the basis of the certain set criteria. In addition to being a Wind Company, each issuer of a security must have a total market capitalisation of greater than EUR 75,000,000 or the equivalent amount in another currency calculated by applying the exchange rate and the security must have a 3 month average daily value traded of greater than EUR 500,000 (the “**Selection Criteria**”). The index calculator also determines the weights attached to each share company in the basket.

The Index will initially comprise the shares of 9 companies selected by the index calculator from “**Qualifying Shares**” (meaning the shares issued by a company which complies with the Selection Criteria, a “**Qualifying Share Company**”) on the index launch date. On the index launch date the value of the Index was EUR 100.00 (“**Initial Index Value**”).

A list shall be compiled of Qualifying Share Companies (such list, the “**Selection List**”). The index components are selected in accordance with the following selection procedure (“**Selection Procedure**”):

If a Qualifying Share Company has issued several classes of securities, the index calculator shall take the class of security which best represents the Qualifying Share Company, as determined by it at its sole and absolute discretion, and which complies with all of the Selection Criteria.

The Qualifying Share Companies on the Selection List are ranked in descending order by their market capitalisation in EUR (or the equivalent amount in another currency calculated by applying the Exchange Rate) as published on Bloomberg. The Qualifying Share Company with the highest market capitalisation is listed first with a rank equal to 1.

If the Selection List comprises 10 or more Qualifying Share Companies, the top 10 Qualifying Share Companies using the above ranking, or, where the Selection List comprises less than 10 Qualifying Share Companies, all the Qualifying Share Companies, are included in the Index, and the respective weight of each index component cannot exceed 20%.

The value of the index (“**Index Value**”) is calculated once a day on every business day. The Index Value is the weighted total of all the shares in the basket multiplied by the price of each share. All distributions made by a share company shall be notionally reinvested proportionally according to each share’s weight in the Index in order to preserve the initial weighting given to the stock of each share company included in the Index.

Following the initial composition of the Index when it was first launched the index calculator will semi annually, review the notional composition of the Index and re-weight the components of the Index subject to each component meeting the Selection Criteria.

The index components will, initially and semi annually, be modified market capitalisation weighted, with a maximum weight of 20%.

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A copy of the Index Rules relating to the Index will be available for review from the beginning of the offer period (if any) to the relevant maturity date upon request at the offices of the Index Sponsor at The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. 250 Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 4AA. Investors should note that this description of the Index Rules is subject to the detailed provisions of the Index Rules. In order to obtain the Index Rules, an investor may need to give certain non-disclosure representations to the Index Sponsor.

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RBS Global Coal Index (USD) TR (the “**Index**”)

The Index is based on a methodology (the “**Index Rules**”) developed by The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. (the “**Index Sponsor**”).

The Index is designed to reflect the performance of the market in the shares of companies that are primarily involved in coal mining or production (each such company a “**Coal Related Company**” and together referred to as the “**Coal Related Companies**”), as determined in the reasonable discretion of the index calculator. Only companies which derive at least 50% or their revenue from coal-related business are included in the Index. Only ordinary shares or depository receipts (being GDRs listed in London or ADRs listed in New York) of such Coal Related Company are eligible for inclusion in the Index.

The index calculator will make determinations as regards the shares which are eligible for inclusion within the Index and will determine the quantity of such shares to be included. In addition to being a Coal Related Company, each issuer of a security must have a total market capitalisation of greater than USD 400,000,000 or the equivalent amount in another currency calculated by applying the exchange rate and the security must have a 3 month average daily value traded of greater than USD 1,000,000 (the “**Selection Criteria**”).

The Index will initially comprise the shares of 15 Coal Related Companies selected by the index calculator from “**Qualifying Shares**” (being any security which meets the Selection Criteria) on the index launch date (each an “**Index Component**” and together the “**Index Components**”). On the index launch date the value of the Index was USD 100.00 (“**Initial Index Value**”).

A list shall be compiled of companies that satisfy the Selection Criteria (such companies, the “**Qualifying Share Companies**” and such list, the “**Selection List**”), and the shares of such companies shall be Qualifying Shares. The Index Components are selected in accordance with the following selection procedure (“**Selection Procedure**”):

If a Qualifying Share Company has issued several classes of shares, the index calculator shall take the class of share which best represents the Qualifying Share Company and complying with all of the Selection Criteria.

The Qualifying Share Companies on the Selection List are ranked in descending order by their market capitalisation in USD (or the equivalent amount in another currency calculated by applying the Exchange Rate) as published on Bloomberg. The Qualifying Share Company with the highest market capitalisation is listed first with a rank equal to 1.

The top 15 Qualifying Share Companies using the above ranking are included in the Index, and the respective weights of each Index Component which on the index launch date and on each Re-weighting Date are calculated by dividing 1 by the number of Index Components following the Re-weighting.

The value of the index ("**Index Value**") is calculated once a day on every business day. The Index Value is the weighted total of all the shares in the basket multiplied by the price of each share. All distributions made by a share company shall be notionally reinvested proportionally according to each share's weight in the Index in order to preserve the initial weighting given to the stock of each share company included in the Index. The index calculator will calculate and publish the level of the Index once a day.

The Index Components will initially and on each semi-annual Re-weighting Date be equally-weighted. Following the initial composition of the Index on the index launch date, the index calculator shall make periodic changes to the Index as it deems appropriate in its reasonable discretion to the notional composition of the Index Components and/or the weights of Index Components (each such procedure a "**Re-weighting**") on a trading day (each such date a "**Re-weighting Date**"), subject to the compliance of the selected Index Component with the Selection Criteria set out above. The Index Components shall be re-weighted with effect from the Re-weighting Date. The basis for the Re-weighting shall be the prices of the shares from the Re-weighting Date.

The Index shall comprise at any time of at least ten Qualifying Share Companies and ceases to exist if there are less than ten Qualifying Share Companies.

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RBS Solar Energy Index (EUR) TR (the “**Index**”)

The Index is based on a methodology (the “**Index Rules**”) developed by The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. (the “**Index Sponsor**”).

The index tracks the combined performance of 10 publicly listed companies primarily engaged in researching, developing, manufacturing, producing, or marketing solar technologies or other related technologies to generate solar energy, as determined in the reasonable discretion of the index calculator. Each company that is representative of the industry sector is a “**Solar Energy Related Company**” and “**Solar Energy Related Companies**” being construed accordingly. The Index shall be initially equally weighted. On semi-annual re-weighting dates, the weight of each Solar Energy Index Component is re-set such that each component is equally represented in the Index.

The index calculator will make determinations as regards the shares which are eligible for inclusion within the Index and will determine the quantity of such shares to be included. In addition to being a Solar Energy Related Company, each issuer of a security must have a total market capitalisation of minimum EUR 100,000,000 or the equivalent amount in another currency calculated by applying the exchange rate and the security must have a 3 month average daily value traded of greater than EUR 1,000,000 (the “**Selection Criteria**”). The index calculator also determines the weights attached to each share company in the basket.

On the index launch date, the Index will initially comprise of ten shares of 10 different share companies as selected by the index calculator (each a “**Solar Energy Index Component**” and together the “**Solar Energy Index Components**”).

The Solar Energy Index Components shall be initially equally weighted at $1/10=10\%$ in the Solar Energy Index based on the price of each of the Solar Energy Index Components on the index launch date.

The index calculator shall make periodical adjustments to the Index on each re-weighting date (“**Re-weighting**”). Solar Energy Related Companies that do not fulfil all of the Selection Criteria on the re-weighting date do not qualify for inclusion in the Index. If the number of Solar Energy Index Components immediately prior to a re-weighting date is less than 10, then the number of Solar Energy Index Components may be increased up to 10 according to the Selection Criteria, as determined in the reasonable discretion of the index calculator. Re-weighting of the Index will apply with immediate effect.

The value of the index (“**Index Value**”) is calculated once a day on every business day. The Index Value is the weighted total of all the shares in the basket multiplied by the price of each share. All distributions made by a share company shall be notionally reinvested proportionally according to each share’s weight in the Index in order to preserve the weighting given to the stock of each share company included in the Index. The index calculator will calculate and publish the level of the Index once a day.

The shares of the largest Solar Energy Related Companies by market capitalisation shall be weighted equally with effect from the re-weighting date. The basis for the re-weighting shall be the prices of the shares from re-weighting date.

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A copy of the Index Rules relating to the Index will be available for review from the beginning of the offer period (if any) to the relevant maturity date upon request at the offices of the Index Sponsor at The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. 250 Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 4AA. Investors should note that this description of the Index Rules is subject to the detailed provisions of the Index Rules. In order to obtain the Index Rules, an investor may need to give certain non-disclosure representations to the Index Sponsor.

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RBS Eco Index (EUR) TR (the “Index”)

The Index is based on a methodology (the “**Index Rules**”) developed by The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. (the “**Index Sponsor**”).

The Index is designed to reflect the performance of the securities of the “**Sector Companies**” (being companies which derive revenues from one or more of the following sectors: ethanol, geothermal power and other alternative fuels, hydroelectric power, platinum and palladium mining, solar power, water, waste management or wind power (collectively the “**Sectors**”) and are not classified on Bloomberg as being in any of the following industry groups: (i) Oil & Gas; (ii) Gas; or (iii) Coal), as determined at the sole and absolute discretion of the index calculator, after reasonable consideration of the available information, that are included in the Index. Only ordinary or preference shares, American Depository Receipts or Global Depository Receipts of such Sector Companies are eligible for inclusion in the Index.

The index calculator will make determinations as regards the securities which are eligible for inclusion within the Index on the basis of certain criteria and will determine the quantity of such securities to be included. In addition to being a Sector Company (with revenue generated from all of the Sectors being greater than 25% of the Sector Company’s total revenue), each issuer of a security must have a total market capitalisation of greater than EUR 600,000,000 or the equivalent amount in another currency calculated by applying the exchange rate and the security must have a 3 month average daily value traded of greater than EUR 1,000,000 (the “**Selection Criteria**”).

The Index will initially comprise the shares of 30 companies selected by the index calculator from “**Qualifying Shares**” (meaning the shares issued by a company which complies with the Selection Criteria, a “**Qualifying Share Company**”) on the index launch date. On the index launch date the value of the Index was EUR 100 (“**Initial Index Value**”).

The index calculator shall compile a list of Qualifying Share Companies (such list, the “**Selection List**”). The Selection List is divided in 8 Sector Selection Lists. The index components are selected in accordance with the following selection procedure (“**Selection Procedure**”):

If a Qualifying Share Company has issued several classes of securities, the index calculator shall take the class of security which best represents the Qualifying Share Company, as determined by it at its sole and absolute discretion, and which complies with all of the Selection Criteria.

On the determination date, the Qualifying Share Companies on the Sector Selection Lists are ranked in descending order by their market capitalisation in EUR (or the equivalent amount in another currency calculated by applying the Exchange Rate) as published on Bloomberg, inside the Sector Selection List. The Qualifying Share Company with the highest market capitalisation is listed first with a rank equal to 1.

Each Sector Selection List will be submitted to a screening agent for screening on certain socially responsible investment criteria. Each Selection List will have to be amended and approved prior to the semi annual re-weighting date.

On the index launch date or the re-weighting date, the top 4 Qualifying Share Companies in each Sector Selection List using the above ranking are included in the Index, and the respective weights of each index components is calculated by dividing the weighting given to a particular Sector by the number of index components who share the same Sector.

The value of the index (“**Index Value**”) is calculated once a day on every business day. The Index Value is the weighted total of all the shares in the basket multiplied by the price of each share. All distributions made by a share company shall be notionally reinvested proportionally according to each share’s weight in the Index in order to preserve the initial weighting given to the stock of each share company included in the Index. The index calculator will calculate and publish the level of the Index once a day.

The index components will initially be equal weighted inside each Sector, with the Sector weights determined by the index calculator fixed on the index launch date and evolving with the Sector market Capitalisation, being for each Sector, the sum of the market capitalisations of the index components within such Sector.

Following the initial composition of the Index on the index launch date, the index calculator will, on each re-weighting date, review the notional composition of the Index and re-weight the index components (each such procedure a "**Re-weighting**") subject to the requirement that each of the newly selected share meet the Selection Criteria. The index components shall be notionally re-weighted with effect from the semi annual re-weighting date. The basis for a re-weighting shall be the prices of the shares from the re-weighting date.

In the case where less than 4 companies in a Sector meet the Selection Criteria, there will be less than 4 companies included in the Index for this Sector. In the case where no company in a specific Sector meets the Selection Criteria, this Sector will not be included.

The Index shall comprise at any time 15 shares and ceases to be calculated if there are less than 15 Qualifying Share Companies. The index components shall also represent, at any time, a minimum of 5 Sectors and ceases to be calculated if it, at any time, is representative of less than 5 out of the 8 Sectors.

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Investors should note that the Index Rules are subject to change from time to time. In certain circumstances, the Index Sponsor can change the method of calculating the Index, or may discontinue or suspend calculation or dissemination of the Index which could affect the return or principal amount paid on the Securities.

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RBS Water Stocks Index (USD) TR (the “**Index**”)

The Index is based on a methodology (the “**Index Rules**”) developed by The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. (the “**Index Sponsor**”).

The Index is initially equally weighted and tracks 10 companies which derive at least 45% of their revenues from servicing water or activities linked to water such as, inter alia, sanitation, delivery, cleaning, transportation, packaging, storage, pumping and water metering (each a “**Water Related Company**” and together “**Water Related Companies**”), including RWE AG, and Suez SA which have been initially included due to their importance of water business each conducts on a global level.

The index calculator will make determinations as regards the securities which are eligible for inclusion within the Index on the basis of certain criteria and will determine the quantity of such securities to be included. In addition to being a Water Related Company, each issuer of a security must have a total market capitalisation of minimum USD 500,000,000 or the equivalent amount in another currency calculated by applying the exchange rate and a 3 month average daily turnover of greater than USD 7,500,000 (the “**Selection Criteria**”).

On the index launch date the Index will initially comprise the shares (the “**Shares**”) of 10 companies (each a “**Share Company**” and together “**Share Companies**”) as selected by the index calculator on the index launch date (each an “**Index Component**” and together the “**Index Components**”). If a stock is covered by analysts, the percentage of “Buy” and “Hold” Analyst recommendations (ANR) for such a stock shall be at least 50% of total recommendations.

The value of the index (“**Index Value**”) is calculated once a day on every business day. The Index Value is the weighted total of all the shares in the basket multiplied by the price of each share. All distributions made by a share company shall be notionally reinvested proportionally according to each share’s weight in the Index in order to preserve the weighting given to the stock of each share company included in the Index. The index calculator will calculate and publish the level of the Index once a day.

Following the initial composition of the Index on the index launch date, the index calculator will, on each re-weighting date, review the notional composition of the Index and re-weight the Index Components subject to the requirement that each of the newly selected Shares meet the Selection Criteria. The Index Components shall be notionally re-weighted with effect

from the annual re-weighting date. The basis for the re-weighting shall be the prices of the Shares from re-weighting date taking into account the relevant exchange rate if necessary.

The Index shall comprise at any time of at least seven “**Qualifying Share Companies**” (meaning a company which is the issuer of a “**Qualifying Share**”, which is any security which complies with the Selection Criteria) and ceases to exist if there are less than seven Qualifying Share Companies eligible.

The Index is geographically diversified containing companies listed in the US, UK, France, Germany and Switzerland at the Index launch date.

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A copy of the Index Rules relating to the Index will be available for review from the beginning of the offer period (if any) to the relevant maturity date upon request at the offices of the Index Sponsor at The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. 250 Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 4AA. Investors should note that this description of the Index Rules is subject to the detailed provisions of the Index Rules. In order to obtain the Index Rules, an investor may need to give certain non-disclosure representations to the Index Sponsor.

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RBS India ADR/GDR Index (USD) TR (the “**Index**”)

The Index is based on a methodology (the “**Index Rules**”) developed by The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. (the “**Index Sponsor**”).

The Index is initially equally weighted and tracks the 10 most liquid Indian ADR’s or GDR’s, as determined in the reasonable discretion of the Index Calculator (each an “**India ADR/GDR Related Company**” and together “**India ADR/GDR Related Companies**”).

The index calculator will make determinations as regards the securities which are eligible for inclusion within the Index on the basis of certain criteria and will determine the quantity of such securities to be included. In addition to being a India ADR/GDR Related Company, each issuer of a security must have a total market capitalisation of minimum USD 100,000,000 or the equivalent amount in another currency calculated by applying the exchange rate and an average daily turnover of greater than USD 1,000,000 (calculated on the basis of the last three months) (the “**Selection Criteria**”).

The value of the index (“**Index Value**”) is calculated once a day on every business day. The Index Value is the weighted total of all the shares in the basket multiplied by the price of each share. All distributions made by a share company shall be notionally reinvested proportionally according to each share’s weight in the Index in order to preserve the weighting given to the stock of each share company included in the Index. The index calculator will calculate and publish the level of the Index once a day.

The index components will be initially equally weighted (each “**Share Company**” (being the companies included in the Index) at 10%) in the Index based on the price of the index components on the Index launch date.

The Index shall be re-weighted equally with effect from the annual re-weighting date. The shares of the largest India ADR/GDR Related Companies by market capitalisation that meet the Selection Criteria will be included in the Index. The basis for the re-weighting shall be the prices of the shares from the annual re-weighting date taking into account the relevant exchange rate if necessary.

The Index shall comprise at any time of at least seven “**Qualifying Share Companies**” (meaning each company which complies with the Selection Criteria and which for the time being is included in the Index) and ceases to exist if there are less than seven Qualifying Share Companies eligible.

The information above is a description of the methodology and material rules and risks relating to the Index. The Selection Criteria indicate the key criteria which must be fulfilled for inclusion in the Index, but is not intended to be exhaustive. The Index Sponsor makes no representation or warranty that the Index will achieve its stated investment objectives.

A copy of the Index Rules relating to the Index will be available for review from the beginning of the offer period (if any) to the relevant maturity date upon request at the offices of the Index Sponsor at The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. 250 Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 4AA. Investors should note that this description of the Index Rules is subject to the detailed provisions of the Index Rules. In order to obtain the Index Rules, an investor may need to give certain non-disclosure representations to the Index Sponsor.

Investors should note that the Index Rules are subject to change from time to time. In certain circumstances, the Index Sponsor can change the method of calculating the Index, or may discontinue or suspend calculation or dissemination of the Index which could affect the return or principal amount paid on the Securities.

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RBS Volatility Controlled High Yield Bond Strategy 2 (the “**Index**”)

The Index is calculated and maintained by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (the “**Calculation Agent**”).

The Index is developed by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (the “**Index Sponsor**”) based on the rules and methodology explained in this description, as amended from time to time.

The Index aims to track a notional strategy that applies a volatility control overlay to a basket of bond funds (together, the “**Basket of Funds**”). The Basket of Funds is initially composed of four funds (each a “**Fund**”, and together, the “**Funds**”).

The level of the Index (“**Index Level**”) is determined, on each calculation date in reference to the index return reduced by a return adjustment (the “**Excess Return Adjustment**”). The Excess Return Adjustment is set to an annualised rate of 1.65%.

The index return is calculated principally based on the daily valuations of the Basket of Funds, the Index’s exposure to the Basket of Funds and/or the cash allocation, the interest rate and the spread. The values of these variables will in turn be determined in accordance with the methodology of the Index and be subject to the volatility control overlay and stop-loss mechanism.

The purpose of the volatility control overlay is to dynamically adjust exposure to the Basket of Funds based on the Maximum Fund Basket Volatility.

The “**Maximum Fund Basket Volatility**” in respect of the Basket of Funds is determined on each “**Calculation Date**” (being each day on which at least one Fund publishes the net asset value of the Fund as determined by the Calculation Agent) as the highest Realised Volatility observed in respect of the Calculation Date two days prior to the current Calculation Date (“**Calculation Date_{t-2}**”) and the four immediately preceding Calculation Dates to Calculation Date_{t-2}.

The “**Realised Volatility**” in respect of a Calculation Date is a measure of how much the daily returns of the Fund Basket Value (the “**Fund Basket Value**” is calculated by multiplying the initial value of the Basket of Funds by the sum of the net asset values of each of the Funds on each Calculation Date divided by the initial net value of each Fund multiplied by the weight given to each Fund) have fluctuated around their average over a defined time period. The time period for the returns is taken to be twenty one (21) consecutive historical

Calculation Dates ending on the relevant Calculation Date. The average is calculated as the arithmetic mean.

The fund basket allocation (the “**Fund Basket Allocation**”) provides for the Index to have exposure to the Basket of Funds within a range from a minimum of 0% to a maximum of 150%. The Fund Basket Allocation is determined according to the range that the Maximum Fund Basket Volatility falls within. Generally, as the Maximum Fund Basket Volatility increases, the Fund Basket Allocation to the Basket of Funds decreases, while if the Maximum Fund Basket Volatility decreases, the Fund Basket Allocation to the Basket of Funds increases.

If the Maximum Fund Basket Volatility has increased above a certain level causing the notional exposure to the Basket of Funds to fall below 100%, the percentage difference (in absolute terms) between 100% and the actual exposure to the Basket of Funds will be allocated to a notional cash account, which will accrue interest at the interest rate (which is the USD overnight rate for the previous Calculation Date). The minimum exposure to the Basket of Funds is 0%, meaning that the maximum exposure allocated to the notional cash account is 100%.

If the Maximum Fund Basket Volatility has decreased below a certain level causing the notional exposure to the Basket of Funds to rise above 100%, the percentage difference between 100% and 150% (in absolute terms) will instead be funded by notionally borrowing cash at the Net Interest Rate (the “**Net Interest Rate**”, for the purposes of funding, is calculated by adding a spread of 125 basis points per annum to the interest rate). The maximum exposure to the Basket of Funds is 150%, meaning that the maximum exposure which would be funded by notionally borrowing cash is 50%.

If the sum of the Fund Basket Returns over a period of 5 calculation days is negative and the Fund Basket volatility has increased above a certain level, then a stop-loss trigger is activated causing the notional exposure to the Basket of Funds to be set to zero and a 100% exposure to a notional cash account. Following a stop loss event, the Index can only regain exposure to the Basket of Funds when the Index methodology deems that a positive trend is detected. To determine whether there is a positive trend, a 20-day moving average is monitored against the Fund Basket Value. When the Fund Basket Value is above the 20-day moving average, the Index deems that there is a positive trend and can re-instate the exposure to the Basket of Funds. If a stop-loss trigger is activated, the Index will not be exposed to the Basket of Funds

for at least 10 Calculation Dates. The minimum exposure to the Basket of Funds is 0%, meaning that the maximum exposure allocated to the notional cash account is 100%.

Each Fund has a target weight and the Index is rebalanced on the 14th calendar day of February, May, August and November in each year (each a “**Rebalancing Date**”) so that the notional exposure to the underlying Funds meets the target weights. If the Rebalancing Date is not a calculation day, then the Rebalancing Date will be the next following calculation day which is not a disrupted day. Between each Rebalancing Date, the value of the Fund shares may increase or decrease in differing amounts. Therefore, the Index’s notional exposure to the Funds shares may not match the target weights from one Rebalancing Date to another Rebalancing Date. Only on each Rebalancing Date will the Index be notionally rebalanced intending to achieve the target weights.

It is not expected, as of the publication date, that any dividends will be payable in respect of the Funds. However, if any dividend proceeds are received, those proceeds (net of tax and all costs) will be reinvested into the relevant Fund as soon as reasonably practical and the Index Level will be adjusted accordingly.

The Index Level will be calculated in respect of each day on which at least one Fund publishes the Fund net asset value and/or such other days as may be determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. The Calculation Agent will calculate the Index in respect of a Calculation Date at the Valuation Time and publish the Index Level in respect of such Calculation Date at the Publication Time. The “**Valuation Time**” (09:00 London time) and “**Publication Time**” (16:00 London time) in respect of a Calculation Date_t both occur on the same day which is two calculation days following Calculation Date_t. Because Fund net asset values are only available in arrears and may be delayed, the most recently published Fund net asset value may be used to calculate the Index for a certain Calculation Date. In limited circumstances, the publication of the Index Level may be delayed.

The information contained in this description describes the methodology and material rules and risks relating to the Index. This information is subject to change. The Index Sponsor makes no representation or warranty that the Index will achieve its stated investment objectives.

In some circumstances the Index Sponsor may modify the calculation of the Index without consent and change these rules.

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RBS VC Bond Funds Basket Index 1 (USD) ER 6% (the “**Index**”)

The Index is calculated and maintained by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (the “**Calculation Agent**”). The Index is developed by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (the “**Index Sponsor**”) based on the rules and methodology explained in the description, as amended from time to time.

The Index aims to track a notional strategy that applies a volatility control overlay to a basket of bond funds (together, the “**Basket of Funds**”). The Basket of Funds is initially composed of five funds (each a “**Fund**”, and together, the “**Funds**”).

The purpose of the volatility control overlay is to dynamically adjust exposure to the Basket of Funds based on the Maximum Fund Basket Volatility.

The “**Maximum Fund Basket Volatility**” in respect of the Basket of Funds is determined on each “**Calculation Date**” (being each day on which at least one Fund publishes the net asset value of the Fund as determined by the Calculation Agent) as the highest Realised Volatility observed in respect of the Calculation Date two days prior to the current Calculation Date (“**Calculation Date_{t-2}**”) and the four immediately preceding Calculation Dates to Calculation Date_{t-2}.

The “**Realised Volatility**” in respect of a Calculation Date is a measure of how much the daily returns of the value of the Basket of Funds have fluctuated around their average over a defined time period. The time period for the returns is taken to be twenty one (21) consecutive historical Calculation Dates ending on the relevant Calculation Date. The average is calculated as the arithmetic mean.

The “**Fund Basket Allocation**” provides for the Index to have exposure to the Basket of Funds within a range from a minimum of 0% to a maximum of 150%. The Fund Basket Allocation is determined according to the range that the Maximum Fund Basket Volatility falls within. Generally, as the Maximum Fund Basket Volatility increases the exposure to the Basket of Funds decreases and *vice versa*.

If the Maximum Fund Basket Volatility has increased above a certain level causing the notional exposure to the Basket of Funds to fall below 100%, the percentage difference (in absolute terms) between 100% and the actual exposure to the Basket of Funds will be allocated to a notional cash account, which will accrue interest daily at the “**Interest Rate**” (which is the USD overnight rate for the previous Calculation Date). The minimum Fund

Basket Allocation is 0%, meaning that the maximum exposure allocated to the notional cash account is 100%.

If the Maximum Fund Basket Volatility has decreased below a certain level causing the Fund Basket Allocation to rise above 100%, the percentage difference between 100% and 150% (in absolute terms) will be funded by notionally borrowing cash at the “**Net Interest Rate**” (which, for the purposes of funding, is calculated by adding a spread of 125 basis points per annum to the Interest Rate). Interest for such notional cash borrowing is accrued daily. The maximum exposure to the Basket of Funds is 150%, meaning that the maximum exposure which would be funded by notionally borrowing cash is 50%.

The level of the Index is determined, on each calculation date in reference to the Index Return reduced by a return adjustment (the “**Excess Return Adjustment**”). The Excess Return Adjustment is set to an annualised rate of 1.95%.

Each Fund has a target weight and the Index is rebalanced on the 11th calendar day of March, June, September and December in each year (each a “**Rebalancing Date**”) so that the notional exposure to the underlying Funds meets their respective target weights. If the Rebalancing Date is not a calculation day, then the Rebalancing Date will be the next following calculation day unless such Calculation Date to be a disrupted day. Between each Rebalancing Date, the value of the Fund shares may increase or decrease in differing amounts. Therefore, the Index’s notional relative exposure to the different Funds shares may not match the target weights from one Rebalancing Date to another Rebalancing Date. Only on each Rebalancing Date will the Index be notionally rebalanced intending to achieve the target weights.

If a Fund has less than USD 1 billion assets under management, the Index Sponsor, acting in conjunction with the Calculation Agent, may, but is not obliged, substitute the affected Fund with an alternative fund that is substantially similar to the affected Fund.

It is not expected, as of the original publication date of the Index (11th April 2012), that any dividends will be payable in respect of the Funds. However, if any dividend proceeds are received, those proceeds (net of tax and all costs) will be reinvested into the relevant Fund as soon as reasonably practical and the value of the Index (the “**Index Level**”) will be adjusted accordingly.

The Index Level will be calculated in respect of each day on which at least one Fund publishes the Fund net asset values (“**Fund NAVs**”) and/or such other days as may be

determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion (each, a “**Calculation Date**”). The Calculation Agent will calculate the Index in respect of a Calculation Date at the Valuation Time and publish the Index Level in respect of such Calculation Date at the Publication Time. The “**Valuation Time**” (09:00 London time) and “**Publication Time**” (16:00 London time) in respect of a Calculation Date_t both occur on the same day which is two calculation days following Calculation Date_t. Because Fund NAVs are only available in arrears and may be delayed, the most recently published Fund NAV may be used to calculate the Index for a certain Calculation Date. In limited circumstances, the publication of the Index Level may be delayed.

Costs and expenses incurred by the Index Sponsor in connection with obtaining exposure to the underlying Funds may be deducted from the Index on a daily basis and may reduce the performance of the Index Level.

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In some circumstances, the Index Sponsor may modify the calculation of the Index without consent and change these rules.

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RBS VC TVI Index (USD) ER 10% (the “**Index**”)

The Index is calculated by RBS Business Services Private Limited (the “**Calculation Agent**”) based on a methodology developed by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (the “**Index Sponsor**”). The Index was first calculated on or around 28 August 2009 (the “**Live Date**”). The Index is denominated in USD (the “**Base Currency**”).

The Index aims to track a risk-stabilised notional Index linked to the component comprising the Index (the “**Constituent**”). This is achieved by varying the exposure to the Constituent on a daily basis, depending on the maximum realised historical volatility (“**Maximum Realised Historic Volatility**”) of the Constituent. In summary, if the level of the Maximum Realised Volatility has increased to an amount equal to or above a certain level, the exposure to the Constituent will be decreased, and if the Maximum Realised Volatility has decreased below a certain level, exposure to the Constituent will be increased.

The Constituent reflects the performance of the Underlying following the deduction of an access cost which represents the costs charged and expenses incurred by the Index Sponsor to maintain the Index. The Underlying is a published index, the Trader Vic Index Excess Return (Bloomberg page TVICER Index).

The Index shall be calculated at the “**Valuation Time**” (being the time at which prices for all Underlyings are available on the relevant exchanges) on each scheduled trading day (each such day being a “**Calculation Date**”).

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RBS UK Autopilot Index (GBP) PR (the “**Index**”)

The Index is calculated by RBS Business Services Private Limited (the “**Calculation Agent**”) based on a methodology developed by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (the “**Index Sponsor**”). The Index was first calculated on or around 15 May 2009 (the “**Live Date**”). The Index is denominated in GBP (the “**Base Currency**”).

The Index aims to track the return of a notional strategy that allocates between the following five constituents which may be comprised of one or more underlyings:

An equally-weighted basket of the FTSE 100 Index, S&P 500 Index, Nikkei 225 Stock Average and the DJ EUROSTOXX 50 (Price) Index (“**Constituent 1**”);

iShares MSCI Emerging Market Index Fund (“**Constituent 2**”);

DJ AIG Commodity Excess Return Index (“**Constituent 3**”);

FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Europe Index (“**Constituent 4**”);

and the UK Retail Prices Index which is entitled “All Items NSA Inflation Index” (the “**Inflation Index**” or “**Constituent 5**” and Constituents 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 shall be collectively referred to as the “**Constituents**”).

On or around the first calendar day of each month (“**Rebalancing Date**”) the Calculation Agent will rebalance the weight allocated to a Constituent and such weight will be effective following the Rebalancing Date. The weight to be allocated to each Constituent will be determined with reference to the value of each Constituent 1, 2, 3 and 4 taken on the first calculation date immediately preceding each Rebalancing Date (“**Determination Date**”).

On each Determination Date, the value of Constituents 1, 2, 3 and 4 will each be compared to its respective monthly average value over the preceding 12 months (“**Moving Average**”). If the relevant value of Constituent 1, 2, 3 and 4 is greater than its respective Moving Average, the Calculation Agent will allocate a weight of 25% of the notional value of the Index to such Constituent from the day immediately following the Rebalance Date up to and including the immediately following Rebalancing Date. Otherwise, the Calculation Agent shall allocate a weight of 25% of the notional value of the Index to the Inflation Index. Hence, each of Constituent 1, 2, 3 and 4 can have a weight of either 0% or 25% and Constituent 5 can have a weight of either 0%, 25%, 50%, 75% or 100%. In total, the weights shall sum to 100%.

In any monthly performance period which will commence on the day immediately following a Rebalancing Date and end on the following Rebalancing Date (“**Monthly Performance Period**”), the monthly return of each Constituent shall be determined by the Calculation Agent from the start of the Monthly Performance Period until the end of the Monthly Performance Period. With respect to Constituents 1, 2, 3 and 4 the monthly return shall be capped at 7.00% and with respect to the Inflation Index, the monthly return will be fixed at one-twelfth of the annual return of the Inflation Index.

The information above is a description of the methodology and material rules relating to the Index. The Index Sponsor makes no representation or warranty that the Index will achieve its stated investment objectives.

A copy of the Index Rules relating to the Index will be available for review from the beginning of the offer period (if any) to the relevant maturity date upon request at the offices of the Index Sponsor at The Royal Bank of Scotland plc. 250 Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 4AA. Investors should note that this description of the Index Rules is subject to the detailed provisions of the Index Rules. In order to obtain the Index Rules, an investor may need to give certain non-disclosure representations to the Index Sponsor.

Investors should note that the Index Rules are subject to change from time to time. In certain circumstances, the Index Sponsor can change the method of calculating the Index, or may discontinue or suspend calculation or dissemination of the Index which could affect the return or principal amount paid on the Securities.

The Index is the intellectual property of the Index Sponsor.

CONDITIONS: GENERAL CONDITIONS

The General Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to the Product Conditions and the Final Terms. The Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.

1. DEFINITIONS

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these General Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Product Conditions or the applicable Final Terms and, if not so defined, shall be inapplicable. References in these General Conditions to interest and Coupons (and related expressions) shall be ignored in the case of Securities which do not bear interest. References in these General Conditions to the Conditions shall mean these General Conditions and, in relation to any Securities, the Product Conditions applicable to those Securities.

2. STATUS

The Securities constitute unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer and rank *pari passu* among themselves and with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer save for those preferred by mandatory provisions of law.

3. EARLY TERMINATION

(a) The Issuer shall have the right to terminate the Securities if it shall have determined in its absolute discretion that its performance thereunder shall have become unlawful in whole or in part as a result of compliance in good faith by the Issuer with any applicable present or future law, rule, regulation, judgement, order or directive of any governmental, administrative, legislative or judicial authority or power (“**Applicable Law**”). In such circumstances the Issuer will, however, if and to the extent permitted by the Applicable Law, pay to each Holder in respect of each Security held by such Holder an amount calculated by it as the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such termination (ignoring such illegality) less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements. Payment will be made to the Holder in such manner as shall be notified to the Holder in accordance with General Condition 4.

(b) The Issuer shall have the right to terminate the Securities if it shall have determined in its absolute discretion that payments made on the Securities are, in whole or in part, directly or

indirectly contingent upon, or determined by reference to, the payment of a dividend from a U.S. entity and that these payments have or will become subject to U.S. withholding tax. In such circumstances the Issuer will, however, if and to the extent permitted by the Applicable Law, pay to each Holder in respect of each Security held by such Holder an amount calculated by it as the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such termination less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements and of paying any required U.S. withholding tax. Payment will be made to the Holder in such manner as shall be notified to the Holder in accordance with General Condition 4.

4. NOTICES

- (a) With respect to Securities other than Securities cleared through CREST, Notices to Holders shall be given by the delivery of the relevant notice to the Clearing Agent(s) with an instruction from the Issuer to the Clearing Agent(s) to communicate such notice to the Holders. Where Securities are cleared through CREST, notices to Holders shall be given by the delivery of the relevant notice to the Registrar for communication to the Holders pursuant to the procedures for delivery of notices to accountholders in CREST as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Registrar and the Operator from time to time. The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly published, to the extent required, in a manner which complies (i) with the rules of any stock exchange or other relevant authority on which the Securities are for the time being listed or in the country in which such Securities have been admitted to trading and (ii) with any relevant legislation. In addition, for Securities listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd, the Issuer shall have the right but (without prejudice to the previous sentence) shall not be obliged to publish notices in electronic form on the internet website of the SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd) http://www.six-exchange-regulation.com/publications/communiqués/official_notices_en.html if and so long as the Securities are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd.
- (b) Any such notice issued pursuant to General Condition 4(a) by being delivered to the Clearing Agent(s) or the Registrar for communication to the Holders, as applicable, will be deemed to have been given on the date of the delivery of such notice to the Clearing Agent(s) or the Registrar, as applicable. Any such notice issued pursuant to General Condition 4(a) by being published will be deemed to have been given on the date of the first publication (for the avoidance of doubt, such notice having been published by any valid means) or, where required to be published in more than one newspaper, on the date of the first publication in all required newspapers.

5. HEDGING DISRUPTION

- (a) Notification. The Issuer shall as soon as reasonably practicable give instructions to the

Calculation Agent to notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4(a): (i) if it determines that a Hedging Disruption Event has occurred; and (ii) of the consequence of such Hedging Disruption Event as determined by the Issuer pursuant to General Condition 5(c).

- (b) Hedging Disruption Event. A “**Hedging Disruption Event**” shall occur if the Issuer, acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner, determines that it is or has become not reasonably practicable or it has otherwise become undesirable, for any reason, for the Issuer or any Hedge Provider wholly or partially to (i) hold, acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of a relevant hedging transaction (a “**Relevant Hedging Transaction**”) or asset it deems necessary, appropriate or desirable to hedge the Issuer’s obligations in respect of the Securities or (ii) realise, recover or remit the proceeds of any such transaction(s) or asset(s). The reasons for such determination by the Issuer may include, but are not limited to, the following:
- (i) the Issuer or any Hedge Provider will, whether directly or indirectly, incur a material increase (as compared with circumstances existing on the Issue Date) in the amount of tax, duty, expense (including, without limitation, due to any increase in tax liability, decrease in tax benefit or other adverse effect on its tax position) or fee (other than brokerage commissions) provided that any such materially increased amount that is incurred solely due to the deterioration of the creditworthiness of the Issuer or the Hedge Provider shall not be considered for the purposes of this subparagraph (i); or
 - (ii) any material illiquidity in the market for, or any mandatory redemption in whole or in part of, the relevant instruments (the “**Disrupted Instrument**”) which from time to time are included in the reference asset to which the Securities relate; or
 - (iii) a change in any applicable law or regulation (including, without limitation, any tax law) or the promulgation of, or change in, the interpretation by any court, tribunal or regulatory authority with competent jurisdiction of any applicable law or regulation (including any action taken by a taxing authority); or
 - (iv) a material decline in the creditworthiness of a party with whom the Issuer has entered into any such Relevant Hedging Transaction; or
 - (v) the general unavailability of: (A) market participants who will agree to enter into a Relevant Hedging Transaction; or (B) market participants who will so enter into a Relevant Hedging Transaction on commercially reasonable terms.

In the Conditions:

“**Hedge Position**” means any purchase, sale, entry into or maintenance of one or more (i) positions or

contracts in reference assets to which the Securities relate, securities, options, futures, derivatives or foreign exchange, (ii) securities lending transactions or (iii) other instruments or arrangements (however described) by the Issuer in order to hedge the Issuer's risk of issuing, and performing its obligations with respect to, the Securities; and

"Hedge Provider" includes, but is not limited to, the Issuer, any associate, subsidiary or affiliate thereof and/or any other party(ies) and/or any special purpose vehicle(s) holding or entering into a Hedge Position in connection with the Issuer's hedging arrangements in respect of the Securities.

(c) Consequences. The Issuer, in the event of a Hedging Disruption Event, may determine to:

- (i) terminate the Securities. In such circumstances the Issuer will, however, if and to the extent permitted by the Applicable Law, pay to each Holder in respect of each Security held by such Holder an amount calculated by it as the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such termination less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements. Where the Securities contain provisions which provide a minimum assured return of principal, howsoever expressed, on the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, (as defined in the relevant Product Conditions, or otherwise, the date that is the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be,) as applicable, or a minimum assured return of interest or coupons, howsoever expressed, on a relevant Interest Payment Date (if applicable), any such amount to be paid under this General Condition shall not be less than the present value of such minimum assured return of principal and/or interest or coupons having regard to prevailing market rates, credit spreads and market liquidity, such present value being determined by the Calculation Agent. Payment will be made to the Holder in such manner as shall be notified to the Holder in accordance with General Condition 4;
- (ii) make an adjustment in good faith to the relevant reference asset by removing the Disrupted Instrument at its fair market value (which may be zero). Upon any such removal the Issuer may: (A) hold any notional proceeds (if any) arising as a consequence thereof and adjust the terms of payment and/or delivery in respect of the Securities; or (B) notionally reinvest such proceeds in other reference asset(s) if so permitted under the Conditions (including the reference asset(s) to which the Securities relate);
- (iii) make any other adjustment to the Conditions as it considers appropriate in order to maintain the theoretical value of the Securities after adjusting for the relevant Hedging Disruption Event. Where the Securities contain provisions which provide a minimum assured return of principal, howsoever expressed, on the Settlement Date

or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, as applicable, or a minimum assured return of interest or coupons, howsoever expressed, on a relevant Interest Payment Date, any such adjustment will in no way affect the Issuer's obligations to make payment to the Holders not less than the minimum assured return of principal and/or interest or coupons on the relevant Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, or Interest Payment Date, as applicable.

- (d) The Issuer may also make adjustments to the Conditions if it determines that an event has occurred which, whilst not a Hedging Disruption Event or other disruption event as specified in Product Condition 4, is likely to have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's Hedge Position. Where the Issuer makes adjustments to the Conditions pursuant to this General Condition 5(d), the Issuer shall notify the Holders thereof and shall offer to purchase from Holders for a period of not less than 10 days any Securities held by them at their fair market value (as determined by the Calculation Agent acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner and taking into account the proposed adjustment) less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any Relevant Hedging Transaction.

6. PURCHASES, FURTHER ISSUES BY THE ISSUER AND PRESCRIPTION

- (a) Purchases. The Issuer or any affiliate may purchase Securities at any price in the open market or by tender or private treaty. Any Securities so purchased may be held, surrendered for cancellation or reissued or resold, and Securities so reissued or resold shall for all purposes be deemed to form part of the original series of Securities.
- (b) Further Issues. The Issuer shall be at liberty from time to time without the consent of the Holders or any of them to create and issue further securities so as to be consolidated with and form a single series with the Securities.
- (c) Prescription. Any Security or Coupon which is capable of presentation and is not so presented by its due date for presentation shall be void, and its value reduced to zero, if not so presented within five years of such due date. For the avoidance of doubt, any Securities which are subject to provisions relating to their exercise shall be void, and their value shall be zero, if not exercised in accordance with their provisions.

7. DETERMINATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

- (a) Determinations.
 - (i) In making any determinations and calculations under these Conditions, the Issuer and the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner. All such determinations and calculations by the Issuer and the Calculation Agent shall, in the absence of manifest error, be final and binding.

- (ii) Whilst it is intended that the Issuer and the Calculation Agent will employ the methodology described in the Conditions to make determinations in respect of the Securities, no assurance can be given that market, regulatory, judicial or fiscal circumstances or, without limitation, any other circumstances will not arise that would necessitate a modification or change in such methodology in order that the Securities replicate as closely as possible investments in the assets underlying the Securities and its components. The Issuer and the Calculation Agent may make any such modification or change to such methodology that it considers necessary to reflect such circumstances.
 - (iii) Calculations made by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent in respect of the Securities shall be made on the days specified herein; however, notwithstanding the foregoing or anything else contained in these Conditions, should the Issuer or the Calculation Agent determine that in order to give effect to the methodology described in these Conditions it is necessary to make calculations on a day or days other than that specified, then each of the Issuer and the Calculation Agent is permitted to make such calculations on such calendar day or days as it shall determine.
 - (iv) Due to timing considerations, process requirements and other matters that would, in the opinion of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent, be relevant in relation to the implementation of asset allocation models, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent may need to make appropriate adjustments to the methodology set out in the Conditions as it considers necessary in order to reflect the timing and amounts that would be applicable were the Issuer or the Calculation Agent physically implementing the methodology set out in the Securities.
- (b) Modifications. The Issuer may, without the consent of the Holders or any of them, modify any provision of the Conditions which is: (i) of a formal, minor or technical nature; (ii) made to correct a manifest error, proven error or other defective provision, as determined by the Issuer; or (iii) in its absolute discretion, not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Holders. Notice of any such modification will be given to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 but failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of any such modification.

8. SUBSTITUTION

- (a) Substitution of Issuer. The Issuer may at any time without the consent of the Holders substitute for itself as issuer of the Securities with regard to any and all rights, obligations and liabilities under and in connection with the Securities:

- (i) any entity which (i) acquires all or substantially all of the undertaking and/or assets of the Issuer or (ii) acquires the beneficial ownership of the whole of the issued voting stock and/or share capital of the Issuer or (iii) into which the Issuer is amalgamated, merged or reconstructed and where the Issuer is not the continuing company (such entity, a “**Successor in Business**” or the “**Substitute**”) subject to the Issuer having given at least 30 days prior notice of the date of such substitution to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; or
- (ii) the holding company of the Issuer (the holding company currently being The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, company number SC045551) (the “**Holding Company**” or the “**Substitute**”) subject to the Issuer having given at least 30 days’ prior notice of the date of such substitution to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; or
- (iii) any entity other than a Successor in Business or the Holding Company (also, the “**Substitute**”), subject to the Issuer having given at least 30 days’ prior notice of the date of such substitution to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; and the Issuer having issued a legal, valid and binding guarantee of the obligations and liabilities of the Substitute under the Securities for the benefit of each and any of the Holders,

and in each case subject to all actions, conditions and things required to be taken, fulfilled and done (including the obtaining of any necessary consents) to ensure that the Securities represent legal, valid and binding obligations of the Substitute having been taken, fulfilled and done and being in full force and effect.

In the event of any substitution of the Issuer, any reference in the Conditions to the Issuer shall from such time be construed as a reference to the Substitute.

- (b) Substitution of Office. The Issuer shall have the right upon notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 to change the office through which it is acting and shall specify the date of such change in such notice.

9. TAXATION

The Issuer shall not be liable for or otherwise obliged to pay any tax, duty, withholding or other similar payment which may arise as a result of the ownership, transfer, exercise or redemption of any Securities. In relation to each Security the relevant Holder shall pay all Expenses as provided in the Product Conditions. All payments or, as the case may be, deliveries in respect of the Securities will be subject in all cases to all applicable fiscal and other laws and regulations (including, where applicable, laws or agreements with any governmental authority requiring the deduction or withholding for, or on

account of, any tax duty or other charge whatsoever). The Holder shall be liable for and/or pay any tax, duty or charge in connection with the ownership of and/or any transfer, payment or delivery in respect of the Securities held by such Holder. The Issuer shall have the right, but shall not be obliged, to withhold or deduct from any amount payable such amount, as shall be necessary to account for or to pay any such tax, duty, charge, withholding or other payment.

10. REPLACEMENT OF SECURITIES AND COUPONS

If any Security or Coupon is lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed it may be replaced at the specified office of the Principal Agent (or such other place of which notice shall have be given to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4) upon payment by the claimant of the expenses incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence and indemnity as the Issuer may reasonably require. Mutilated or defaced Securities and Coupons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued. This General Condition will not apply to Securities issued in dematerialised form.

11. ADJUSTMENTS FOR EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION

- (a) Redenomination. The Issuer may, without the consent of any Holder, on giving notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 elect that, with effect from the Adjustment Date specified in such notice, certain terms of the Securities shall be redenominated in euro. The election will have effect as follows:
- (i) where the Settlement Currency is the National Currency Unit of a country which is participating in the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to the Treaty, such Settlement Currency shall be deemed to be an amount of euro converted from the original Settlement Currency into euro at the Established Rate, subject to such provisions (if any) as to rounding as the Issuer may decide and as may be specified in the notice, and after the Adjustment Date, all payments in respect of the Securities will be made solely in euro as though references in the Securities to the Settlement Currency were to euro;
 - (ii) where the Conditions contain a rate of exchange or any of the Conditions are expressed in a National Currency Unit (the “**Original Currency**”) of a country which is participating in the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to the Treaty, such rate of exchange and/or any other terms of the Conditions shall be deemed to be expressed in or, in the case of a rate of exchange, converted for or, as the case may be into, euro at the Established Rate; and
 - (iii) such other changes shall be made to the Conditions as the Issuer may decide to conform them to conventions then applicable to instruments expressed in euro.

- (b) **Adjustment to Conditions.** The Issuer may, without the consent of the Holders, on giving notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 make such adjustments to the Conditions as the Issuer may determine to be appropriate to account for the effect of the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to the Treaty on the Conditions.
- (c) **Euro Conversion Costs.** Notwithstanding General Condition 11(a) and/or General Condition 11(b), none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall be liable to any Holder or other person for any commissions, costs, losses or expenses in relation to or resulting from the transfer of euro or any currency conversion or rounding effected in connection therewith.
- (d) **Definitions Relating to European Economic and Monetary Union.** In this General Condition, the following expressions have the meanings set out below.

“**Adjustment Date**” means a date specified by the Issuer in the notice given to the Holders pursuant to this Condition which falls on or after the date on which the country of the Original Currency or, as the case may be, the Settlement Currency first participates in the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to the Treaty;

“**Established Rate**” means the rate for the conversion of the Original Currency or, as the case may be, the Settlement Currency (including compliance with rules relating to rounding in accordance with applicable European community regulations) into euro established by the Council of the European Union pursuant to Article 123 of the Treaty;

“**National Currency Unit**” means the unit of the currency of a country as those units are defined on the day before the country first participates in the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to the Treaty; and

“**Treaty**” means the treaty establishing the European Community, as amended.

12. AGENTS

- (a) **Principal Agent and Agents.** The Issuer reserves the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of any Agent and to appoint further or additional Agents, provided that no termination of appointment of the principal agent (the “**Principal Agent**”) shall become effective until a replacement Principal Agent shall have been appointed and provided that, if and to the extent that any of the Securities are listed on any stock exchange or publicly offered in any jurisdiction, there shall be an Agent having a specified office in each country required by the rules and regulation of each such stock exchange and each such jurisdiction and provided further that, if and to the extent that any of the Securities are in registered form, there shall be a Registrar and a Transfer Agent (which may be the Registrar), if so specified in the relevant Product Conditions. Notice of any appointment, or termination of appointment, or any change in the specified office, of any Agent will be given to Holders in

accordance with General Condition 4. Each Agent acts solely as agent of the Issuer and does not assume any obligation or duty to, or any relationship of agency or trust for or with, the Holders or any of them. Any calculations or determinations in respect of the Securities made by an Agent shall (save in the case of manifest error) be final, conclusive and binding on the Holders.

- (b) Calculation Agent. The Issuer or such other Calculation Agent as specified in the applicable Final Terms, shall undertake the duties of calculation agent (the “**Calculation Agent**” which expression shall include any successor calculation agent or assignee as approved by the Issuer) in respect of the Securities unless the Issuer decides to appoint a successor Calculation Agent in accordance with the provisions below.

The Issuer reserves the right at any time to appoint another institution as the Calculation Agent provided that no termination of appointment of the existing Calculation Agent shall become effective until a replacement Calculation Agent shall have been appointed. Notice of any termination or appointment will be given to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

The Calculation Agent acts solely as agent of the Issuer and does not assume any obligation or duty to, or any relationship of agency or trust for or with, the Holders. Any calculations or determinations in respect of the Securities made by the Calculation Agent (whether or not the Issuer) shall (save in the case of manifest error) be final, conclusive and binding on the Holders.

The Calculation Agent may, with the consent of the Issuer (if it is not the Issuer), delegate any of its obligations and functions to a third party as it deems appropriate.

13. SURRENDER OF UNMATURED COUPONS

Each Security should be presented for redemption, where applicable, together with all unmatured Coupons relating to it. Upon the due date for redemption of any Security, where applicable, all unmatured Coupons relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect thereof. This General Condition will not apply to Securities issued in dematerialised form.

14. CONTRACTS (RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES) ACT 1999

No rights are conferred on any person under the English Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any Condition. The preceding sentence shall not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available apart from that Act.

15. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

- (a) The Securities and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Securities, are governed by and shall be construed in accordance with English law.
- (b) The courts of England have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute (including any dispute relating to any non-contractual obligations) (a “**Dispute**”) arising from or in connection with the Securities.
- (c) Subparagraph (b) is for the benefit of the Holders only. As a result, nothing prevents any Holder from taking proceedings relating to a Dispute (“**Proceedings**”) in any other courts with jurisdiction. To the extent allowed by law, Holders may take concurrent Proceedings in any number of jurisdictions.
- (d) The Issuer agrees that the courts of England are the most appropriate and convenient courts to settle any Dispute and, accordingly, that it will not argue to the contrary.

16. METHOD OF PAYMENT

For purposes of any payment on a Security (other than an Equity Certificate issued in registered form), the Clearing Agents may not be United States persons, as defined for United States Federal income tax purposes, and their respective specified offices may not be located in the United States or any of its possessions. No payment on a Security (other than an Equity Certificate issued in registered form) shall be made by transfer to an account in the United States (including its possessions) or by cheque mailed to an address in the United States (including its possessions).

17. COMMISSIONS, FEES AND REBATES

From time to time, the Issuer may make payments or receive the benefit of payments in relation to the issue of Securities including the following:

- (a) The Issuer may pay to a distributor, sales agent or other intermediary fees or commissions. Such fees or commissions are generally required to be disclosed by distributors, sales agents or intermediaries which, in each case, are EEA investment firms or credit institutions to their clients. Each potential investor in the Securities should satisfy itself as to the amount of any fees or commissions received by intermediaries;
- (b) The Issuer may receive or pay management or other fees from or to third parties. Where such fees are payable, further details of them will be set out in the relevant Final Terms; and
- (c) The Issuer may make payments to or receive the benefit of generic commission, discount and rebate arrangements from Hedge Providers and other transaction counterparties. Such arrangements will be as agreed between the Issuer and the third parties.

The Issuer reserves the right to retain any amounts received without any obligation to pass the benefit of the rebates to investors in the Securities.

18. EVENTS OF DEFAULT

If any one or more of the following events (each an “**Event of Default**”) shall occur and be continuing:

- (a) default is made for more than 30 days in the payment of interest or principal in respect of the Securities; or
- (b) the Issuer fails to perform or observe any of its other obligations under the Securities and such failure has continued for the period of 60 days next following the service on the Issuer of notice requiring the same to be remedied; or
- (c) an order is made or an effective resolution is passed for the winding up of the Issuer (excluding a solvent winding up solely for the purposes of a reconstruction, amalgamation, reorganisation, merger or consolidation in connection with which The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc or any of its subsidiaries assumes the obligations of the Issuer as principal debtor in respect of the Securities),

then any Holder may, by written notice to the Issuer at the specified office of the Principal Agent, effective upon the date of receipt thereof by the Principal Agent, declare the Security held by the holder to be forthwith due and payable whereupon the same shall become forthwith due and payable at the Event of Default Early Termination Amount (as defined below), together with accrued interest (if any) to the date of repayment, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind.

“**Event of Default Early Termination Amount**” means an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent as the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such Event of Default. Where the Securities contain provisions which provide a minimum assured return of principal, howsoever expressed, on the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, as applicable, or a minimum assured return of interest or coupons having regard to prevailing market rates, credit spreads and market liquidity, howsoever expressed, on a relevant Interest Payment Date (if applicable), any such amount to be paid under this General Condition shall not be less than the present value of such minimum assured return of principal and/or interest or coupons, such present value being determined by the Calculation Agent.

19. REGISTRAR AND REGISTRY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES CLEARED THROUGH CREST

In respect of Securities cleared through the dematerialised securities system operated by Euroclear UK and Ireland Limited (“**CREST**”), the Issuer has entered into an agreement for the provision of registry services with Computershare Investor Services PLC or otherwise, the person named as the Registrar in the applicable Final Terms (with respect to Securities cleared through CREST, the

“**Registrar**” which expression shall include any successor registrar) and the definition of “**Registrar**” for the purposes of the applicable Product Conditions and Final Terms shall be construed accordingly.

Payments in respect of Securities cleared through CREST will be made under an agreement as amended, restated or supplemented from time to time (the “**Registry Services Agreement**”) for the provision of registry services with the Registrar.

In acting under the Registry Services Agreement, the relevant Registrar will act solely as agent of the Issuer and does not assume any obligations or relationships of agency or trust to or with the Holders.

20. PAYMENTS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES CLEARED THROUGH CREST

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Conditions, the Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid any amounts due to a Holder of a Security cleared through CREST to such Holder's cash account with the Operator for value on the relevant payment date, such payment to be made in accordance with the Regulations (as defined in the relevant Product Conditions) and the rules, procedures and practices in effect of the Operator (as defined in the relevant Product Conditions). The Issuer's obligations in relation to such amounts in respect of Securities cleared through CREST will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Operator. Each of the persons shown in the Operator register of corporate securities as the holder of a particular nominal amount of Securities cleared through CREST must look solely to the Operator for his share of each such payment so made by the Issuer to, or to the order of, the Operator.

21. TRANSFER AND CONSISTENCY REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES CLEARED THROUGH CREST

No provisions of any of the Conditions shall (notwithstanding anything contained therein) apply or have effect to the extent that it is in any respect inconsistent with (i) the holding of title to Securities cleared through CREST (ii) the transfer of title to Securities cleared through CREST by means of a relevant system, or (iii) the Regulations.

Without prejudice to the generality of the preceding sentence and notwithstanding anything contained in the Conditions, so long as Securities cleared through CREST are participating securities, (a) any such Securities which are not for the time being in all respects identical to, or do not for the time being have rights attached thereto identical in all respects to those attached to other Securities cleared through CREST of the same Series, shall be deemed to constitute a separate Series of Securities, (b) the Register (as defined in the relevant Product Conditions) relating to Securities cleared through CREST shall be maintained at all times in the United Kingdom, (c) Securities cleared through CREST will be issued in uncertificated form in accordance with and subject as provided in the Regulations, and (d) for the avoidance of doubt, and any Conditions in relation to any Securities

cleared through CREST shall remain applicable notwithstanding that they are not endorsed on any certificate for such Securities.

CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS
RELATING TO INDEX AIRBAG CERTIFICATES

The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and/or The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, 8022 Zurich, Switzerland (the “**Swiss Agent**”), each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Airbag Level**” means the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Capped Price**” means, if applicable, the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Cash Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“Commodity Index” means the commodity index (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“Emerging Market Disruption Event” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Exchange**” means (i) in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, each exchange or quotation system from which the Index Sponsor takes the prices of the shares and other securities that comprise the Index (the “**Shares**”) to compute the Index or any successor to such exchange or quotation system or (ii) in respect of a Commodity Index, the exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system in which trading of the futures or options contracts in the Index or its components principally occurs or the exchange or quotation system where trading has a material effect on the overall market for futures or options contracts relating to the Index or its components, in each case as determined by the Issuer, acting in good faith;

“**Exchange Rate**” means the rate of exchange between the Underlying Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercisable Certificates**” means, if “Exercisable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be exercisable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction, exercise or redemption charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties, arising in connection with (i) the exercise or redemption, as the case may be, of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or redemption, as the case may be, or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“Final Reference Price” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the level of the Index at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such level can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) a level determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the level of the Index on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price(s) of (a) the Shares on the Exchange (in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index) or (b) the components of the Index on the Exchange (in respect of a Commodity Index) and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“Final Terms” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“Governmental Authority” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“Index” means the index or Commodity Index specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“Index Sponsor” means the corporation or other entity that (a) is responsible for setting and reviewing the rules and procedures and the methods of calculation and adjustments, if any, related to the relevant Index and/or (b) announces (directly or through an agent) the level of the relevant Index on a regular basis during each Trading Day and references to Index Sponsor shall include any successor index sponsor pursuant to Product Condition 4;

“Initial Reference Price” means, if applicable and unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the level of the Index at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Initial Reference Price 1” means, if applicable, the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Initial Reference Price 2” means, if applicable, the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Issue Date” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“Issuer” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“Launch Date” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“Market Disruption Event” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“Payment Day” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“Pricing Date” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer if, in adverse market conditions, in the opinion of the Issuer, the circumstances so require;

“Redeemable Certificates” means, if “Redeemable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be redeemable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Redemption Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Related Exchange” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Index are traded;

“Relevant Currency” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“Relevant Currency Exchange Rate” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at

such time;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the index airbag certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms which may either be Exercisable Certificates or Redeemable Certificates and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Trading Day**” means any day on which the Index Sponsor should calculate and publish the closing level of the Index according to its rules;

“**Underlying Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of (a) the Shares on the Exchange (in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index) or (b) the components of the Index on the Exchange (in

respect of a Commodity Index) and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means (i) in respect of the AEX-index, the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the exchange delivery settlement price (the average of the prices of the AEX-index calculated at one minute intervals between 15.30 and 16.00 Amsterdam time) or (ii) in respect of any other Index, the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the closing level of the Index or in relation to (i) and (ii) at such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

2. FORM

(a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depository for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

(b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

If CREST is specified as the Clearing Agent in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will be

cleared through CREST. Such Securities will be registered securities in dematerialised and uncertificated form, and will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “**Regulations**”).

Securities cleared through CREST may be transferred in accordance with the Regulations and the rules, procedures and practices of the relevant Operator (as defined below). No transfer of such Securities will be valid unless and until entered on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in and in accordance with, the Regulations).

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator and the Regulations. Subject to this requirement, (i) each person who is for the time being shown in the Register as the holder of such Securities shall be treated by the Issuer and the Registrar as the holder of such Securities for all purposes and (ii) neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be liable in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done by it or on its behalf in reliance upon the assumption that the particulars entered in the Register which the Registrar maintains are in accordance with particulars entered in the Operator register of corporate securities relating to such Securities (and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

Any reference to the “**Operator**” (as such term is used in the Regulations) shall be to CREST and shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any such additional or alternative Operator approved by the Issuer from time to time in accordance with the Regulations and notified to the relevant Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase indicating that they are obliged to or will carry out any role or obligation described in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, is given without any assumption by the Issuer, the relevant Registrar or the Calculation Agent of responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated**”).

Securities”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) **Exercise.** Securities which are Exercisable Certificates will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Valuation Date.
- (b) **Cash Settlement.** Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate, upon due exercise, and subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date; and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date, in each case, the Cash Amount.
- (c) **Payment Day.** If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (d) **General.** In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer,

the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount.

- (e) Notice. All payments in relation to Securities which are Exercisable Certificates shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with any Cash Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
- (vi) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by

persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other "U.S. person" as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

- (vii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (f) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, in either case reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar of its holding of such Securities.
- (g) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount (if any) for each Security
 - (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate with respect to which a Notice has been delivered, to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date; or
 - (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, to the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar into which the Cash Amount is to be credited for value on the Redemption Date.
- (h) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is not delivered to the Registrar, in each case as provided in the Conditions, shall be void.

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, at the time such correction is delivered to the Registrar as provided in the Conditions.

Any Security with respect to which a Notice has not been duly completed and delivered in the manner set out above by the time specified in Product Condition 3 shall become void.

The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (i) **Delivery of a Notice.** Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (j) **Exercise and Settlement or Redemption Risk.** Exercise and settlement or redemption, as the case may be, of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (k) **Method of Payment.** Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (l) **Presentation and Surrender.** Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in

connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) **Market Disruption.** The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

In respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, “**Market Disruption Event**” means (i) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which any Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or (ii) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):

- (A) on any Exchange(s) in securities that comprise 20 per cent or more of the level of the relevant Index if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material. For the purpose of determining whether such suspension or limitation is material, if trading in a security included in the Index is suspended or materially limited at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security to the level of the Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that security relative to (y) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately before that suspension or limitation; or
- (B) on any Related Exchange in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the relevant Index.

In any event, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the relevant exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the relevant exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

In respect of a Commodity Index, “**Market Disruption Event**” means, in relation to the Commodity Index or its components:

- (i) **Price Source Disruption.** The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the

price of the Commodity Index or any of its components (or the information necessary for determining such price(s)) or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price(s) by the Exchange; or

- (ii) **Trading Suspension.** The material suspension of trading on the Exchange; or
- (iii) **Disappearance of Price.** The permanent discontinuation of trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Exchange, disappearance of, or of trading in, the Commodity Index or any of its components or the disappearance or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of a reference price, notwithstanding the availability of the related price source or the status of trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components;
- (iv) **Material Change in Formula.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the basis for (including but not limited to the quantity, quality or currency), or method of, calculating the price of a component of the Commodity Index; or
- (v) **Material Change in Content.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the content or composition of a Commodity Index or any component of the Commodity Index; or
- (vi) **De Minimis Trading.** The number of contracts traded on the Exchange with respect to a Commodity Index or any of its components is such that the Issuer declares that its ability to enter into hedging transactions with respect to the Commodity Index or any of its components has been impaired due to a lack of, or a material reduction in, trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Exchange; or
- (vii) **Tax Disruption.** The imposition of, change in, or removal of, an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, a Commodity Index or any of its components (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Issue Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the price of the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Valuation Date and/or on each of the three Trading Days following the Valuation Date, as the case may be, from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; or
- (viii) **Trading Limitation.** The material limitation imposed on trading in a Commodity Index or any of its components on any exchange or principal trading market; or
- (ix) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange is located; or

- (x) **Other Events.** Any other event similar to any of the above which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.
- (b) Adjustments to Index. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made by it pursuant to paragraphs (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) below.
- (i) If the Index is (A) not calculated and announced by the Index Sponsor but is calculated and published by a successor to the Index Sponsor (the “**Successor Sponsor**”) acceptable to the Calculation Agent; or (B) replaced by a successor index using, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of the Index, then (in either case) the Index will be deemed to be the index so calculated and announced by such Successor Sponsor or that successor index, as the case may be.
- (ii) If (A) on or prior to the Valuation Date the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor makes a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating the Index or in any other way materially modifies the Index (other than a modification prescribed in that formula or method to maintain the Index in the event of changes in constituent securities or components, as the case may be, and other routine events); or (B) on or prior to the Valuation Date the Index Sponsor or, if applicable the Successor Sponsor fails to calculate and/or publish the Index; then (in either case) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price using, in lieu of a published level(s) for the Index on the Valuation Date, the level for the Index as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to the change or failure, but using only those (a) in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, securities that comprised the Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those securities that have since ceased to be listed on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed); or (b) in respect of a Commodity Index, commodity components that comprised the Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those components that have since ceased to be traded on the Exchange or any other exchange) or, in the case of a material modification of the Index only, the Calculation Agent shall deem such modified Index to be the Index so calculated and announced or shall (if so required by the Issuer), by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4, terminate the

Securities and pay to each Holder in respect of each Security held by such Holder an amount equal to the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such material modification of the Index less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements (as determined by the Issuer).

- (iii) If, at any time, any of the events specified in (A) to (H) below occurs and the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor has not in the opinion of the Calculation Agent made an appropriate adjustment to the level of the Index (which term excludes, for these purposes of this paragraph (iii), any Commodity Index) in order to account fully for such event, notwithstanding that the rules published or applied by the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor pertaining to the Index have been applied, the Calculation Agent shall make such adjustment to the level of the Index as it considers appropriate in order to so account: (A) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the Shares of (i) Shares; or (ii) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the issuer of the Shares equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of Shares or (iii) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (in cash or otherwise) at less than the prevailing market price; (B) a free distribution or dividend of any Shares to existing holders of the Shares by way of bonus, capitalisation or similar issue; (C) an extraordinary dividend; (D) any cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer of the Shares has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (E) any non-cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer of the Shares has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (F) any other extraordinary cash or non-cash dividend on, or distribution with respect to, the Shares which is, by its terms or declared intent, declared and paid outside the normal operations or normal dividend procedures of the relevant issuer of the Shares, provided that, in all cases, the related ex-dividend date occurs during the period from and including the Issue Date up to but excluding the Valuation Date; (G) a distribution of cash dividends on the Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (H) any other similar event having dilutive or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Shares.
- (iv) The Issuer reserves the right to issue further certificates, make adjustments or to distribute to the Holders any rights in connection with the Securities as it reasonably

believes are appropriate in circumstances where an event or events occur which the Issuer (in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any adjustments previously made to the Securities) believes should in the context of the issue of Securities and its obligations hereunder, give rise to such adjustment or distribution, provided that such adjustment is considered by the Calculation Agent to be appropriate generally (without considering the individual circumstances of any Holder or the tax or other consequences of such adjustment in any particular jurisdiction) or is required to take account of provisions of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction or the practices of the Exchange. The Issuer, in any event, reserves the right to in its absolute discretion terminate Securities linked to any Proprietary Index by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4, in the event that the relevant Index Sponsor terminates, cancels or suspends, as the case may be, any such Proprietary Index.

- (c) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS
RELATING TO INDEX DISCOUNT CERTIFICATES

The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and/or The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, 8022 Zurich, Switzerland (the “**Swiss Agent**”), each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Capped Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Capped Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate if an Exchange Rate is specified and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Capped Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Cash Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate if an Exchange Rate is specified and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General

Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Commodity Index**” means the commodity index (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Emerging Market Disruption Event**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant

Currency; or

- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Entitlement**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Exchange**” means (i) in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, each exchange or quotation system from which the Index Sponsor takes the prices of the shares and other securities that comprise the Index (the “**Shares**”) to compute the Index or any successor to such exchange or quotation system or (ii) in respect of a Commodity Index, the exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system in which trading of the futures or options contracts in the Index or its components principally occurs or the exchange or quotation system where trading has a material effect on the overall market for futures or options contracts relating to the Index or its components, in each case as determined by the Issuer, acting in good faith;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, where the Strike Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Strike Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercisable Certificates**” means, if “Exercisable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be exercisable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Expenses” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction, exercise or redemption charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties arising in connection with (i) the exercise or redemption, as the case may be, of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or redemption, as the case may be, or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“Final Reference Price” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Strike Currency) equal to the level of the Index at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such level can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the level of the Index on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price(s) of (a) the Shares on the Exchange (in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index) or (b) the components of the Index on the Exchange (in respect of a Commodity Index) and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“Final Terms” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“Governmental Authority” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“Index” means the index or Commodity Index specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“Index Sponsor” means the corporation or other entity that (a) is responsible for setting and reviewing the rules and procedures and the methods of calculation and adjustments, if any, related to the relevant Index and/or (b) announces (directly or through an agent) the level of the relevant Index on a regular basis during each Trading Day and references to Index Sponsor shall include any successor index sponsor pursuant to Product Condition 4;

“Issue Date” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“Issuer” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“Launch Date” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“Market Disruption Event” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“Payment Day” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is the euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross-settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“Redeemable Certificates” means, if “Redeemable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be redeemable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Redemption Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Related Exchange” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Index are traded;

“Relevant Currency” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“Relevant Currency Exchange Rate” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“Relevant Number of Trading Days” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Securities” means each Series of the index discount certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms which may either be Exercisable Certificates or Redeemable Certificates and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Strike Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Trading Day**” means any day on which the Index Sponsor should calculate and publish the closing level of the Index according to its rules;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of (a) the Shares on the Exchange (in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index) or (b) the components of the Index on the Exchange (in respect of a Commodity Index) and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means (i) in respect of the AEX-index, the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the exchange delivery settlement price (the average of the prices of the AEX-index calculated at one minute intervals between 15.30 and 16.00 Amsterdam time) or (ii) in respect of any other Index, the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the closing level of the Index or in relation to (i) and (ii) at such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion

and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

2. FORM

(a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depository for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

(b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

If CREST is specified as the Clearing Agent in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will be cleared through CREST. Such Securities will be registered securities in dematerialised and uncertificated form, and will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “**Regulations**”).

Securities cleared through CREST may be transferred in accordance with the Regulations and the rules, procedures and practices of the relevant Operator (as defined below). No transfer of such Securities will be valid unless and until entered on the relevant Operator register of

corporate securities (as defined in and in accordance with, the Regulations).

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator and the Regulations. Subject to this requirement, (i) each person who is for the time being shown in the Register as the holder of such Securities shall be treated by the Issuer and the Registrar as the holder of such Securities for all purposes and (ii) neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be liable in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done by it or on its behalf in reliance upon the assumption that the particulars entered in the Register which the Registrar maintains are in accordance with particulars entered in the Operator register of corporate securities relating to such Securities (and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

Any reference to the “**Operator**” (as such term is used in the Regulations) shall be to CREST and shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any such additional or alternative Operator approved by the Issuer from time to time in accordance with the Regulations and notified to the relevant Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase indicating that they are obliged to or will carry out any role or obligation described in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, is given without any assumption by the Issuer, the relevant Registrar or the Calculation Agent of responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance

with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Securities which are Exercisable Certificates will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Valuation Date.
- (b) Cash Settlement. Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate, upon due exercise, and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date or, if later, five Business Days following the delivery of the Notice; and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date, in each case, subject to General Condition 6(c), the Cash Amount or the Capped Amount, as the case may be, specified as such in the definition of Cash Settlement for the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.
- (c) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (d) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent or any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount or the Capped Amount, as the case may be.
- (e) Notice. All payments in relation to Securities which are Exercisable Certificates shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the

Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with any Cash Amount or the Capped Amount;
- (v) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
- (vi) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S.

persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

- (vii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (f) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, in either case reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar of its holding of such Securities.
- (g) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount or Capped Amount for each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate with respect to which a Notice has been delivered, to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the date determined according to Product Condition 3(b)(i); or (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, to the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar into which the Cash Amount is to be credited for value on the Redemption Date.
- (h) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is not delivered to the Registrar, in each case as provided in the Conditions shall be void. If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, at the time such correction is delivered to the Registrar as provided in the Conditions.

The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (i) **Delivery of a Notice.** Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (j) **Exercise and Settlement or Redemption Risk.** Exercise and settlement, or redemption, as the case may be, of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (k) **Method of Payment.** Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (l) **Presentation and Surrender.** Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) **Market Disruption.** The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

In respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, “**Market Disruption Event**” means (i) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which any Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or (ii) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on an Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise), (A) on any Exchange(s) in securities that comprise 20 per cent or more of the level of the relevant Index if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material. For the purpose of determining whether such suspension or limitation is material, if trading in a security included in the Index is suspended or materially limited at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security to the level of the Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that security relative to (y) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately before that suspension or limitation; or (B) on any Related Exchange in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the relevant Index. In any event, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the relevant exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the relevant exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

In respect of a Commodity Index, “**Market Disruption Event**” means, in relation to the Commodity Index or its components:

- (i) **Price Source Disruption.** The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the price of the Commodity Index or any of its components (or the information necessary for determining such price(s)) or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price(s) by the Exchange; or
- (ii) **Trading Suspension.** The material suspension of trading on the Exchange; or
- (iii) **Disappearance of Price.** The permanent discontinuation of trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Exchange, disappearance of, or of trading in, the Commodity Index or any of its components or the disappearance or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of a reference price, notwithstanding the availability of the related price source or the status of trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components;

- (iv) **Material Change in Formula.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the basis for (including but not limited to the quantity, quality or currency), or method of, calculating the price of a component of the Commodity Index; or
 - (v) **Material Change in Content.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the content or composition of a Commodity Index or any component of the Commodity Index; or
 - (vi) **De Minimis Trading.** The number of contracts traded on the Exchange with respect to a Commodity Index or any of its components is such that the Issuer declares that its ability to enter into hedging transactions with respect to the Commodity Index or any of its components has been impaired due to a lack of, or a material reduction in, trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Exchange; or
 - (vii) **Tax Disruption.** The imposition of, change in, or removal of, an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, a Commodity Index or any of its components (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Issue Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the price of the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Valuation Date and/or on each of the three Trading Days following the Valuation Date, as the case may be, from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; or
 - (viii) **Trading Limitation.** The material limitation imposed on trading in a Commodity Index or any of its components on any exchange or principal trading market; or
 - (ix) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange is located; or
 - (x) **Other Events.** Any other event similar to any of the above which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.
- (b) **Adjustments to Index.** The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made by it pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2), (3) or (4) below:
- (1) If the Index is (A) not calculated and announced by the Index Sponsor but is calculated and published by a successor to the Index Sponsor (the “**Successor Sponsor**”) acceptable to the Calculation Agent; or (B) replaced by a successor index using, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially

similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of the Index, then (in either case) the Index will be deemed to be the index so calculated and announced by such Successor Sponsor or that successor index, as the case may be.

- (2) If (A) on or prior to the Valuation Date the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor makes a material change in the formula for, or the method of calculating, the Index or in any other way materially modifies the Index (other than a modification prescribed in that formula or method to maintain the Index in the event of changes in constituent securities or components, as the case may be, and other routine events); or (B) on or prior to the Valuation Date the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor fails to calculate and/or publish the Index, then (in either case) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price using, in lieu of a published level for the Index on the Valuation Date, the level for the Index as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to the change or failure, but using only those (a) in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index securities that comprised the Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those securities that have since ceased to be listed on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed); or (b) in respect of a Commodity Index, commodity components that comprised the Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those components that have since ceased to be traded on the Exchange or any other exchange) or, in the case of a material modification of the Index only, the Calculation Agent shall deem such modified Index to be the Index so calculated and announced or shall (if so required by the Issuer), by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4, terminate the Securities and pay to each Holder in respect of each Security held by such Holder an amount equal to the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such material modification of the Index less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements (as determined by the Issuer).
- (3) If, at any time, any of the events specified in (A) to (G) below occurs and the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor has not in the opinion of the Calculation Agent made an appropriate adjustment to the level of the Index (which term excludes, for these purposes of this paragraph (3), any Commodity Index) in order to account fully for such event, notwithstanding that the rules published or applied by the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor pertaining to the Index have been applied, the Calculation Agent shall make such adjustment to the level of the Index as it considers appropriate in order so to account for: (A) a

distribution or dividend to existing holders of the Shares of (i) Shares; or (ii) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the issuer of the Shares equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of Shares or (iii) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (in cash or otherwise) at less than the prevailing market price; (B) a free distribution or dividend of any Shares to existing holders of the Shares by way of bonus, capitalisation or similar issue; (C) an extraordinary dividend; (D) any cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer of the Shares has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (E) any non-cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer of the Shares has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (F) any other extraordinary cash or non-cash dividend on, or distribution with respect to, the Shares which is, by its terms or declared intent, declared and paid outside the normal operations or normal dividend procedures of the relevant issuer of the Shares, provided that, in all cases, the related ex-dividend date occurs during the period from and including the Issue Date up to but excluding the Valuation Date; (G) any other similar event having dilutive or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Shares.

- (4) The Issuer reserves the right to issue further certificates, make adjustments or to distribute to the Holders any rights in connection with the Securities as it reasonably believes are appropriate in circumstances where an event or events occur which the Issuer (in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any adjustments previously made to the Securities) believes should in the context of the issue of Securities and its obligations hereunder, give rise to such adjustment or distribution, provided that such adjustment is considered by the Calculation Agent to be appropriate generally (without considering the individual circumstances of any Holder or the tax or other consequences of such adjustment in any particular jurisdiction) or is required to take account of provisions of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction or the practices of the Exchange. The Issuer, in any event, reserves the right to in its absolute discretion terminate Securities linked to any Proprietary Index by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4, in the event that the relevant Index Sponsor terminates, cancels or suspends, as the case may be, any such Proprietary Index.
- (c) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination

made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS
RELATING TO SINGLE STOCK DISCOUNT CERTIFICATES (CASH)

The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and/or The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, 8022 Zurich, Switzerland (the “**Swiss Agent**”), each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Capped Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Capped Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate if an Exchange Rate is specified and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Capped Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Cash Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate if an Exchange Rate is specified and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General

Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Emerging Market Disruption Event**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

(vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or

(vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or

(viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

(ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or

(x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“Entitlement” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Exchange” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“Exchange Rate” means, where the Strike Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Strike Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“Exercisable Certificates” means, if “Exercisable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be exercisable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Expenses” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction, exercise or redemption charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties arising in connection with (i) the exercise or redemption, as the case may be, of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or redemption, as the case may be, or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“Final Reference Price” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in

the applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the price of the Share quoted on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Share on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of such Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Initial Reference Price**” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, equal to the price of the Share quoted on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date as determined by the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Share on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“**Issue Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“**Launch Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Market Disruption Event**” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is the euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross-settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“**Redeemable Certificates**” means, if “Redeemable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be redeemable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“**Redemption Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“**Relevant Currency Exchange Rate**” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the single stock discount certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms which may either be Exercisable Certificates or Redeemable Certificates and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series

in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Share**” means the share specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4 and “**Shares**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Share Company**” means the share company specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Strike Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Trading Day**” means any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means the close of trading on the relevant Exchange in relation to a Share or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed

to them in the General Conditions.

2. FORM

(a) **Global Form.** Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

(b) **Dematerialised Form.** Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

If CREST is specified as the Clearing Agent in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will be cleared through CREST. Such Securities will be registered securities in dematerialised and uncertificated form, and will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “**Regulations**”).

Securities cleared through CREST may be transferred in accordance with the Regulations and the rules, procedures and practices of the relevant Operator (as defined below). No transfer of such Securities will be valid unless and until entered on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in and in accordance with, the Regulations).

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the

relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator and the Regulations. Subject to this requirement, (i) each person who is for the time being shown in the Register as the holder of such Securities shall be treated by the Issuer and the Registrar as the holder of such Securities for all purposes and (ii) neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be liable in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done by it or on its behalf in reliance upon the assumption that the particulars entered in the Register which the Registrar maintains are in accordance with particulars entered in the Operator register of corporate securities relating to such Securities (and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

Any reference to the “**Operator**” (as such term is used in the Regulations) shall be to CREST and shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any such additional or alternative Operator approved by the Issuer from time to time in accordance with the Regulations and notified to the relevant Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase indicating that they are obliged to or will carry out any role or obligation described in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, is given without any assumption by the Issuer, the relevant Registrar or the Calculation Agent of responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined

in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Securities which are Exercisable Certificates will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Valuation Date.
- (b) Cash Settlement. Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate, upon due exercise, and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date or, if later, five Business Days following the delivery of the Notice; or (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date, in each case, subject to General Condition 6(c), the Cash Amount or the Capped Amount, as the case may be, specified as such in the definition of Cash Settlement for the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.
- (c) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (d) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent or any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount or the Capped Amount, as the case may be.

The purchase of Securities does not confer on any holder of such Securities any rights (whether in respect of voting, distributions or otherwise) attached to the Shares.

- (e) Notice. All payments in relation to Securities which are Exercisable Certificates shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the

Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with any Cash Amount or the Capped Amount;
- (v) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
- (vi) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S.

persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

- (vii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (f) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, in either case reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar of its holding of such Securities.
- (g) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount or Capped Amount for each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate with respect to which a Notice has been delivered, to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the date determined according to Product Condition 3(b); or (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, to the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar into which the Cash Amount is to be credited for value on the Redemption Date.
- (h) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is not delivered to the Registrar, in each case as provided in the Conditions shall be void.

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, at the time such correction is delivered to the Registrar as provided in the Conditions.

The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such

determination to a Holder.

- (i) **Delivery of a Notice.** Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (j) **Exercise and Settlement Risk.** Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (k) **Method of Payment.** Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (l) **Presentation and Surrender.** Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) **Market Disruption.** The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that

a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“Market Disruption Event” means (i) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which any Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or (ii) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on an Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise): (A) in the Shares on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed; or (B) on any Related Exchange in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Shares if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material. For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (b) Potential Adjustment Events. Following a declaration by the Share Company of the terms of any Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent will determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Share and, if so, will:
- (i) make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any one or more of the Conditions as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect; and
 - (ii) determine the effective date of that adjustment.

The Calculation Agent may, but need not, determine the adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of such Potential Adjustment Event made by an options exchange to options on the Shares traded on that options exchange. Upon making any such adjustment, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the adjustment to be made to the Conditions and giving brief details of the Potential Adjustment Event.

“Potential Adjustment Event” means any of the following: (i) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Shares (unless a Merger Event), or a free distribution or dividend of such Shares to existing holders of the relevant Shares by way of bonus, capitalisation, recapitalisation or similar issue; (ii) a distribution or dividend to existing

holders of the relevant Shares of (A) such Shares, or (B) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the Share Company equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of such Shares, or (C) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (cash or other) at less than the prevailing market price as determined by the Calculation Agent; (iii) an extraordinary dividend; (iv) a distribution of cash dividends on the Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (v) a call by the Share Company in respect of relevant Shares that are not fully paid; (vi) a repurchase by the Share Company of relevant Shares whether out of profits or capital and whether the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise; or (vii) any other similar event that may have a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares.

(c) De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation and Insolvency. If a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to the Share Company, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (i), (ii) or (iii) below:

- (i) require the Calculation Agent to determine in its sole and absolute discretion the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any of the other terms of these Conditions to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, and determine the effective date of that adjustment. The Calculation Agent may (but is under no obligation to) determine the appropriate adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency made by any Related Exchange to options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on such Related Exchange; or
- (ii) cancel the Securities by giving notice to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. If the Securities are to be cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each Security held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a Security (taking into account the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be)) on the day selected for cancellation as shall be selected by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion adjusted to account fully for any losses, expenses and costs to the Issuer and/or any affiliate of the Issuer of unwinding or adjusting any underlying or related hedging arrangements (including but not limited to any equity options or selling or otherwise realising any Shares or other instruments of any type whatsoever which the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates may hold as part of such hedging arrangements), all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will

be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; or

- (iii) following any adjustment to the settlement of terms of options contracts or futures contracts or any other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on any Related Exchange, require the Calculation Agent to make a corresponding adjustment to any of the other terms of these Conditions, which adjustment will be effective as of the date determined by the Calculation Agent to be the effective date of the corresponding adjustment made by the Related Exchange. If options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are not traded on the Related Exchange, the Calculation Agent will make such adjustment, if any, to any of the other terms of these Conditions as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines appropriate, with reference to the rules and precedents (if any) set by the Related Exchange to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) that in the determination of the Calculation Agent would have given rise to an adjustment by the Related Exchange if such options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts were so traded.

Upon the occurrence of a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the occurrence of such De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto.

“De-listing” means a Share for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Share is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

“Merger Date” means the closing date of a Merger Event or, where a closing date cannot be determined under the local law applicable to such Merger Event, such other date as determined by the Calculation Agent.

“Merger Event” means any (i) reclassification or change to the Shares that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all or a majority of the outstanding Shares; (ii) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of a Share Company with or into another entity (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Share Company is the continuing entity and which does not result in any such reclassification or change to all the outstanding Shares); or (iii) take-over offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any

entity or person to purchase or otherwise obtain 100 per cent. of the outstanding Shares that results in a transfer of, or an irrevocable commitment to transfer a majority of the voting power of the Share Company to the offeror, in each case if the Merger Date is on or before the Valuation Date.

“**Nationalisation**” means that all the Shares of a Share Company or all the assets or substantially all the assets of a Share Company are nationalised, expropriated or are otherwise required to be transferred to any governmental agency, authority or entity.

“**Insolvency**” means that by reason of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, bankruptcy or insolvency of or any analogous proceeding affecting a Share Company (i) all the Shares are required to be transferred to a receiver, trustee, liquidator or other similar official or (ii) holders of the Shares of that Share Company become legally prohibited from transferring them.

- (d) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS
RELATING TO SINGLE STOCK DISCOUNT CERTIFICATES (CASH OR PHYSICAL)

The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and/or The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, 8022 Zurich, Switzerland (the “**Swiss Agent**”), each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, (a) a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business; and (b) a day on which the Exchange is open for business;

“**Capped Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Cash Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate if an Exchange Rate is specified and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Delivery Details**” means, where applicable, account details and/or the name and address of any person into whose name evidence of the Share Amount is to be registered and/or any bank, broker or agent to whom documents evidencing title are to be delivered;

“**Disruption Cash Settlement Price**” means the fair market value of each Security on such day as

shall be selected by the Issuer less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangement, all as determined by the Issuer;

“Emerging Market Disruption Event” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

(i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

(ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or

(iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or

(iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or

(v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

(vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or

(vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or

(viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

(ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or

(x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“Entitlement” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Exchange” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“Exchange Rate” means, where the Strike Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Strike Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“Exercisable Certificates” means, if “Exercisable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be exercisable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Expenses” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction, exercise or redemption charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties arising in connection with (i) the exercise or redemption, as the case may be, of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or redemption, as the case may be, or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“Final Reference Price” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in

the applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the price of the Share quoted on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Share on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of such Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Initial Reference Price**” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, equal to the price of the Share quoted on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date as determined by the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Share on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“**Issue Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“**Launch Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Market Disruption Event**” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is the euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross-settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“Physical Delivery Securities” means Securities settled by way of physical delivery;

“Pricing Date” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“Redeemable Certificates” means, if “Redeemable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be redeemable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Redemption Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Related Exchange” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are traded;

“Relevant Currency” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“Relevant Currency Exchange Rate” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“Relevant Number of Trading Days” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Securities” means each Series of the single stock discount certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms which may either be Exercisable Certificates or Redeemable Certificates and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“Series” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Disruption Event**” means, in the determination of the Issuer, an event beyond the control of the Issuer as a result of which the Issuer cannot make delivery of the Share Amount in accordance with such market method as it decides at the relevant time for delivery of the Share Amount;

“**Share**” means the share specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4 and “**Shares**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Share Amount**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, one Share, multiplied by the Entitlement, if an Entitlement is specified. If the Share Amount is an amount comprising a fraction of any Share, the Holder will receive a Share Amount comprising the nearest whole number (rounded down) of Shares (taking into account that a Holder’s entire holding may be aggregated at the Issuer’s discretion for the purpose of delivering the relevant Share Amounts), and an amount in the Settlement Currency using the Exchange Rate, if applicable, equal to the value of the outstanding undelivered fraction of such Share, as calculated by the Calculation Agent on the basis of the Final Reference Price;

“**Share Company**” means the share company specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Strike Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Trading Day**” means any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that

day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means the close of trading on the relevant Exchange in relation to a Share or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.
- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from

time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules. If CREST is specified as the Clearing Agent in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will be cleared through CREST. Such Securities will be registered securities in dematerialised and uncertificated form, and will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “**Regulations**”).

Securities cleared through CREST may be transferred in accordance with the Regulations and the rules, procedures and practices of the relevant Operator (as defined below). No transfer of such Securities will be valid unless and until entered on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in and in accordance with, the Regulations).

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator and the Regulations. Subject to this requirement, (i) each person who is for the time being shown in the Register as the holder of such Securities shall be treated by the Issuer and the Registrar as the holder of such Securities for all purposes and (ii) neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be liable in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done by it or on its behalf in reliance upon the assumption that the particulars entered in the Register which the Registrar maintains are in accordance with particulars entered in the Operator register of corporate securities relating to such Securities (and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

Any reference to the “**Operator**” (as such term is used in the Regulations) shall be to CREST and shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any such additional or alternative Operator approved by the Issuer from time to time in accordance with the Regulations and notified to the relevant Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase indicating that they are obliged to or will carry out any role or obligation described in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, is given without any assumption by the Issuer, the relevant Registrar or the Calculation Agent of responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Securities which are Exercisable Certificates will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Valuation Date.

(b) Cash and Physical Settlement. Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate, upon due exercise, and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date or, if later, five Business Days following the delivery of the Notice; and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, upon redemption and (in the case of Physical Delivery Securities only) subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to

certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date or, if later, five Business Days following the delivery of the Notice (if applicable), in each case, subject to General Condition 6(c), the Cash Amount or the Share Amount, as the case may be, specified as such in the definition of Settlement for the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.

- (c) **Payment Day.** If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (d) **General.** In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent or any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, the Share Amount, the Realised Share Amount, or the Disruption Cash Settlement Price, as the case may be.

The purchase of Securities does not confer on any holder of such Securities any rights (whether in respect of voting, distributions or otherwise) attached to the Shares.

(e) **Notice.** All payments (which term shall include delivery of any Share Amount) in relation to Securities which are Exercisable Certificates and delivery of any Share Amount in relation to Securities which are Redeemable Certificates shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall (as appropriate):

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with any Cash Amount;

- (v) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
 - (vi) specify the Delivery Details;
 - (vii) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and
 - (viii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (f) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, in either case reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar of its holding of such Securities.
- (g) Late Delivery of Notice. If the Notice is delivered to the relevant Clearing Agent or the copy is delivered to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, or where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar after the close of business in the place of receipt on the Valuation Date, then the Share Amount will be delivered as soon as practicable after the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be (the date of delivery in relation

to a Share Amount whether on or after the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, being the “**Delivery Date**”) in the manner provided below. For the avoidance of doubt, no holder of Securities or any other person shall be entitled to any payment, whether of interest or otherwise, by reason of the Delivery Date for such Securities occurring after the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, due to such Notice (or the copy thereof) being delivered after close of business on the Valuation Date as provided above. In the event that a Holder does not, in respect of a Security which is to be redeemed by delivery of the Share Amount, deliver or procure delivery of a Notice as set out above prior to the date that is 30 calendar days after the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, the Issuer shall have the right but not the obligation to sell the Shares comprised in the Share Amount in respect of such Security in the open market or otherwise at a price determined by the Issuer, in its sole discretion, to be the fair market value of the Shares multiplied by the Entitlement if an Entitlement is specified and shall hold the proceeds (the “**Realised Share Amount**”) for the account of the Holder until presentation of the relevant Notice. Upon payment of the Realised Share Amount as aforesaid, the Issuer’s obligations in respect of such Security shall be discharged.

- (h) **Delivery of the Share Amount.** Subject as provided in the Conditions, the delivery of the Share Amount shall be made at the risk of the Holder and shall be delivered and evidenced in such manner as the Issuer determines to be customary for the Shares or in such other commercially reasonable manner as the Issuer shall determine to be appropriate for such delivery. The Issuer shall be under no obligation to register or procure the registration of the Holder or any other person as the registered shareholder in respect of the Shares comprised in any Share Amount in the register of members of the Share Company.
- (i) **Settlement.** The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount for each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate with respect to which a Notice has been delivered, to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the date determined according to Product Condition 3(b)(i); or (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, to the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar into which the Cash Amount is to be credited for value on the Redemption Date.
- (j) **Determinations.** Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is

not delivered to the Registrar, in each case as provided in the Conditions shall be void. If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, at the time such correction is delivered to the Registrar as provided in the Conditions.

The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (k) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (l) Intervening Period. With respect to delivery of the Share Amount, for such period of time after the Valuation Date as the Issuer or any person on behalf of the Issuer shall continue to be the legal owner of the Shares comprising the relevant Share Amount (the “**Intervening Period**”), neither the Issuer nor any such other person shall (i) be under any obligation to deliver or procure delivery to the relevant Holder or any subsequent beneficial owner of such Shares or any other person any letter, certificate, notice, circular or any other document or payment whatsoever received by that person in its capacity as the holder of such Shares, (ii) be under any obligation to exercise or procure exercise of any or all rights (including voting rights) attaching to such Shares during the Intervening Period or (iii) be under any liability to the relevant Holder or any subsequent beneficial owner of such Shares or any other person in respect of any loss or damage which the relevant Holder or subsequent beneficial owner or any other person may sustain or suffer as a result, whether directly or indirectly, of the Issuer or any such other person being the legal owner of such Shares during such Intervening Period.
- (m) Dividends. Any dividend in respect of any Share Amount to be delivered will be payable to the party that would receive such dividend according to market practice for a sale of the Shares executed on the Valuation Date and to be delivered in the same manner as such Share

Amount. An amount equal to any such dividend to be paid to a Holder shall be paid to the account specified in the relevant Notice.

- (n) **Settlement Disruption.** If the Securities are to settle by delivery of the Share Amount and prior to delivery of the Share Amount in respect thereof, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, a Settlement Disruption Event is subsisting, then the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, for such Security shall be postponed to the first following Business Day on which no Settlement Disruption Event is subsisting. For so long as delivery of the Share Amount is not practicable by reason of a Settlement Disruption Event, then in lieu of delivery of the Share Amount and notwithstanding any other provision hereof the Issuer may elect in its sole and absolute discretion to satisfy its obligations in respect of the relevant Security by payment of the Disruption Cash Settlement Price not later than on the third Business Day following the date that notice of such election is given to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. Payment of the Disruption Cash Settlement Price will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 that a Settlement Disruption Event has occurred. No Holder or any other person shall be entitled to any payment in respect of a Security in the event of any delay in the delivery of the Share Amount relating thereto due to the occurrence of a Settlement Disruption Event and no liability in respect thereof shall attach to the Issuer.
- (o) **Exercise and Settlement or Redemption Risk.** Exercise and settlement or redemption, as the case may be, of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (p) **Method of Payment.** Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if

applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.

- (q) Presentation and Surrender. Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“Market Disruption Event” means (i) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which any Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or (ii) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on an Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise): (A) in the Shares on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed; or (B) on any Related Exchange in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Shares if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material.

For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (b) Potential Adjustment Events. Following a declaration by the Share Company of the terms of any Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent will determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Share and, if so, will:

- (i) make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any one or more of the Conditions as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect; and
- (ii) determine the effective date of that adjustment.

The Calculation Agent may, but need not, determine the adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of such Potential Adjustment Event made by an options exchange to options on the Shares traded on that options exchange. Upon making any such adjustment, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the adjustment to be made to the Conditions and giving brief details of the Potential Adjustment Event.

“Potential Adjustment Event” means any of the following: (i) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Shares (unless a Merger Event), or a free distribution or dividend of such Shares to existing holders of the relevant Shares by way of bonus, capitalisation, recapitalisation or similar issue; (ii) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the relevant Shares of (A) such Shares, or (B) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the Share Company equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of such Shares, or (C) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (cash or other) at less than the prevailing market price as determined by the Calculation Agent; (iii) an extraordinary dividend; (iv) a distribution of cash dividends on the Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (v) a call by the Share Company in respect of relevant Shares that are not fully paid; (vi) a repurchase by the Share Company of relevant Shares whether out of profits or capital and whether the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise; or (vii) any other similar event that may have a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares.

(c) De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation and Insolvency. If a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to the Share Company, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (i), (ii) or (iii) below:

- (i) require the Calculation Agent to determine in its sole and absolute discretion the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any of the other terms of these Conditions to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, and determine the effective date of that adjustment. The Calculation Agent may (but is under no obligation to) determine the appropriate adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of the De-listing, Merger Event,

Nationalisation or Insolvency made by any Related Exchange to options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on such Related Exchange; or

- (ii) cancel the Securities by giving notice to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. If the Securities are to be cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each Security held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a Security (taking into account the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be)) on the day selected for cancellation as shall be selected by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion adjusted to account fully for any losses, expenses and costs to the Issuer and/or any affiliate of the Issuer of unwinding or adjusting any underlying or related hedging arrangements (including but not limited to any equity options or selling or otherwise realising any Shares or other instruments of any type whatsoever which the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates may hold as part of such hedging arrangements), all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; or
- (iii) following any adjustment to the settlement of terms of options contracts or futures contracts or any other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on any Related Exchange, require the Calculation Agent to make a corresponding adjustment to any of the other terms of these Conditions, which adjustment will be effective as of the date determined by the Calculation Agent to be the effective date of the corresponding adjustment made by the Related Exchange. If options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are not traded on the Related Exchange, the Calculation Agent will make such adjustment, if any, to any of the other terms of these Conditions as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines appropriate, with reference to the rules and precedents (if any) set by the Related Exchange to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) that in the determination of the Calculation Agent would have given rise to an adjustment by the Related Exchange if such options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts were so traded.

Upon the occurrence of a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the occurrence of such De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto.

“De-listing” means a Share for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Share is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

“Merger Date” means the closing date of a Merger Event or, where a closing date cannot be determined under the local law applicable to such Merger Event, such other date as determined by the Calculation Agent.

“Merger Event” means any (i) reclassification or change to the Shares that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all or a majority of the outstanding Shares; (ii) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of a Share Company with or into another entity (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Share Company is the continuing entity and which does not result in any such reclassification or change to all the outstanding Shares); or (iii) take-over offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person to purchase or otherwise obtain 100 per cent. of the outstanding Shares that results in a transfer of, or an irrevocable commitment to transfer a majority of the voting power of the Share Company to the offeror, in each case if the Merger Date is on or before the Valuation Date.

“Nationalisation” means that all the Shares of a Share Company or all the assets or substantially all the assets of a Share Company are nationalised, expropriated or are otherwise required to be transferred to any governmental agency, authority or entity.

“Insolvency” means that by reason of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, bankruptcy or insolvency of or any analogous proceeding affecting a Share Company (i) all the Shares are required to be transferred to a receiver, trustee, liquidator or other similar official or (ii) holders of the Shares of that Share Company become legally prohibited from transferring them.

- (d) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS
RELATING TO BONUS INDEX CERTIFICATES

The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and/or The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, 8022 Zurich, Switzerland (the “**Swiss Agent**”), each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Cash Amount**” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula, less Expenses:

- (a) Upper Initial Reference Price x Entitlement (“**Cash Amount 1**”).
- (b) Final Reference Price x Entitlement (“**Cash Amount 2**”).

The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate if an Exchange Rate is specified and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Commodity Index**” means the commodity index (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“Emerging Market Disruption Event” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) **Illiquidity.** It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or

- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Entitlement**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Exchange**” means (i) in respect of an index which is not a Commodity Index, each exchange or quotation system from which the Index Sponsor takes the prices of the shares and other securities that comprise the Index (the “**Shares**”) to compute the Index or any successor to such exchange or quotation system or (ii) in respect of a Commodity Index, the exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system in which trading of the futures or options contracts in the Index or its components principally occurs or the exchange or quotation system where trading has a material effect on the overall market for futures or options contracts relating to the Index or its components, in each case as determined by the Issuer, acting in good faith;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, where the Strike Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Strike Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercisable Certificates**” means, if “Exercisable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be exercisable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction, exercise or redemption charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties arising in connection with (a) the exercise or redemption, as the case may be, of such Security and/or (b) any payment or delivery due following exercise or redemption, as the case may be, or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“Final Reference Price” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Strike Currency) equal to the level of the Index at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such level can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the level of the Index on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price(s) of (a) the Shares on the Exchange (in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index) or (b) the components of the Index on the Exchange (in respect of a Commodity Index) and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“Final Terms” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“Governmental Authority” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“Index” means the index or Commodity Index specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“Index Sponsor” means the corporation or other entity that (a) is responsible for setting and reviewing the rules and procedures and the methods of calculation and adjustments, if any, related to the relevant Index and/or (b) announces (directly or through an agent) the level of the relevant Index on a regular basis during each Trading Day and references to Index Sponsor shall include any successor index sponsor pursuant to Product Condition 4;

“Initial Reference Price” means the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Issue Date” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“Issuer” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“Knock-out Bonus Event” means unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, that the level of the Index is at any time on any Trading Day during the Observation Period less than or equal to the Lower Initial Reference Price;

“Launch Date” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“Lower Initial Reference Price” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Market Disruption Event” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“Observation Period” means the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Payment Day” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is the euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross-settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“Redeemable Certificates” means, if “Redeemable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be redeemable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Redemption Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Related Exchange” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Index are traded;

“Relevant Currency” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“Relevant Currency Exchange Rate” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“Relevant Number of Trading Days” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such

in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the bonus index certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms which may either be Exercisable Certificates or Redeemable Certificates and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Strike Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Trading Day**” means any day on which the Index Sponsor should calculate and publish the closing level of the Index according to its rules;

“**Upper Initial Reference Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of (a) the Shares on the Exchange (in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index) or (b) the components of the Index on the Exchange (in

respect of a Commodity Index) and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means (i) in respect of the AEX-index, the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the exchange delivery settlement price (the average of the prices of the AEX-index calculated at one minute intervals between 15.30 and 16.00 Amsterdam time) or (ii) in respect of any other Index, the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the closing level of the Index or in relation to (i) and (ii) at such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

2. FORM

(a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depository for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

(b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

If CREST is specified as the Clearing Agent in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will be

cleared through CREST. Such Securities will be registered securities in dematerialised and uncertificated form, and will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “**Regulations**”).

Securities cleared through CREST may be transferred in accordance with the Regulations and the rules, procedures and practices of the relevant Operator (as defined below). No transfer of such Securities will be valid unless and until entered on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in and in accordance with, the Regulations).

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator and the Regulations. Subject to this requirement, (i) each person who is for the time being shown in the Register as the holder of such Securities shall be treated by the Issuer and the Registrar as the holder of such Securities for all purposes and (ii) neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be liable in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done by it or on its behalf in reliance upon the assumption that the particulars entered in the Register which the Registrar maintains are in accordance with particulars entered in the Operator register of corporate securities relating to such Securities (and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

Any reference to the “**Operator**” (as such term is used in the Regulations) shall be to CREST and shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any such additional or alternative Operator approved by the Issuer from time to time in accordance with the Regulations and notified to the relevant Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase indicating that they are obliged to or will carry out any role or obligation described in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, is given without any assumption by the Issuer, the relevant Registrar or the Calculation Agent of responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated**”).

Securities”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Securities which are Exercisable Certificates will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Valuation Date.
- (b) Cash Settlement. Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate, upon due exercise, and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date or, if later, five Business Days following the delivery of the Notice; and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date, in each case, subject to General Condition 6(c):
 - (i) Cash Amount 1 if the Final Reference Price is greater than the Lower Initial Reference Price and less than or equal to the Upper Initial Reference Price and at no time has there occurred a Knock-out Bonus Event; and otherwise

- (ii) Cash Amount 2.
- (c) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (d) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent or any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount.
- (e) Notice. All payments in relation to Securities which are Exercisable Certificates shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with the Cash Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
- (vi) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its

income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other "U.S. person" as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

- (vii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (f) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, in either case reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar of its holding of such Securities.
- (g) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount (if any) for each Security
 - (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate with respect to which a Notice has been delivered, to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the date determined pursuant to Product Condition 3(b)(i); or
 - (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, to the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar into which the Cash Amount is to be credited for value on the Redemption Date.
- (h) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is not delivered to the Registrar, in each case immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent as provided in the Conditions shall be void. If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice

submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, at the time such correction is delivered to the Registrar as provided in the Conditions.

The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (i) **Delivery of a Notice.** Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (j) **Exercise and Settlement or Redemption Risk.** Exercise and settlement or redemption, as the case may be, of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (k) **Method of Payment.** Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (l) **Presentation and Surrender.** Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall

record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) **Market Disruption.** The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

In respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, “**Market Disruption Event**” means: (i) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which any Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or (ii) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on an Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise), (A) on any Exchange(s) in securities that comprise 20 per cent or more of the level of the relevant Index if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material. For the purpose of determining whether such suspension or limitation is material, if trading in a security included in the Index is suspended or materially limited at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security to the level of the Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that security relative to (y) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately before that suspension or limitation; or (B) on any Related Exchange in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the relevant Index. In any event, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the relevant exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the relevant exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

In respect of a Commodity Index, “**Market Disruption Event**” means, in relation to the Commodity Index or its components:

- (i) **Price Source Disruption.** The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the

price of the Commodity Index or any of its components (or the information necessary for determining such price(s)) or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price(s) by the Exchange; or

- (ii) **Trading Suspension.** The material suspension of trading on the Exchange; or
- (iii) **Disappearance of Price.** The permanent discontinuation of trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Exchange, disappearance of, or of trading in, the Commodity Index or any of its components or the disappearance or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of a reference price, notwithstanding the availability of the related price source or the status of trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components;
- (iv) **Material Change in Formula.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the basis for (including but not limited to the quantity, quality or currency), or method of, calculating the price of a component of the Commodity Index; or
- (v) **Material Change in Content.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the content or composition of a Commodity Index or any component of the Commodity Index; or
- (vi) **De Minimis Trading.** The number of contracts traded on the Exchange with respect to a Commodity Index or any of its components is such that the Issuer declares that its ability to enter into hedging transactions with respect to the Commodity Index or any of its components has been impaired due to a lack of, or a material reduction in, trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Exchange; or
- (vii) **Tax Disruption.** The imposition of, change in, or removal of, an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, a Commodity Index or any of its components (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Issue Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the price of the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Valuation Date and/or on each of the three Trading Days following the Valuation Date, as the case may be, from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; or
- (viii) **Trading Limitation.** The material limitation imposed on trading in a Commodity Index or any of its components on any exchange or principal trading market; or
- (ix) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange is located; or

- (x) **Other Events.** Any other event similar to any of the above which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.

- (b) Adjustments to Index. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made by it pursuant to paragraphs (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) below:
 - (i) If the Index is (A) not calculated and announced by the Index Sponsor but is calculated and published by a successor to the Index Sponsor (the “**Successor Sponsor**”) acceptable to the Calculation Agent; or (B) replaced by a successor index using, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of the Index, then (in either case) the Index will be deemed to be the index so calculated and announced by such Successor Sponsor or that successor index, as the case may be.

 - (ii) If (A) on or prior to the Valuation Date the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor makes a material change in the formula for, or the method of, calculating the Index or in any other way materially modifies the Index (other than a modification prescribed in that formula or method to maintain the Index in the event of changes in constituent securities or components, as the case may be, and other routine events); or (B) on or prior to the Valuation Date the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor fails to calculate and/or publish the Index, then (in either case) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price using, in lieu of a published level for the Index on the Valuation Date, the level for the Index as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to the change or failure, but using only those (a) in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, securities that comprised the Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those securities that have since ceased to be listed on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed); or (b) in respect of a Commodity Index, commodity components that comprised the Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those components that have since ceased to be traded on the Exchange or any other exchange) or, in the case of a material modification of the Index only, the Calculation Agent shall deem such modified Index to be the Index so calculated and announced or shall (if so required by the Issuer), by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4, terminate the Securities and pay to each Holder in respect of each Security held by such Holder an amount equal to the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such material modification of the Index less the cost to

the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements (as determined by the Issuer).

- (iii) If, at any time, any of the events specified in (A) to (G) below occurs and the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor has not in the opinion of the Calculation Agent made an appropriate adjustment to the level of the Index (which term excludes, for these purposes of this paragraph (iii), any Commodity Index) in order to account fully for such event, notwithstanding that the rules published or applied by the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor pertaining to the Index have been applied, the Calculation Agent shall make such adjustment to the level of the Index as it considers appropriate in order so to account for: (A) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the Shares of (aa) Shares; or (bb) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the issuer of the Shares equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of Shares or (cc) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (in cash or otherwise) at less than the prevailing market price; (B) a free distribution or dividend of any Shares to existing holders of the Shares by way of bonus, capitalisation or similar issue; (C) an extraordinary dividend; (D) any cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer of the Shares has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (E) any non-cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer of the Shares has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (F) any other extraordinary cash or non-cash dividend on, or distribution with respect to, the Shares which is, by its terms or declared intent, declared and paid outside the normal operations or normal dividend procedures of the relevant issuer of the Shares, provided that, in all cases, the related ex-dividend date occurs during the period from and including the Issue Date up to but excluding the Valuation Date; (G) any other similar event having dilutive or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Shares.
- (iv) The Issuer reserves the right to issue further certificates, make adjustments or to distribute to the Holders any rights in connection with the Securities as it reasonably believes are appropriate in circumstances where an event or events occur which the Issuer (in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any adjustments previously made to the Securities) believes should in the context of the issue of Securities and its obligations hereunder, give rise to such adjustment or distribution, provided that such adjustment is considered by the Calculation Agent to be appropriate generally

(without considering the individual circumstances of any Holder or the tax or other consequences of such adjustment in any particular jurisdiction) or is required to take account of provisions of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction or the practices of the Exchange. The Issuer, in any event, reserves the right to in its absolute discretion terminate Securities linked to any Proprietary Index by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4, in the event that the relevant Index Sponsor terminates, cancels or suspends, as the case may be, any such Proprietary Index.

- (c) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS
RELATING TO SINGLE STOCK BONUS CERTIFICATES

The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and/or The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, 8022 Zurich, Switzerland (the “**Swiss Agent**”), each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Cash Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formulae specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses.

The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate if an Exchange Rate is specified and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Emerging Market Disruption Event**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) Moratorium. A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

- (ii) Price Source Disruption. It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) Governmental Default. With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Entitlement**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, where the Strike Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Strike Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, or, if such day is not a Business Day, the next following Business Day;

“**Exercisable Certificates**” means, if “Exercisable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be exercisable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction, exercise or redemption charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties arising in connection with (a) the exercise or redemption, as the case may be, of such Security and/or (b) any payment or delivery due following exercise or redemption, as the case may be, or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the price of the Share quoted on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Share on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Initial Reference Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Issue Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“**Knock-out Bonus Event**” means unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, that the price of the Share is at any time on any Trading Day during the Observation Period less than or equal to the Lower Initial Reference Price;

“**Launch Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Lower Initial Reference Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Market Disruption Event**” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“**Observation Period**” means the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is the euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross-settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“**Redeemable Certificates**” means, if “Redeemable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be redeemable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Redemption Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Related Exchange” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are traded;

“Relevant Currency” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“Relevant Currency Exchange Rate” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“Relevant Number of Trading Days” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Securities” means each Series of the single stock bonus certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms which may either be Exercisable Certificates or Redeemable Certificates and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“Series” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“Settlement Currency” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Settlement Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Share” means the share specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4 and “**Shares**” shall be construed accordingly;

“Share Company” means the share company specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series

in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Strike Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Trading Day**” means any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Upper Initial Reference Price**” means, if applicable, the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means the close of trading on the relevant Exchange in relation to the Share or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

2. FORM

(a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product

Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depository for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

If CREST is specified as the Clearing Agent in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will be cleared through CREST. Such Securities will be registered securities in dematerialised and uncertificated form, and will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “**Regulations**”).

Securities cleared through CREST may be transferred in accordance with the Regulations and the rules, procedures and practices of the relevant Operator (as defined below). No transfer of such Securities will be valid unless and until entered on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in and in accordance with, the Regulations).

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall procure that the

Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator and the Regulations. Subject to this requirement, (i) each person who is for the time being shown in the Register as the holder of such Securities shall be treated by the Issuer and the Registrar as the holder of such Securities for all purposes and (ii) neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be liable in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done by it or on its behalf in reliance upon the assumption that the particulars entered in the Register which the Registrar maintains are in accordance with particulars entered in the Operator register of corporate securities relating to such Securities (and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

Any reference to the “**Operator**” (as such term is used in the Regulations) shall be to CREST and shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any such additional or alternative Operator approved by the Issuer from time to time in accordance with the Regulations and notified to the relevant Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase indicating that they are obliged to or will carry out any role or obligation described in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, is given without any assumption by the Issuer, the relevant Registrar or the Calculation Agent of responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the

legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) **Exercise.** Securities which are Exercisable Certificates will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.
- (b) **Cash Settlement.** Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate, upon due exercise, and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date or, if later, five Business Days following the delivery of the Notice; and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date, in each case, subject to General Condition 6(c), the Cash Amount.
- (c) **Payment Day.** If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (d) **General.** In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent or any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount.

The purchase of Securities does not confer on any holder of such Securities any rights (whether in respect of voting, distributions or otherwise) attached to the Shares.

- (e) **Notice.** All payments in relation to Securities which are Exercisable Certificates shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with the Cash Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
- (vi) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and
- (vii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.

- (f) **Verification.** In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, in either case reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar of its holding of such Securities.
- (g) **Settlement.** The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount (if any) for each Security
 - (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate, with respect to which a Notice has been delivered, to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the date determined pursuant to Product Condition 3(b)(i); or
 - (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, to the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar into which the Cash Amount is to be credited for value on the Redemption Date.
- (h) **Determinations.** Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is not delivered to the Registrar, in each case as provided in the Conditions shall be void. If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, at the time such correction is delivered to the Registrar as provided in the Conditions.

The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (i) **Delivery of a Notice.** Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.

- (j) **Exercise and Settlement or Redemption Risk.** Exercise and settlement or redemption, as the case may be, of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (k) **Method of Payment.** Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (l) **Presentation and Surrender.** Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) **Market Disruption.** The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“Market Disruption Event” means:

- (i) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of

movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):

- (A) in the Shares on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed; or
 - (B) in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Shares on any Related Exchange if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material; or
- (ii) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located.

For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (b) Potential Adjustment Events. Following a declaration by the Share Company of the terms of any Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent will determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Share and, if so, will:
- (i) make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any one or more of the Conditions as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect; and
 - (ii) determine the effective date of that adjustment.

The Calculation Agent may, but need not, determine the adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of such Potential Adjustment Event made by an options exchange to options on the Shares traded on that options exchange. Upon making any such adjustment, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the adjustment to be made to the Conditions and giving brief details of the Potential Adjustment Event.

“Potential Adjustment Event” means any of the following: (i) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Shares (unless a Merger Event), or a free distribution or dividend of such Shares to existing holders of the relevant Shares by way of bonus, capitalisation, recapitalisation or similar issue; (ii) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the relevant Shares of (A) such Shares, or (B) other share capital or securities

granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the Share Company equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of such Shares, or (C) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (cash or other) at less than the prevailing market price as determined by the Calculation Agent; (iii) an extraordinary dividend; (iv) a distribution of cash dividends on the Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (v) a call by the Share Company in respect of relevant Shares that are not fully paid; (vi) a repurchase by the Share Company of relevant Shares whether out of profits or capital and whether the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise; or (vii) any other similar event that may have a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares.

- (c) De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation and Insolvency. If a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to the Share Company, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (i), (ii) or (iii) below:
- (i) require the Calculation Agent to determine in its sole and absolute discretion the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any of the other terms of these Conditions to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, and determine the effective date of that adjustment. The Calculation Agent may (but is under no obligation to) determine the appropriate adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency made by any Related Exchange to options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on such Related Exchange; or
 - (ii) cancel the Securities by giving notice to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. If the Securities are to be cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each Security held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a Security (taking into account the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be)) on the day selected for cancellation as shall be selected by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion adjusted to account fully for any losses, expenses and costs to the Issuer and/or any affiliate of the Issuer of unwinding or adjusting any underlying or related hedging arrangements (including but not limited to any equity options or selling or otherwise realising any Shares or other instruments of any type whatsoever which the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates may hold as part of such hedging arrangements), all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with

General Condition 4; or

- (iii) following any adjustment to the settlement of terms of options contracts or futures contracts or any other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on any Related Exchange, require the Calculation Agent to make a corresponding adjustment to any of the other terms of these Conditions, which adjustment will be effective as of the date determined by the Calculation Agent to be the effective date of the corresponding adjustment made by the Related Exchange. If options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are not traded on the Related Exchange, the Calculation Agent will make such adjustment, if any, to any of the other terms of these Conditions as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines appropriate, with reference to the rules and precedents (if any) set by the Related Exchange to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) that in the determination of the Calculation Agent would have given rise to an adjustment by the Related Exchange if such options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts were so traded.

Upon the occurrence of a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the occurrence of such De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto.

“De-listing” means a Share for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Share is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

“Merger Date” means the closing date of a Merger Event or, where a closing date cannot be determined under the local law applicable to such Merger Event, such other date as determined by the Calculation Agent.

“Merger Event” means any (i) reclassification or change to the Shares that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all or a majority of the outstanding Shares; (ii) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of a Share Company with or into another entity (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Share Company is the continuing entity and which does not result in any such reclassification or change to all the outstanding Shares); or (iii) take-over offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person to purchase or otherwise obtain 100 per cent. of the outstanding Shares that

results in a transfer of, or an irrevocable commitment to transfer a majority of the voting power of the Share Company to the offeror, in each case if the Merger Date is on or before the Determination Date.

“**Nationalisation**” means that all the Shares of a Share Company or all the assets or substantially all the assets of a Share Company are nationalised, expropriated or are otherwise required to be transferred to any governmental agency, authority or entity.

“**Insolvency**” means that by reason of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, bankruptcy or insolvency of or any analogous proceeding affecting a Share Company (i) all the Shares are required to be transferred to a receiver, trustee, liquidator or other similar official or (ii) holders of the Shares of that Share Company become legally prohibited from transferring them.

- (d) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS
RELATING TO INDEX DOUBLE UP CERTIFICATES

The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and/or The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, 8022 Zurich, Switzerland (the “**Swiss Agent**”), each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Cash Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formulae specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses.

The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Double Up Stop Level**” means the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Commodity Index**” means the commodity index (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“Emerging Market Disruption Event” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) **Illiquidity.** It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or

- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Exchange**” means (i) in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, each exchange or quotation system from which the Index Sponsor takes the prices of the shares and other securities that comprise the Index (the “**Shares**”) to compute the Index or any successor to such exchange or quotation system or (ii) in respect of a Commodity Index, the exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system in which trading of the futures or options contracts in the Index or its components principally occurs or the exchange or quotation system where trading has a material effect on the overall market for futures or options contracts relating to the Index or its components, in each case as determined by the Issuer, acting in good faith;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, where the Strike Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Strike Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercisable Certificates**” means, if “Exercisable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be exercisable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction, exercise or redemption charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties arising in connection with (a) the exercise or redemption, as the case may be, of such Security and/or (b) any payment or delivery due following exercise or redemption, as the case may be, or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Strike

Currency) equal to the level of the Index at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such level can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the level of the Index on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price(s) of (a) the Shares on the Exchange (in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index) or (b) the components of the Index on the Exchange (in respect of a Commodity Index) and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Index**” means the index or Commodity Index specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Index Sponsor**” means the corporation or other entity that (a) is responsible for setting and reviewing the rules and procedures and the methods of calculation and adjustments, if any, related to the relevant Index and/or (b) announces (directly or through an agent) the level of the relevant Index on a regular basis during each Trading Day and references to Index Sponsor shall include any successor index sponsor pursuant to Product Condition 4;

“**Initial Reference Price**” means unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the level of the Index at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Issue Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“**Launch Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Market Disruption Event**” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the

Settlement Currency is the euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross-settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“**Redeemable Certificates**” means, if “Redeemable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be redeemable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“**Redemption Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Index are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“**Relevant Currency Exchange Rate**” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the index double up certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms which may either be Exercisable Certificates or Redeemable Certificates and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Strike Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Trading Day**” means any day on which the Index Sponsor should calculate and publish the closing level of the Index according to its rules;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of (a) the Shares on the Exchange (in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index) or (b) the components of the Index on the Exchange (in respect of a Commodity Index) and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means (i) in respect of the AEX-index, the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the exchange delivery settlement price (the average of the prices of the AEX-index calculated at one minute intervals between 15.30 and 16.00 Amsterdam time) or (ii) in respect of any other Index, the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the closing level of the Index or in relation to (i) and (ii) at such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion

and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

2. FORM

(a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depository for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

(b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

If CREST is specified as the Clearing Agent in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will be cleared through CREST. Such Securities will be registered securities in dematerialised and uncertificated form, and will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “**Regulations**”).

Securities cleared through CREST may be transferred in accordance with the Regulations and the rules, procedures and practices of the relevant Operator (as defined below). No transfer of such Securities will be valid unless and until entered on the relevant Operator register of

corporate securities (as defined in and in accordance with, the Regulations).

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator and the Regulations. Subject to this requirement, (i) each person who is for the time being shown in the Register as the holder of such Securities shall be treated by the Issuer and the Registrar as the holder of such Securities for all purposes and (ii) neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be liable in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done by it or on its behalf in reliance upon the assumption that the particulars entered in the Register which the Registrar maintains are in accordance with particulars entered in the Operator register of corporate securities relating to such Securities (and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

Any reference to the “**Operator**” (as such term is used in the Regulations) shall be to CREST and shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any such additional or alternative Operator approved by the Issuer from time to time in accordance with the Regulations and notified to the relevant Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase indicating that they are obliged to or will carry out any role or obligation described in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, is given without any assumption by the Issuer, the relevant Registrar or the Calculation Agent of responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance

with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Securities which are Exercisable Certificate will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Valuation Date.
- (b) Cash Settlement. Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate, upon due exercise, and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date or, if later, five Business Days following the delivery of the Notice; and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date, in each case, subject to General Condition 6(c), either:
 - (i) Cash Amount 1 – if the Final Reference Price is greater than or equal to the Double Up Stop Level; or
 - (ii) Cash Amount 2 – if the Final Reference Price is greater than the Initial Reference Price and lower than the Double Up Stop Level; or
 - (iii) Cash Amount 3 – if the Final Reference Price is lower than or equal to the Initial Reference Price.
- (c) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.

- (d) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent or any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount.
- (e) Notice. All payments in relation to Securities which are Exercisable Certificates shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with the Cash Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
- (vi) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive

investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other "U.S. person" as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

- (vii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (f) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, in either case reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar of its holding of such Securities.
- (g) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount (if any) for each Security
 - (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate with respect to which a Notice has been delivered, to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the date determined pursuant to Product Condition 3(b)(i); or
 - (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, to the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar into which the Cash Amount is to be credited for value on the Redemption Date.
- (h) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is not delivered to the Registrar, in each case as provided in the Conditions shall be void. If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, at the time such correction is delivered to the Registrar as provided in the Conditions.

The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is

incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (i) **Delivery of a Notice.** Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (j) **Exercise and Settlement or Redemption Risk.** Exercise and settlement or redemption, as the case may be, of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (k) **Method of Payment.** Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (l) **Presentation and Surrender.** Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through

CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) **Market Disruption.** The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

In respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, “**Market Disruption Event**” means:

(i) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which any Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or (ii) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on an Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise), (A) on any Exchange(s) in securities that comprise 20 per cent or more of the level of the relevant Index if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material. For the purpose of determining whether such suspension or limitation is material, if trading in a security included in the Index is suspended or materially limited at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security to the level of the Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that security relative to (y) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately before that suspension or limitation; or (B) on any Related Exchange in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the relevant Index. In any event, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the relevant exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the relevant exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

In respect of a Commodity Index, “**Market Disruption Event**” means, in relation to the Commodity Index or its components:

- (i) **Price Source Disruption.** The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the price of the Commodity Index or any of its components (or the information necessary for determining such price(s)) or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price(s) by the Exchange; or

- (ii) **Trading Suspension.** The material suspension of trading on the Exchange; or
- (iii) **Disappearance of Price.** The permanent discontinuation of trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Exchange, disappearance of, or of trading in, the Commodity Index or any of its components or the disappearance or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of a reference price, notwithstanding the availability of the related price source or the status of trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components;
- (iv) **Material Change in Formula.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the basis for (including but not limited to the quantity, quality or currency), or method of, calculating the price of a component of the Commodity Index; or
- (v) **Material Change in Content.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the content or composition of a Commodity Index or any component of the Commodity Index; or
- (vi) **De Minimis Trading.** The number of contracts traded on the Exchange with respect to a Commodity Index or any of its components is such that the Issuer declares that its ability to enter into hedging transactions with respect to the Commodity Index or any of its components has been impaired due to a lack of, or a material reduction in, trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Exchange; or
- (vii) **Tax Disruption.** The imposition of, change in, or removal of, an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, a Commodity Index or any of its components (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Issue Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the price of the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Valuation Date and/or on each of the three Trading Days following the Valuation Date, as the case may be, from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; or
- (viii) **Trading Limitation.** The material limitation imposed on trading in a Commodity Index or any of its components on any exchange or principal trading market; or
- (ix) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange is located; or
- (x) **Other Events.** Any other event similar to any of the above which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.

(b) Adjustments to Index. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made by it pursuant to paragraphs (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) below:

- (i) If the Index is (A) not calculated and announced by the Index Sponsor but is calculated and published by a successor to the Index Sponsor (the “**Successor Sponsor**”) acceptable to the Calculation Agent; or (B) replaced by a successor index using, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of the Index, then (in either case) the Index will be deemed to be the index so calculated and announced by such Successor Sponsor or that successor index, as the case may be.
- (ii) If (A) on or prior to the Valuation Date the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor makes a material change in the formula for, or the method of, calculating the Index or in any other way materially modifies the Index (other than a modification prescribed in that formula or method to maintain the Index in the event of changes in constituent securities or components, as the case may be, and other routine events); or (B) on or prior to the Valuation Date the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor fails to calculate and/or publish the Index, then (in either case) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price using, in lieu of a published level for the Index on the Valuation Date, the level for the Index as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to the change or failure, but using only those (a) in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, securities that comprised the Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those securities that have since ceased to be listed on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed); or (b) in respect of a Commodity Index, commodity components that comprised the Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those components that have since ceased to be traded on the Exchange or any other exchange) or, in the case of a material modification of the Index only, the Calculation Agent shall deem such modified Index to be the Index so calculated and announced or shall (if so required by the Issuer), by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4, terminate the Securities and pay to each Holder in respect of each Security held by such Holder an amount equal to the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such material modification of the Index less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements (as determined by the Issuer).

- (iii) If, at any time, any of the events specified in (A) to (G) below occurs and the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor has not in the opinion of the Calculation Agent made an appropriate adjustment to the level of the Index (which term excludes, for these purposes of this paragraph (iii), any Commodity Index) in order to account fully for such event, notwithstanding that the rules published or applied by the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor pertaining to the Index have been applied, the Calculation Agent shall make such adjustment to the level of the Index as it considers appropriate in order so to account for: (A) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the Shares of (aa) Shares; or (bb) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the issuer of the Shares equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of Shares or (cc) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (in cash or otherwise) at less than the prevailing market price; (B) a free distribution or dividend of any Shares to existing holders of the Shares by way of bonus, capitalisation or similar issue; (C) an extraordinary dividend; (D) any cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer of the Shares has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (E) any non-cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer of the Shares has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (F) any other extraordinary cash or non-cash dividend on, or distribution with respect to, the Shares which is, by its terms or declared intent, declared and paid outside the normal operations or normal dividend procedures of the relevant issuer of the Shares, provided that, in all cases, the related ex-dividend date occurs during the period from and including the Issue Date up to but excluding the Valuation Date; (G) any other similar event having dilutive or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Shares.
- (iv) The Issuer reserves the right to issue further certificates, make adjustments or to distribute to the Holders any rights in connection with the Securities as it reasonably believes are appropriate in circumstances where an event or events occur which the Issuer (in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any adjustments previously made to the Securities) believes should in the context of the issue of Securities and its obligations hereunder, give rise to such adjustment or distribution, provided that such adjustment is considered by the Calculation Agent to be appropriate generally (without considering the individual circumstances of any Holder or the tax or other consequences of such adjustment in any particular jurisdiction) or is required to take

account of provisions of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction or the practices of the Exchange. The Issuer, in any event, reserves the right to in its absolute discretion terminate Securities linked to any Proprietary Index by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4, in the event that the relevant Index Sponsor terminates, cancels or suspends, as the case may be, any such Proprietary Index.

- (c) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS
RELATING TO SINGLE STOCK DOUBLE UP CERTIFICATES

*The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.***Definitions**

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and/or The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, 8022 Zurich, Switzerland (the “**Swiss Agent**”), each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business; and (b) a day on which the Exchange is open for business;

“**Cash Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formulae specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses.

The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate if an Exchange Rate is specified and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Delivery Details**” means, where applicable, account details and/or the name and address of any person into whose name evidence of the Share Amount is to be registered and/or any bank, broker or agent to whom documents evidencing title are to be delivered;

“**Disruption Cash Settlement Price**” means the fair market value of each Security on such day as shall be selected by the Issuer less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangement, all as determined by the Issuer;

“Double Up Stop Level” means the amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

Double Up Stop Level Percentage x Initial Reference Price;

“Double Up Stop Level Percentage” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Emerging Market Disruption Event” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action

by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“Exchange” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“Exchange Rate” means, where the Strike Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Strike Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“Exercisable Certificates” means, if “Exercisable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be exercisable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Expenses” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction, exercise or redemption charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties arising in connection with (a) the exercise or redemption, as the case may be, of such Security and/or (b) any payment or delivery due following exercise or redemption, as the case may be, or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“Final Reference Price” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in

the applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the price of the Share quoted on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Share on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Issue Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“**Initial Reference Price**” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, equal to the price of the Share quoted on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date as determined by the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Share on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“**Launch Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Market Disruption Event**” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is the euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross-settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“Physical Delivery Securities” means Securities settled by way of physical delivery;

“Pricing Date” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“Redeemable Certificates” means, if “Redeemable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be redeemable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Redemption Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Related Exchange” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are traded;

“Relevant Currency” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“Relevant Currency Exchange Rate” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“Relevant Number of Trading Days” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Securities” means each Series of the single stock double up certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms which may either be Exercisable Certificates or Redeemable Certificates and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“Series” means each series of Securities series set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Disruption Event**” means, in the determination of the Issuer, an event beyond the control of the Issuer as a result of which the Issuer cannot make delivery of the Share Amount in accordance with such market method as it decides at the relevant time for delivery of the Share Amount;

“**Share**” means the share specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4, and “**Shares**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Share Amount**” means one Share, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4. If the Share Amount is an amount comprising a fraction of any Share, the Holder will receive a Share Amount comprising the nearest whole number (rounded down) of Shares (taking into account that a Holder’s entire holding may be aggregated at the Issuer’s discretion for the purpose of delivering the relevant Share Amounts), and an amount in the Settlement Currency using the Exchange Rate, if applicable, equal to the value of the outstanding undelivered fraction of such Share, as calculated by the Calculation Agent on the basis of the Final Reference Price;

“**Share Company**” means the share company specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Strike Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that

day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means the close of trading on the relevant Exchange in relation to a Share or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

6. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.
- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from

time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules. If CREST is specified as the Clearing Agent in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will be cleared through CREST. Such Securities will be registered securities in dematerialised and uncertificated form, and will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “**Regulations**”).

Securities cleared through CREST may be transferred in accordance with the Regulations and the rules, procedures and practices of the relevant Operator (as defined below). No transfer of such Securities will be valid unless and until entered on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in and in accordance with, the Regulations).

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator and the Regulations. Subject to this requirement, (i) each person who is for the time being shown in the Register as the holder of such Securities shall be treated by the Issuer and the Registrar as the holder of such Securities for all purposes and (ii) neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be liable in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done by it or on its behalf in reliance upon the assumption that the particulars entered in the Register which the Registrar maintains are in accordance with particulars entered in the Operator register of corporate securities relating to such Securities (and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

Any reference to the “**Operator**” (as such term is used in the Regulations) shall be to CREST and shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any such additional or alternative Operator approved by the Issuer from time to time in accordance with the Regulations and notified to the relevant Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase indicating that they are obliged to or will carry out any role or obligation described in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, is given without any assumption by the Issuer, the relevant Registrar or the Calculation Agent of responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

7. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Securities which are Exercisable Certificates will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Valuation Date.
- (b) Cash and Physical Settlement. Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate, upon due exercise and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date or, if later, five Business Days following the delivery of the Notice; and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, upon redemption and (in the case of Physical Delivery Securities only) subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice

and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date or, if later, five Business Days following the delivery of the Notice (if applicable), in each case, subject to General Condition 6(c), either:

- (i) Cash Amount 1, if the Final Reference Price is greater than or equal to the Double Up Stop Level; or
 - (ii) Cash Amount 2, if the Final Reference Price is greater than the Initial Reference Price and less than the Double Up Stop Level; or
 - (iii) Share Amount, if the Final Reference Price is less than or equal to the Initial Reference Price.
- (c) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (d) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent or any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, Share Amount, Realised Share Amount, or the Disruption Cash Settlement Price. The purchase of Securities does not confer on any holder of such Securities any rights (whether in respect of voting, distributions or otherwise) attached to the Shares.
- (e) Notice. All payments (which term shall include delivery of any Share Amount) in relation to Securities which are Exercisable Certificates and delivery of any Share Amount in relation to Securities which are Redeemable Certificates shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a "Notice") to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall (as appropriate):

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, such account with such

Securities;

- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with the Cash Amount (if any) for such Securities;
 - (v) specify the Delivery Details;
 - (vi) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
 - (vii) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and
 - (viii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (f) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, in either case reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar of its holding of such Securities.

- (g) **Late Delivery of Notice.** If the Notice is delivered to the relevant Clearing Agent or the copy is delivered to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar after the close of business in the place of receipt on (i) the Exercise Date (in the case of Exercisable Certificates) or the due date for delivery (in the case of Redeemable Certificates) (the “**Due Date**”), then the Share Amount will be delivered as soon as practicable after the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, (the date of delivery in relation to a Share Amount whether on or after the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, being the “**Delivery Date**”) in the manner provided below. For the avoidance of doubt, no holder of Securities or any other person shall be entitled to any payment, whether of interest or otherwise, by reason of the Delivery Date for such Securities occurring after the Settlement Date due to such Notice (or the copy thereof) being delivered after close of business on the Exercise Date or the Due Date, as the case may be, as provided above. In the event that a Holder does not, in respect of a Security which is to be redeemed by delivery of the Share Amount, deliver or procure delivery of a Notice as set out above prior to the date that is 30 calendar days after the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, the Issuer shall have the right but not the obligation to sell the Shares comprised in the Share Amount in respect of such Security in the open market or otherwise at a price determined by the Issuer, in its sole discretion, to be the fair market value of the Shares and shall hold the proceeds (the “**Realised Share Amount**”) for the account of the Holder until presentation of the relevant Notice. Upon payment of the Realised Share Amount as aforesaid, the Issuer’s obligations in respect of such Security shall be discharged.
- (h) **Delivery of the Share Amount.** Subject as provided in the Conditions, the delivery of the Share Amount shall be made at the risk of the Holder and shall be delivered and evidenced in such manner as the Issuer determines to be customary for the Shares or in such other commercially reasonable manner as the Issuer shall determine to be appropriate for such delivery. The Issuer shall be under no obligation to register or procure the registration of the Holder or any other person as the registered shareholder in respect of the Shares comprised in any Share Amount in the register of members of the Share Company.
- (i) **Settlement.** The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount (if any) for each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate with respect to which a Notice has been delivered, to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date; or (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, to the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar into which the Cash Amount is to be credited for value on the Redemption Date.
- (j) **Determinations.** Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice

being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is not delivered to the Registrar, in each case as provided in the Conditions shall be void. If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, at the time such correction is delivered to the Registrar as provided in the Conditions.

The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (k) **Delivery of a Notice.** Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (l) **Intervening Period.** With respect to delivery of the Share Amount, for such period of time after the Exercise Date or the Due Date, as the case may be, as the Issuer or any person on behalf of the Issuer shall continue to be the legal owner of the Shares comprising the relevant Share Amount (the “**Intervening Period**”), neither the Issuer nor any such other person shall (i) be under any obligation to deliver or procure delivery to the relevant Holder or any subsequent beneficial owner of such Shares or any other person any letter, certificate, notice, circular or any other document or payment whatsoever received by that person in its capacity as the holder of such Shares, (ii) be under any obligation to exercise or procure exercise of any or all rights (including voting rights) attaching to such Shares during the Intervening Period or (iii) be under any liability to the relevant Holder or any subsequent beneficial owner of such Shares or any other person in respect of any loss or damage which the relevant Holder or subsequent beneficial owner or any other person may sustain or suffer as a result, whether

directly or indirectly, of the Issuer or any such other person being the legal owner of such Shares during such Intervening Period.

- (m) Dividends. Any dividend in respect of any Share Amount to be delivered will be payable to the party that would receive such dividend according to market practice for a sale of the Shares executed on the Exercise Date or the Due Date, as the case may be, and to be delivered in the same manner as such Share Amount. An amount equal to any such dividend to be paid to a Holder shall be paid to the account specified in the relevant Notice.
- (n) Settlement Disruption. If the Securities are to settle by delivery of the Share Amount and prior to delivery of the Share Amount in respect thereof, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, a Settlement Disruption Event is subsisting, then the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, for such Security shall be postponed to the first following Business Day on which no Settlement Disruption Event is subsisting. For so long as delivery of the Share Amount is not practicable by reason of a Settlement Disruption Event, then in lieu of delivery of the Share Amount and notwithstanding any other provision hereof the Issuer may elect in its sole and absolute discretion to satisfy its obligations in respect of the relevant Security by payment of the Disruption Cash Settlement Price not later than on the third Business Day following the date that notice of such election is given to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. Payment of the Disruption Cash Settlement Price will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 that a Settlement Disruption Event has occurred. No Holder or any other person shall be entitled to any payment in respect of a Security in the event of any delay in the delivery of the Share Amount relating thereto due to the occurrence of a Settlement Disruption Event and no liability in respect thereof shall attach to the Issuer.
- (o) Exercise and Settlement or Redemption Risk. Exercise and settlement or redemption, as the case may be, of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (p) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a

cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.

- (q) Presentation and Surrender. Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

8. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“Market Disruption Event” means:

- (i) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):
- (A) in the Shares on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed; or
 - (B) in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Shares on any Related Exchange if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material; or
- (ii) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located.

For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading

will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (b) Potential Adjustment Events. Following a declaration by the Share Company of the terms of any Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent will determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Share and, if so, will:
- (i) make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any one or more of the Conditions as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect; and
 - (ii) determine the effective date of that adjustment.

The Calculation Agent may, but need not, determine the adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of such Potential Adjustment Event made by an options exchange to options on the Shares traded on that options exchange. Upon making any such adjustment, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the adjustment to be made to the Conditions and giving brief details of the Potential Adjustment Event.

“Potential Adjustment Event” means any of the following: (i) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Shares (unless a Merger Event), or a free distribution or dividend of such Shares to existing holders of the relevant Shares by way of bonus, capitalisation, recapitalisation or similar issue; (ii) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the relevant Shares of (A) such Shares, or (B) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the Share Company equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of such Shares, or (C) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (cash or other) at less than the prevailing market price as determined by the Calculation Agent; (iii) an extraordinary dividend; (iv) a distribution of cash dividends on the Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (v) a call by the Share Company in respect of relevant Shares that are not fully paid; (vi) a repurchase by the Share Company of relevant Shares whether out of profits or capital and whether the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise; or (vii) any other similar event that may have a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares.

- (c) De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation and Insolvency. If a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to the Share Company, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (i), (ii) or (iii) below:
- (i) require the Calculation Agent to determine in its sole and absolute discretion the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any of the other terms of these Conditions to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, and determine the effective date of that adjustment. The Calculation Agent may (but is under no obligation to) determine the appropriate adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency made by any Related Exchange to options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on such Related Exchange; or
 - (ii) cancel the Securities by giving notice to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. If the Securities are to be cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each Security held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a Security (taking into account the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be)) on the day selected for cancellation as shall be selected by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion adjusted to account fully for any losses, expenses and costs to the Issuer and/or any affiliate of the Issuer of unwinding or adjusting any underlying or related hedging arrangements (including but not limited to any equity options or selling or otherwise realising any Shares or other instruments of any type whatsoever which the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates may hold as part of such hedging arrangements), all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; or
 - (iii) following any adjustment to the settlement of terms of options contracts or futures contracts or any other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on any Related Exchange, require the Calculation Agent to make a corresponding adjustment to any of the other terms of these Conditions, which adjustment will be effective as of the date determined by the Calculation Agent to be the effective date of the corresponding adjustment made by the Related Exchange. If options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are not traded on the Related Exchange, the Calculation Agent will make such adjustment, if any, to any of the other terms of these Conditions as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines appropriate, with reference to the rules and precedents

(if any) set by the Related Exchange to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) that in the determination of the Calculation Agent would have given rise to an adjustment by the Related Exchange if such options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts were so traded.

Upon the occurrence of a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the occurrence of such De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto.

“De-listing” means a Share for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Share is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

“Merger Date” means the closing date of a Merger Event or, where a closing date cannot be determined under the local law applicable to such Merger Event, such other date as determined by the Calculation Agent.

“Merger Event” means any (i) reclassification or change to the Shares that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all or a majority of the outstanding Shares of such Share Company; (ii) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of a Share Company with or into another entity (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Share Company is the continuing entity and which does not result in any such reclassification or change to all the outstanding Shares); or (iii) take-over offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person to purchase or otherwise obtain 100 per cent. of the outstanding Shares that results in a transfer of, or an irrevocable commitment to transfer a majority of the voting power of the Share Company to the offeror), in each case if the Merger Date is on or before the Determination Date.

“Nationalisation” means that all the Shares of a Share Company or all the assets or substantially all the assets of a Share Company are nationalised, expropriated or are otherwise required to be transferred to any governmental agency, authority or entity.

“Insolvency” means that by reason of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, bankruptcy or insolvency of or any analogous proceeding affecting a Share Company (i) all the Shares are required to be transferred to a receiver, trustee, liquidator or other similar official or (ii) holders of the Shares of that Share Company become legally prohibited from transferring them.

(d) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

9. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS
RELATING TO INDEX BASKET DOUBLE UP CERTIFICATES

The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and/or The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, 8022 Zurich, Switzerland (the “**Swiss Agent**”), each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Basket**” means the basket specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Cash Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formulae specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses.

The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Commodity Index**” means the commodity index (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“Double Up Stop Level” means the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Emerging Market Disruption Event” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Exchange**” means (i) in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, each exchange or quotation system from which the Index Sponsor takes the prices of the securities that comprise the Index (the “**Shares**”) to compute the Index or any successor to such exchange or quotation system or (ii) in respect of a Commodity Index, the exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system in which trading of the futures or options contracts in the Index or its components principally occurs or the exchange or quotation system where trading has a material effect on the overall market for futures or options contracts relating to the Index or its components, in each case as determined by the Issuer, acting in good faith;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, where the Strike Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Strike Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercisable Certificates**” means, if “Exercisable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be exercisable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“**Exercise Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series or, if such day is not a Business Day, the next following Business Day;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction, exercise or redemption charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities

transfer and/or other taxes or duties arising in connection with (a) the exercise or redemption, as the case may be, of such Security and/or (b) any payment or delivery due following exercise or redemption, as the case may be, or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“Final Reference Price” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Settlement Currency) equal to the sum of, in respect of each Index, the Index Final Closing Price divided by Index Initial Closing Price and then multiplied by its Weight, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Final Terms” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“Governmental Authority” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“Index” means each index or Commodity Index specified as such in the definition of Basket in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“Index Closing Price” means, in respect of each Index and any day, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Strike Currency) equal to the level of such Index at the Valuation Time on such day, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such level can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the level of the Index on such day having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price(s) of (a) the Shares on the Exchange (in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index) or (b) the components of the Index on the Exchange (in respect of a Commodity Index) and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“Index Final Closing Price” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Index, the Index Closing Price on the Valuation Date, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Index Initial Closing Price” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Index, the Index Closing Price on the Pricing Date, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Index Sponsor” means the corporation or other entity that (a) is responsible for setting and reviewing the rules and procedures and the methods of calculation and adjustments, if any, related to

the relevant Index and/or (b) announces (directly or through an agent) the level of the relevant Index on a regular basis during each Trading Day and references to Index Sponsor shall include any successor index sponsor pursuant to Product Condition 4;

“**Initial Reference Price**” means the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Issue Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“**Launch Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Market Disruption Event**” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is the euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross-settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“**Redeemable Certificates**” means, if “Redeemable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be redeemable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“**Redemption Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Index are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any

lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“**Relevant Currency Exchange Rate**” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the index basket double up certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms which may either be Exercisable Certificates or Redeemable Certificates and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Strike Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of Basket in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Trading Day**” means any day on which the Index Sponsor should calculate and publish the closing level of the Index according to its rules;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter

unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of (a) the Shares on the Exchange (in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index) or (b) the components of the Index on the Exchange (in respect of a Commodity Index) and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Valuation Time**” means (i) in respect of the AEX-index, the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the exchange delivery settlement price (the average of the prices of the AEX-index calculated at one minute intervals between 15.30 and 16.00 Amsterdam time) or (ii) in respect of any other Index, the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the closing level of the Index or in relation to (i) and (ii) at such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; and

“**Weight**” means in respect of each Index, the Weight specified as such in the definition of Basket in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all

purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules. If CREST is specified as the Clearing Agent in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will be cleared through CREST. Such Securities will be registered securities in dematerialised and uncertificated form, and will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “**Regulations**”).

Securities cleared through CREST may be transferred in accordance with the Regulations and the rules, procedures and practices of the relevant Operator (as defined below). No transfer of such Securities will be valid unless and until entered on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in and in accordance with, the Regulations).

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator and the Regulations. Subject to this requirement, (i) each person who is for the time being shown in the Register as the holder of such Securities shall be treated by the Issuer and the Registrar as the holder of such Securities for all purposes and (ii) neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be liable in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done by it or on its behalf in reliance upon the assumption that the particulars entered in the Register which the Registrar maintains are in accordance with particulars entered in the Operator register of corporate securities relating to such Securities (and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

Any reference to the “**Operator**” (as such term is used in the Regulations) shall be to CREST

and shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any such additional or alternative Operator approved by the Issuer from time to time in accordance with the Regulations and notified to the relevant Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase indicating that they are obliged to or will carry out any role or obligation described in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, is given without any assumption by the Issuer, the relevant Registrar or the Calculation Agent of responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Securities which are Exercisable Certificates will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.
- (b) Cash Settlement. Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate, upon due exercise, and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date or, if later, five Business Days following the delivery of the Notice; and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date, in each case, subject to General Condition 6(c), the Cash Amount.
- (c) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (d) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent or any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount.
- (e) Notice. All payments in relation to Securities which are Exercisable Certificates shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with the Cash Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;

- (vi) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and
 - (vii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (f) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, in either case reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar of its holding of such Securities.
 - (g) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount (if any) for each Security
 - (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate with respect to which a Notice has been delivered, to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the date determined pursuant to Product Condition 3(b)(i); or
 - (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, to the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar into which the Cash Amount is to be credited for value on the Redemption Date.
 - (h) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are

cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is not delivered to the Registrar, in each case as provided in the Conditions shall be void. If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, at the time such correction is delivered to the Registrar as provided in the Conditions.

The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (i) **Delivery of a Notice.** Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (j) **Exercise and Settlement or Redemption Risk.** Exercise and settlement or redemption, as the case may be, of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (k) **Method of Payment.** Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the

Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.

- (l) Presentation and Surrender. Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

In respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, “**Market Disruption Event**” means:

(i) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which any Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or (ii) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on an Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise), (A) on any Exchange(s) in securities that comprise 20 per cent or more of the level of the relevant Index if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material. For the purpose of determining whether such suspension or limitation is material, if trading in a security included in the Index is suspended or materially limited at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security to the level of the Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that security relative to (y) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately before that suspension or limitation; or (B) on any Related Exchange in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the relevant Index. In any event, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular

business hours of the relevant exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the relevant exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

In respect of a Commodity Index, “**Market Disruption Event**” means, in relation to the Commodity Index or its components:

- (i) **Price Source Disruption.** The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the price of the Commodity Index or any of its components (or the information necessary for determining such price(s)) or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price(s) by the Exchange; or
- (ii) **Trading Suspension.** The material suspension of trading on the Exchange; or
- (iii) **Disappearance of Price.** The permanent discontinuation of trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Exchange, disappearance of, or of trading in, the Commodity Index or any of its components or the disappearance or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of a reference price, notwithstanding the availability of the related price source or the status of trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components;
- (iv) **Material Change in Formula.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the basis for (including but not limited to the quantity, quality or currency), or method of, calculating the price of a component of the Commodity Index; or
- (v) **Material Change in Content.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the content or composition of a Commodity Index or any component of the Commodity Index; or
- (vi) **De Minimis Trading.** The number of contracts traded on the Exchange with respect to a Commodity Index or any of its components is such that the Issuer declares that its ability to enter into hedging transactions with respect to the Commodity Index or any of its components has been impaired due to a lack of, or a material reduction in, trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Exchange; or
- (vii) **Tax Disruption.** The imposition of, change in, or removal of, an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, a Commodity Index or any of its components (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Issue Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the price of the Commodity Index or any of its

components on the Valuation Date and/or on each of the three Trading Days following the Valuation Date, as the case may be, from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; or

- (viii) **Trading Limitation.** The material limitation imposed on trading in a Commodity Index or any of its components on any exchange or principal trading market; or
- (ix) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange is located; or
- (x) **Other Events.** Any other event similar to any of the above which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.

(b) Adjustments to Index. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made by it pursuant to paragraphs (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) below:

- (i) If the Index is (A) not calculated and announced by the Index Sponsor but is calculated and published by a successor to the Index Sponsor (the “**Successor Sponsor**”) acceptable to the Calculation Agent; or (B) replaced by a successor index using, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of the Index, then (in either case) the Index will be deemed to be the index so calculated and announced by such Successor Sponsor or that successor index, as the case may be.
- (ii) If (A) on or prior to the Valuation Date the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor makes a material change in the formula for, or the method of, calculating the Index or in any other way materially modifies the Index (other than a modification prescribed in that formula or method to maintain the Index in the event of changes in constituent securities or components, as the case may be, and other routine events); or (B) on or prior to the Valuation Date the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor fails to calculate and/or publish the Index, then (in either case) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price using, in lieu of a published level for the Index on the Valuation Date, the level for the Index as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to the change or failure, but using only those (a) in respect of an index which is not a Commodity Index, securities that comprised the Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those securities that have since ceased to be listed on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed); or (b) in respect of a Commodity Index, commodity

components that comprised the Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those components that have since ceased to be traded on the Exchange or any other exchange) or, in the case of a material modification of the Index only, the Calculation Agent shall deem such modified Index to be the Index so calculated and announced or shall (if so required by the Issuer), by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4, terminate the Securities and pay to each Holder in respect of each Security held by such Holder an amount equal to the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such material modification of the Index less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements (as determined by the Issuer).

- (iii) If, at any time, any of the events specified in (A) to (G) below occurs and the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor has not in the opinion of the Calculation Agent made an appropriate adjustment to the level of the Index (which term excludes, for these purposes of this paragraph (iii), any Commodity Index) in order to account fully for such event, notwithstanding that the rules published or applied by the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor pertaining to the Index have been applied, the Calculation Agent shall make such adjustment to the level of the Index as it considers appropriate in order so to account for: (A) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the Shares of (aa) Shares; or (bb) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the issuer of the Shares equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of Shares or (cc) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (in cash or otherwise) at less than the prevailing market price; (B) a free distribution or dividend of any Shares to existing holders of the Shares by way of bonus, capitalisation or similar issue; (C) an extraordinary dividend; (D) any cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer of the Shares has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (E) any non-cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer of the Shares has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (F) any other extraordinary cash or non-cash dividend on, or distribution with respect to, the Shares which is, by its terms or declared intent, declared and paid outside the normal operations or normal dividend procedures of the relevant issuer of the Shares, provided that, in all cases, the related ex-dividend date occurs during the period from and including the Issue Date up to but excluding the Valuation Date; (G) any other

similar event having dilutive or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Shares.

- (iv) The Issuer reserves the right to issue further certificates, make adjustments or to distribute to the Holders any rights in connection with the Securities as it reasonably believes are appropriate in circumstances where an event or events occur which the Issuer (in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any adjustments previously made to the Securities) believes should in the context of the issue of Securities and its obligations hereunder, give rise to such adjustment or distribution, provided that such adjustment is considered by the Calculation Agent to be appropriate generally (without considering the individual circumstances of any Holder or the tax or other consequences of such adjustment in any particular jurisdiction) or is required to take account of provisions of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction or the practices of the Exchange. The Issuer, in any event, reserves the right to in its absolute discretion terminate Securities linked to any Proprietary Index by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4, in the event that the relevant Index Sponsor terminates, cancels or suspends, as the case may be, any such Proprietary Index.
- (c) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS
RELATING TO STOCK BASKET DOUBLE UP CERTIFICATES

The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and/or The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, 8022 Zurich, Switzerland (the “**Swiss Agent**”), each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Basket**” means the basket specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and if Physical Settlement is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business; and (b) a day on which the Exchange is open for business;

“**Cash Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formulae specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses.

The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate if an Exchange Rate is specified and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Delivery Details**” means, if Physical Settlement is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, where applicable, account details and/or the name

and address of any person into whose name evidence of the Share Amount is to be registered and/or any bank, broker or agent to whom documents evidencing title are to be delivered;

“Disruption Cash Settlement Price” means, if Physical Settlement is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the fair market value of each Security on such day as shall be selected by the Issuer less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangement, all as determined by the Issuer;

“Double Up Stop Level” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Emerging Market Disruption Event” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) Moratorium. A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) Price Source Disruption. It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) Governmental Default. With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to

accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or

- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“Exchange” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of Basket in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“Exchange Rate” means, where the Strike Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Strike Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“Exercisable Certificates” means, if “Exercisable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be exercisable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Exercise Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series or, if such day is not a Business Day, the next following Business Day;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction, exercise or redemption charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties arising in connection with (a) the exercise or redemption, as the case may be, of such Security and/or (b) any payment or delivery due following exercise or redemption, as the case may be, or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Settlement Currency) equal to the sum of, in respect of each Share, the Share Final Closing Price divided by Share Initial Closing Price and then multiplied by its Weight, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Initial Reference Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Issue Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“**Launch Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Market Disruption Event**” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is the euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross-settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“**Redeemable Certificates**” means, if “Redeemable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable”

in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be redeemable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Redemption Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Related Exchange” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are traded;

“Relevant Currency” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“Relevant Currency Exchange Rate” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“Relevant Number of Trading Days” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Securities” means each Series of the stock basket double up certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms which may either be Exercisable Certificates or Redeemable Certificates and each such certificate a **“Security”**. References to the terms **“Securities”** and **“Security”** shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“Series” means each series of Securities series set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“Settlement Currency” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Settlement Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Settlement Disruption Event” means, if Physical Settlement is specified as being applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in the determination of the Issuer, an event beyond the control of the Issuer as a result of which the Issuer cannot make delivery of the Share Amount in accordance with such market method as it decides at the relevant time for delivery of the Share Amount;

“Share” means each share specified as such in the definition of Basket in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4, and **“Shares”** shall be construed accordingly;

“Share Amount” means, if Physical Settlement is specified as being applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the number of Shares specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4. If the Share Amount is an amount comprising a fraction of any Share, the Holder will receive a Share Amount comprising the nearest whole number (rounded down) of Shares (taking into account that a Holder’s entire holding may be aggregated at the Issuer’s discretion for the purpose of delivering the relevant Share Amounts), and an amount in the Settlement Currency using the Exchange Rate, if applicable, equal to the value of the outstanding undelivered fraction of such Share, as calculated by the Calculation Agent on the basis of the Share Final Closing Price;

“Share Closing Price” means, in respect of each Share and any day, unless otherwise specified in the definition of Basket in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the price of such Share at the Valuation Time on such day, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Share on such day having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“Share Company” means the share company specified as such in the definition of Basket in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“Share Final Closing Price” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Share, the Share Closing Price on the Valuation Date, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Share Initial Closing Price” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Share, the Share Closing Price on the Pricing Date, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Strike Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of Basket in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Valuation Time**” means the close of trading on the relevant Exchange in relation to a Share or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; and

“**Weight**” means in respect of each Index, the Weight specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a

global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

If CREST is specified as the Clearing Agent in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will be cleared through CREST. Such Securities will be registered securities in dematerialised and uncertificated form, and will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “**Regulations**”).

Securities cleared through CREST may be transferred in accordance with the Regulations and the rules, procedures and practices of the relevant Operator (as defined below). No transfer of such Securities will be valid unless and until entered on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in and in accordance with, the Regulations).

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in

accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator and the Regulations. Subject to this requirement, (i) each person who is for the time being shown in the Register as the holder of such Securities shall be treated by the Issuer and the Registrar as the holder of such Securities for all purposes and (ii) neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be liable in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done by it or on its behalf in reliance upon the assumption that the particulars entered in the Register which the Registrar maintains are in accordance with particulars entered in the Operator register of corporate securities relating to such Securities (and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

Any reference to the “**Operator**” (as such term is used in the Regulations) shall be to CREST and shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any such additional or alternative Operator approved by the Issuer from time to time in accordance with the Regulations and notified to the relevant Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase indicating that they are obliged to or will carry out any role or obligation described in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, is given without any assumption by the Issuer, the relevant Registrar or the Calculation Agent of responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the

Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Securities which are Exercisable Certificates will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.
- (b) Settlement. Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate, upon due exercise and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date or, if later, five Business Days following the delivery of the Notice, either the Cash Amount or, if “Physical Settlement” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Share Amount; and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, upon redemption entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer either (A) the Cash Amount on the Redemption Date or (B) if “Physical Settlement” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership on the Redemption Date or, if later, five Business Days following the delivery of the Notice, the Share Amount, in each case, subject to General Condition 6(c).
- (c) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (d) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent or any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, Share Amount, Realised Share Amount, if applicable or the Disruption Cash Settlement Price, if applicable. The purchase of Securities does not confer on any holder of such Securities any rights (whether in respect of voting, distributions or otherwise) attached to the Shares.
- (e) Notice. All payments (which term shall include delivery of any Share Amount) in relation to

Securities which are Exercisable Certificates and delivery of any Share Amount in relation to Securities which are Redeemable Certificates shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall (as appropriate):

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, such account with such Securities;
- (iv) in the case of delivery of a Share Amount, include an undertaking to pay all Expenses and an authority to debit the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar in respect thereof or, as the case may be, to debit the account referred to in paragraph (iii) above or make a deduction from any cheque;
- (v) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with the Cash Amount (if any) or Disruption Cash Settlement Price, if applicable for such Securities;
- (vi) specify the Delivery Details;
- (vii) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
- (viii) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is

subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other "U.S. person" as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

- (ix) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (f) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, in either case reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar of its holding of such Securities.
- (g) Late Delivery of Notice. If the Notice is delivered to the relevant Clearing Agent or the copy is delivered to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar after the close of business in the place of receipt on (i) the Exercise Date (in the case of Exercisable Certificates) or the due date for delivery (in the case of Redeemable Certificates) (the "**Due Date**"), then the Share Amount will be delivered as soon as practicable after the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, (the date of delivery in relation to a Share Amount whether on or after the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, being the "**Delivery Date**") in the manner provided below. For the avoidance of doubt, no holder of Securities or any other person shall be entitled to any payment, whether of interest or otherwise, by reason of the Delivery Date for such Securities occurring after the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, due to such Notice (or the copy thereof) being delivered after close of business on the Exercise Date or the Due Date, as the case may be, as provided above. In the event that a Holder does not, in respect of a Security which is to be redeemed by delivery of the Share Amount, deliver or procure delivery of a Notice as set out above prior to the date that is 30 calendar days after the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, the

Issuer shall have the right but not the obligation to sell the Shares comprised in the Share Amount in respect of such Security in the open market or otherwise at a price determined by the Issuer, in its sole discretion, to be the fair market value of the Shares and shall hold the proceeds (the “**Realised Share Amount**”) for the account of the Holder until presentation of the relevant Notice. Upon payment of the Realised Share Amount as aforesaid, the Issuer’s obligations in respect of such Security shall be discharged.

- (h) Delivery of the Share Amount. If “Physical Settlement” is specified as “Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject as provided in the Conditions, the delivery of the Share Amount shall be made at the risk of the Holder and shall be delivered and evidenced in such manner as the Issuer determines to be customary for the Shares or in such other commercially reasonable manner as the Issuer shall determine to be appropriate for such delivery. The Issuer shall be under no obligation to register or procure the registration of the Holder or any other person as the registered shareholder in respect of the Shares comprised in any Share Amount in the register of members of the Share Company.
- (i) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount (if any) for each Security
 - (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate with respect to which a Notice has been delivered, to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date; or (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, to the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar into which the Cash Amount is to be credited for value on the Redemption Date.
- (j) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is not delivered to the Registrar, in each case as provided in the Conditions shall be void. If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, at the time such correction is delivered to the Registrar as provided in the Conditions.

The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is

incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (k) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (l) Intervening Period. If “Physical Settlement” is specified as “Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, with respect to delivery of the Share Amount, for such period of time after the Exercise Date or the Due Date, as the case may be, as the Issuer or any person on behalf of the Issuer shall continue to be the legal owner of the Shares comprising the relevant Share Amount (the “**Intervening Period**”), neither the Issuer nor any such other person shall (i) be under any obligation to deliver or procure delivery to the relevant Holder or any subsequent beneficial owner of such Shares or any other person any letter, certificate, notice, circular or any other document or payment whatsoever received by that person in its capacity as the holder of such Shares, (ii) be under any obligation to exercise or procure exercise of any or all rights (including voting rights) attaching to such Shares during the Intervening Period or (iii) be under any liability to the relevant Holder or any subsequent beneficial owner of such Shares or any other person in respect of any loss or damage which the relevant Holder or subsequent beneficial owner or any other person may sustain or suffer as a result, whether directly or indirectly, of the Issuer or any such other person being the legal owner of such Shares during such Intervening Period.
- (m) Dividends. If “Physical Settlement” is specified as “Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, any dividend in respect of any Share Amount to be delivered will be payable to the party that would receive such dividend according to market practice for a sale of the Shares executed on the Exercise Date or the Due Date, as the case may be, and to be delivered in the same manner as such Share Amount. An amount equal to any such dividend to be paid to a Holder shall be paid to the account specified in the relevant Notice.
- (n) Settlement Disruption. If “Physical Settlement” is specified as “Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and the Securities are to settle by delivery of the Share Amount and prior to delivery of the Share Amount in respect thereof, in the opinion

of the Calculation Agent, a Settlement Disruption Event is subsisting, then the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date Date, as the case may be, for such Security shall be postponed to the first following Business Day on which no Settlement Disruption Event is subsisting. For so long as delivery of the Share Amount is not practicable by reason of a Settlement Disruption Event, then in lieu of delivery of the Share Amount and notwithstanding any other provision hereof the Issuer may elect in its sole and absolute discretion to satisfy its obligations in respect of the relevant Security by payment of the Disruption Cash Settlement Price not later than on the third Business Day following the date that notice of such election is given to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. Payment of the Disruption Cash Settlement Price will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 that a Settlement Disruption Event has occurred. No Holder or any other person shall be entitled to any payment in respect of a Security in the event of any delay in the delivery of the Share Amount relating thereto due to the occurrence of a Settlement Disruption Event and no liability in respect thereof shall attach to the Issuer.

- (o) Exercise and Settlement or Redemption Risk. Exercise and settlement or redemption, as the case may be, of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (p) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (q) Presentation and Surrender. Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall

record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“Market Disruption Event” means:

- (i) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):
 - (A) in the Shares on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed; or
 - (B) in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Shares on any Related Exchange if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material; or
- (ii) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located.

For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (b) Potential Adjustment Events. Following a declaration by the Share Company of the terms of any Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent will determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Share and, if so, will:

- (i) make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any one or more of the Conditions as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect; and
- (ii) determine the effective date of that adjustment.

The Calculation Agent may, but need not, determine the adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of such Potential Adjustment Event made by an options exchange to options on the Shares traded on that options exchange. Upon making any such adjustment, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the adjustment to be made to the Conditions and giving brief details of the Potential Adjustment Event.

“Potential Adjustment Event” means any of the following: (i) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Shares (unless a Merger Event), or a free distribution or dividend of such Shares to existing holders of the relevant Shares by way of bonus, capitalisation, recapitalisation or similar issue; (ii) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the relevant Shares of (A) such Shares, or (B) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the Share Company equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of such Shares, or (C) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (cash or other) at less than the prevailing market price as determined by the Calculation Agent; (iii) an extraordinary dividend; (iv) a distribution of cash dividends on the Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (v) a call by the Share Company in respect of relevant Shares that are not fully paid; (vi) a repurchase by the Share Company of relevant Shares whether out of profits or capital and whether the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise; or (vii) any other similar event that may have a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares.

(c) De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation and Insolvency. If a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to the Share Company, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (i), (ii) or (iii) below:

- (i) require the Calculation Agent to determine in its sole and absolute discretion the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any of the other terms of these Conditions to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, and determine the effective date of that adjustment. The Calculation Agent may (but is under no obligation to) determine the appropriate adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of the De-listing, Merger Event,

Nationalisation or Insolvency made by any Related Exchange to options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on such Related Exchange; or

- (ii) cancel the Securities by giving notice to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. If the Securities are to be cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each Security held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a Security (taking into account the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be)) on the day selected for cancellation as shall be selected by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion adjusted to account fully for any losses, expenses and costs to the Issuer and/or any affiliate of the Issuer of unwinding or adjusting any underlying or related hedging arrangements (including but not limited to any equity options or selling or otherwise realising any Shares or other instruments of any type whatsoever which the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates may hold as part of such hedging arrangements), all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; or
- (iii) following any adjustment to the settlement of terms of options contracts or futures contracts or any other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on any Related Exchange, require the Calculation Agent to make a corresponding adjustment to any of the other terms of these Conditions, which adjustment will be effective as of the date determined by the Calculation Agent to be the effective date of the corresponding adjustment made by the Related Exchange. If options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are not traded on the Related Exchange, the Calculation Agent will make such adjustment, if any, to any of the other terms of these Conditions as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines appropriate, with reference to the rules and precedents (if any) set by the Related Exchange to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) that in the determination of the Calculation Agent would have given rise to an adjustment by the Related Exchange if such options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts were so traded.

Upon the occurrence of a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the occurrence of such De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) and the action proposed to be taken in relation

thereto.

“De-listing” means a Share for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Share is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

“Merger Date” means the closing date of a Merger Event or, where a closing date cannot be determined under the local law applicable to such Merger Event, such other date as determined by the Calculation Agent.

“Merger Event” means any (i) reclassification or change to the Shares that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all or a majority of the outstanding Shares; (ii) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of a Share Company with or into another entity (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Share Company is the continuing entity and which does not result in any such reclassification or change to all the outstanding Shares); or (iii) take-over offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person to purchase or otherwise obtain 100 per cent. of the outstanding Shares that results in a transfer of, or an irrevocable commitment to transfer a majority of the voting power of the Share Company (other than any such Shares owned or controlled by the offeror), in each case if the Merger Date is on or before the Determination Date.

“Nationalisation” means that all the Shares of a Share Company or all the assets or substantially all the assets of a Share Company are nationalised, expropriated or are otherwise required to be transferred to any governmental agency, authority or entity.

“Insolvency” means that by reason of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, bankruptcy or insolvency of or any analogous proceeding affecting a Share Company (i) all the Shares are required to be transferred to a receiver, trustee, liquidator or other similar official or (ii) holders of the Shares of that Share Company become legally prohibited from transferring them.

- (d) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially

reasonable manner.

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS
RELATING TO INTEREST RATE EXPRESS CERTIFICATES

The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and/or The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, 8022 Zurich, Switzerland (the “**Swiss Agent**”), each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Basket**” means, unless Basket is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the basket specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Basket Constituent**” means each Certificate or Reference Rate specified in the definition of Basket of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Calculation Period**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the number of calendar days from (but excluding) an Exchange Business Day to (and including) the next following Exchange Business Day;

“**Cash Amount**” means the amount specified as such in, or the amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Certificate**” means, unless Certificate is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the certificate or certificates specified as such in the definition of Basket or in the definition of the

relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Coupon**” means an interest coupon attached to each Security (if in definitive form) (if any) representing an entitlement in respect of an Interest Amount;

“**Current Barrier Level**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount calculated on each Reset Date (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, as:

- (a) If “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; plus
 - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date, or
- (b) If “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; minus
 - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date.

The Current Barrier Level shall be rounded in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Premium**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Strike Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each Exchange Business Day, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; plus
- (b) Funding Cost.

The Current Strike Level will be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Underlying Currency, 0.005 being rounded upwards. The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Early Termination Amount” means the amount or amounts (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

“Early Termination Date” means the date or dates (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or if, in respect of any Certificate, any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the applicable Early Termination Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been an Early Termination Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Early Termination Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Certificate and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“Early Termination Event” means the event or events (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

“Emerging Market Disruption Event” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure

of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or

- (iv) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or

(x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“Entitlement” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Exchange” means, in respect of each Certificate, each exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to that exchange or quotation system;

“Exchange Business Day” means each day specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Exchange Rate” means the rate of exchange between the Underlying Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“Exercise” means a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“Exercisable Certificates” means, if “Exercisable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be exercisable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Exercise Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Expenses” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction, exercise or redemption charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties, arising in connection with (i) the exercise or redemption, as the case may be, of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or redemption, as the case may be, or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“Final Reference Price” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent by reference to information published on the Screen Page without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Reference Rate or Certificate as applicable, on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Reference Rate or Certificate as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Final Terms” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“Funding Cost” means subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) if “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) Prevailing Rate plus Current Spread; multiplied by
 - (ii) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; multiplied by
 - (iii) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360; or
- (b) if “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) Prevailing Rate minus Current Spread; multiplied by
 - (ii) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; multiplied by
 - (iii) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360;

“Governmental Authority” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“Initial Reference Price” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Interest Amount” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Interest Payment Dates” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Interest Period” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period commencing on (and including) the Issue

Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Interest Payment Date;

“Interest Rate” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, the rate specified as such, or determined in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Interest Rate Day Count Fraction” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, that interest shall be calculated on the basis specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Issue Date” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“Issuer” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“Issuer Call” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“Issuer Call Cash Amount” means if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the amount specified as such in, or the amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Issuer Call Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“Issuer Call Commencement Date” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Issuer Call Date” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the day specified as such in the notice delivered by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3 or if, in respect of any Certificate, any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the applicable Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date.

In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Certificate and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“Issuer Call Notice Period” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the applicable Final Terms, the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Launch Date” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“Market Disruption Event” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“Payment Day” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System is open;

“Prevailing Rate” means the rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, for deposits in the Underlying Currency in the inter-bank market for each Calculation Period, by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“Pricing Date” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer if, in adverse market conditions, in the opinion of the Issuer, the circumstances so require;

“Reference Banks” means such number of leading dealers in the London interbank market which ordinarily provide quotes for the Reference Rate, or any other rate requested by the Calculation Agent pursuant to Product Condition 4, as is specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, which Reference Banks shall be selected by the Issuer in its absolute discretion;

“Reference Rate” means (i) each rate specified as such in the definition of Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by the Calculation Agent, unless in the determination of the Calculation Agent a Market Disruption Event has occurred, in which case the Reference Rate shall be calculated in accordance with Product Condition 4, or, (ii) in relation to a Certificate, the Reference Rate to which it is linked or any

successor to such Reference Rate in accordance with the terms of each Certificate, as determined by the Calculation Agent, and “**Reference Rates**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Redeemable Certificates**” means, if “Redeemable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be redeemable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“**Redemption Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the relevant Certificates are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“**Relevant Currency Exchange Rate**” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Reset Date**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issue Date and thereafter, the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not an Exchange Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Exchange Business Day;

“**Screen Page**” means each of the pages specified as such in the definition of Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and “**Screen Pages**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the interest rate express certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms which may either be Exercisable Certificates or Redeemable Certificates and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Trading Day**” means, in respect of a Certificate, any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on all the Exchanges and any Related Exchanges other than a day on which trading on the Exchanges or any Related Exchanges is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Underlying Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the applicable Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been an Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Certificate and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means at or around the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant

Series in the applicable Final Terms or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

2. FORM

(a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depository for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

(b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

If CREST is specified as the Clearing Agent in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will be cleared through CREST. Such Securities will be registered securities in dematerialised and uncertificated form, and will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “**Regulations**”).

Securities cleared through CREST may be transferred in accordance with the Regulations and the rules, procedures and practices of the relevant Operator (as defined below). No transfer of

such Securities will be valid unless and until entered on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in and in accordance with, the Regulations).

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator and the Regulations. Subject to this requirement, (i) each person who is for the time being shown in the Register as the holder of such Securities shall be treated by the Issuer and the Registrar as the holder of such Securities for all purposes and (ii) neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be liable in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done by it or on its behalf in reliance upon the assumption that the particulars entered in the Register which the Registrar maintains are in accordance with particulars entered in the Operator register of corporate securities relating to such Securities (and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

Any reference to the “**Operator**” (as such term is used in the Regulations) shall be to CREST and shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any such additional or alternative Operator approved by the Issuer from time to time in accordance with the Regulations and notified to the relevant Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase indicating that they are obliged to or will carry out any role or obligation described in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, is given without any assumption by the Issuer, the relevant Registrar or the Calculation Agent of responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to

securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Early Termination Event has occurred and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, Securities which are Exercisable Certificates will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.
- (b) Early Termination Event. Upon the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities will terminate automatically and the Issuer will give notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. An Early Termination Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Early Termination Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be.
- (c) Issuer Call. If “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may terminate, subject to a valid Exercise or the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities, in whole but not in part on any Business Day, by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.
- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate upon exercise, termination

pursuant to an Issuer Call or following an Early Termination Event, subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date; and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate upon redemption, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following an Early Termination Event, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date, in each case, either:

- (i) The Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise or upon redemption; or
 - (ii) The Issuer Call Cash Amount, following an Issuer Call; or
 - (iii) The Early Termination Amount, following an Early Termination Event.
- (e) Interest Amount. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall bear interest at the Interest Rate. The Interest Amount is calculated by reference to the relevant Interest Period, the Interest Rate and the Interest Rate Day Count Fraction, and is payable on each Interest Payment Date.
- (f) Interest Accrual. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall cease to accrue interest from (and including) (i) exercise (in the case of Exercisable Certificates); or (ii) redemption (in the case of Redeemable Certificates). No interest shall accrue after the Exercise Date, the Redemption Date, the Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date in respect of which an Early Termination Event occurs, as the case may be, in the event that payment of any amount is postponed due to a Market Disruption Event.
- (g) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (h) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount, Early Termination Amount or Interest Amount, if applicable.
- (i) Notice. All payments in relation to Securities which are Exercisable Certificates shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount or Early Termination Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
- (vi) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, **“U.S. person”** means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and
- (vii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal

proceedings.

- (j) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, in either case reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar of its holding of such Securities.
- (k) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount, the Issuer Call Cash Amount or the Early Termination Amount (if any) for each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate with respect to which a Notice has been delivered, to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date; or (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, to the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar into which the Cash Amount is to be credited for value on the Redemption Date.
- (l) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is not delivered to the Registrar, in each case as provided in the Conditions, shall be void.

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, at the time such correction is delivered to the Registrar as provided in the Conditions.

Any Security with respect to which a Notice has not been duly completed and delivered in the manner set out above by the time specified in Product Condition 3 shall become void.

The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (m) **Delivery of a Notice.** Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (n) **Exercise and Settlement or Redemption Risk.** Exercise and settlement or redemption, as the case may be, of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (o) **Method of Payment.** Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (p) **Presentation and Surrender.** Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) **Market Disruption.** The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“Market Disruption Event”, in relation to a Reference Rate, means the situation in which a Reference Rate is not available on the relevant Screen Page, in which case the relevant rate shall be determined by the Calculation Agent, on the basis of quotations for the relevant rate or such other related rate as the Calculation Agent shall in its sole and absolute discretion specify provided by the Reference Banks at the Valuation Time for the relevant Business Day. The Issuer will request the principal London office of each of the Reference Banks to provide a quotation of the relevant rate. The relevant rate will be the arithmetic mean of the quotations, eliminating the highest quotation (or in the event of equality, one of the highest) and the lowest quotation (or, in the event of equality, one of the lowest) if more than three quotations are provided. If it is not possible to obtain quotations of the relevant rate by at least three of the Reference Banks then the Calculation Agent will determine the relevant Reference Rate at its sole and absolute discretion, which determination may be delayed for up to 180 days following the occurrence of an Emerging Market Disruption Event.

“Market Disruption Event”, in relation to a Certificate, means:

- (i) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):
 - (A) in the Certificates on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Certificates are traded; or
 - (B) in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Certificates on any Related Exchange if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material; or
- (ii) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located.

For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (b) Adjustments to the Basket. If a De-Listing occurs with respect to a Basket Constituent or a

Basket Constituent is for any reason cancelled or ceases to exist, the Calculation Agent may determine in its sole discretion to either (A) replace the de-listed or cancelled Basket Constituent by a successor basket constituent which has, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar structure and a substantially similar economic impact and is linked to the same asset as such Basket Constituent or (B) make such other adjustments to the Conditions as the Calculation Agent sees fit, acting in its absolute discretion. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made pursuant to this paragraph.

“**De-listing**” means that a Basket Constituent for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange or any other exchanges on which the Basket Constituent is listed (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Basket Constituent is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

- (c) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS
RELATING TO COMMODITY EXPRESS CERTIFICATES

The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and/or The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, 8022 Zurich, Switzerland (the “**Swiss Agent**”), each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Basket**” means, unless Basket is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the basket specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Basket Constituent**” means each Certificate or Commodity specified in the definition of Basket of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Calculation Period**” means unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the number of calendar days from (but excluding) an Exchange Business Day to (and including) the next following Exchange Business Day;

“**Cash Amount**” means the amount specified as such in, or an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Certificate**” means, unless Certificate is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the certificate or certificates specified as such in the definition of Basket or in the definition of the

relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Coupon**” means an interest coupon attached to each Security (if in definitive form) (if any) representing an entitlement in respect of an Interest Amount;

“**Commodity**” means each commodity specified as such in the definition of the Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, in relation to a Certificate, the Commodity to which it is linked or any successor to such Commodity in accordance with the terms of each Certificate, as determined by the Calculation Agent, subject to Product Condition 4, and “**Commodities**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Current Barrier Level**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount calculated on each Reset Date (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, as:

- (a) if “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; plus
 - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; or
- (b) if “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; minus
 - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date.

The Current Barrier Level shall be rounded in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Premium**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in

the applicable Final Terms;

“Current Strike Level” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each Exchange Business Day, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; plus
- (b) Funding Cost.

The Current Strike Level will be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Underlying Currency, 0.005 being rounded upwards. The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Early Termination Amount” means the amount or amounts (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

“Early Termination Date” means the date or dates (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the applicable Early Termination Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been an Early Termination Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Early Termination Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Commodity or Certificate as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“Early Termination Event” means the event or events (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

“Emerging Market Disruption Event” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) Moratorium. A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

- (ii) Price Source Disruption. It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) Governmental Default. With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Entitlement**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Exchange**” means each exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to that exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Business Day**” means each day specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Exchange Rate**” means the rate of exchange between the Underlying Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise**” means a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Exercisable Certificates**” means, if “Exercisable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be exercisable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“**Exercise Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction, exercise or redemption charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties, arising in connection with (i) the exercise or redemption, as the case may be, of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or redemption, as the case may be, or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“**Final Reference Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the relevant Commodity

or Certificate as applicable, on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the relevant Commodity or Certificate as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Funding Cost**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) if “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) Prevailing Rate plus Current Spread; multiplied by
 - (ii) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; multiplied by
 - (iii) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360; or
- (b) if “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) Prevailing Rate minus Current Spread; multiplied by
 - (ii) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; multiplied by
 - (iii) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Initial Reference Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Interest Amount**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Payment Dates**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the dates specified as such in the definition of the

relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Period**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period commencing on (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Interest Payment Date;

“**Interest Rate**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, the rate specified as such, or determined in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Rate Day Count Fraction**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, that interest shall be calculated on the basis specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issue Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“**Issuer Call**” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Issuer Call Cash Amount**” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the amount specified as such in, or the amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Issuer Call Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Issuer Call Commencement Date**” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call Date**” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the day specified as such in the notice delivered by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3 or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding

Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the relevant Commodity or Certificate as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“Issuer Call Notice Period” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the applicable Final Terms, the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Launch Date” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“Market Disruption Event” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“Payment Day” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System is open;

“Prevailing Rate” means the rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, for deposits in the Underlying Currency in the inter-bank market for each Calculation Period, by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“Pricing Date” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer if, in adverse market conditions, in the opinion of the Issuer, the circumstances so require;

“Redeemable Certificates” means, if “Redeemable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be redeemable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Redemption Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the relevant Basket Constituent are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“**Relevant Currency Exchange Rate**” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Reset Date**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issue Date and thereafter, the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not an Exchange Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Exchange Business Day;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the commodity express certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms which may either be Exercisable Certificates or Redeemable Certificates and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the

applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Underlying Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the relevant Commodity or Certificate as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means at or around the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose

systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules. If CREST is specified as the Clearing Agent in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will be cleared through CREST. Such Securities will be registered securities in dematerialised and uncertificated form, and will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “**Regulations**”).

Securities cleared through CREST may be transferred in accordance with the Regulations and the rules, procedures and practices of the relevant Operator (as defined below). No transfer of such Securities will be valid unless and until entered on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in and in accordance with, the Regulations).

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator and the Regulations. Subject to this requirement, (i) each person who is for the time being shown in the Register as the holder of such Securities shall be treated by the Issuer and the Registrar as the holder of

such Securities for all purposes and (ii) neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be liable in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done by it or on its behalf in reliance upon the assumption that the particulars entered in the Register which the Registrar maintains are in accordance with particulars entered in the Operator register of corporate securities relating to such Securities (and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

Any reference to the “**Operator**” (as such term is used in the Regulations) shall be to CREST and shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any such additional or alternative Operator approved by the Issuer from time to time in accordance with the Regulations and notified to the relevant Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase indicating that they are obliged to or will carry out any role or obligation described in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, is given without any assumption by the Issuer, the relevant Registrar or the Calculation Agent of responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the

Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Early Termination Event has occurred and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, Securities which are Exercisable Certificates will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.
- (b) Early Termination Event. Upon the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities will terminate automatically and the Issuer will give notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. An Early Termination Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Early Termination Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be.
- (c) Issuer Call. If “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may terminate, subject to a valid Exercise or the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities, in whole but not in part on any Business Day, by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.
- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate upon exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following an Early Termination Event, subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date; and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate upon redemption, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following an Early Termination Event, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date, in each case, either:
 - (i) The Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise or upon redemption; or
 - (ii) The Issuer Call Cash Amount, following an Issuer Call; or
 - (iii) The Early Termination Amount, following an Early Termination Event.

- (e) Interest Amount. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall bear interest at the Interest Rate. The Interest Amount is calculated by reference to the relevant Interest Period, the Interest Rate and the Interest Rate Day Count Fraction, and is payable on each Interest Payment Date.
- (f) Interest Accrual. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall cease to accrue interest from (and including) (i) exercise (in the case of Exercisable Certificates); or (ii) redemption (in the case of Redeemable Certificates). No interest shall accrue after the Exercise Date, the Redemption Date, the Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date in respect of which an Early Termination Event occurs, as the case may be, in the event that payment of any amount is postponed due to a Market Disruption Event.
- (g) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (h) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount, Early Termination Amount or Interest Amount, if applicable.
- (i) Notice. All payments in relation to Securities which are Exercisable Certificates shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount or Early Termination Amount (if any) for

such Securities;

- (v) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
 - (vi) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and
 - (vii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (j) **Verification.** In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, in either case reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar of its holding of such Securities.
- (k) **Settlement.** The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount, the Issuer Call Cash Amount or the Early Termination Amount (if any) for each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate with respect to which a Notice has been delivered, to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date or (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, to the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are

cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar into which the Cash Amount is to be credited for value on the Redemption Date.

- (l) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is not delivered to the Registrar, in each case as provided in the Conditions shall be void.

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, at the time such correction is delivered to the Registrar as provided in the Conditions.

Any Security with respect to which a Notice has not been duly completed and delivered in the manner set out above by the time specified in Product Condition 3 shall become void.

The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (m) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (n) Exercise and Settlement or Redemption Risk. Exercise and settlement or redemption, as the case may be, of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws,

regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.

- (o) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (p) Presentation and Surrender. Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“Market Disruption Event”, in relation to a Commodity, means:

- (i) Price Source Disruption. The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the price of a relevant Commodity (or the information necessary for determining such price) or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price by the Exchange; or
- (ii) Trading Suspension. The material suspension of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange; or
- (iii) Disappearance of Price. The failure of trading of a relevant Commodity to commence, or the permanent discontinuation of trading of the Commodity, on the

Exchange; or

- (iv) **Material Change in Formula.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the basis for (including but not limited to the quantity, quality or currency), or method of, calculating the price of a relevant Commodity; or
- (v) **Material Change in Content.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the content or composition of a relevant Commodity; or
- (vi) **De Minimis Trading.** The number of contracts traded on the Exchange with respect to a relevant Commodity is such that the Issuer declares that its ability to enter into hedging transactions with respect to the Commodity has been impaired due to a lack of, or a material reduction in, trading in the Commodity on the Exchange; or
- (vii) **Tax Disruption.** The imposition of, change in, or removal of, an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, a relevant Commodity (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Issue Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the price of the Commodity on the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be, and/or on each of the three Trading Days following the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be, from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; or
- (viii) **Trading Limitation.** The material limitation imposed on trading in a relevant Commodity with respect to it or any contract with respect to it on any exchange or principal trading market; or
- (ix) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or Related Exchange is located; or
- (x) **Other Events.** Any other event similar to any of the above which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.

“Market Disruption Event”, in relation to a Certificate, means:

- (i) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange

or otherwise):

- (A) in the Certificates on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Certificates are traded; or
 - (B) in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Certificates on any Related Exchange if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material; or
- (ii) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located.

For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (b) Adjustments to the Basket. If a De-Listing occurs with respect to a Basket Constituent or a Basket Constituent is for any reason cancelled or ceases to exist, the Calculation Agent may determine in its sole discretion to either (A) replace the de-listed or cancelled Basket Constituent by a successor basket constituent which has, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar structure and a substantially similar economic impact and is linked to the same asset as such Basket Constituent or (B) make such other adjustments to the Conditions as the Calculation Agent sees fit, acting in its absolute discretion. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made pursuant to this paragraph.

“De-listing” means that a Basket Constituent for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange or any other exchanges on which the Basket Constituent is listed (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Basket Constituent is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

- (c) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the

Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS
RELATING TO EQUITY EXPRESS CERTIFICATES

The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and/or The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, 8022 Zurich, Switzerland (the “**Swiss Agent**”), each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Basket**” means, unless Basket is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the basket specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Basket Constituent**” means each Certificate or Share specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Calculation Period**” means unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the number of calendar days from (but excluding) an Exchange Business Day to (and including) the next following Exchange Business Day;

“**Cash Amount**” means the amount specified as such in, or an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Certificate**” means, unless Certificate is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the certificate or certificates specified as such in the definition of Basket or in the definition of the

relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Coupon**” means an interest coupon attached to each Security (if in definitive form) (if any) representing an entitlement in respect of an Interest Amount;

“**Current Barrier Level**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount calculated on each Reset Date (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, as:

- (a) if “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; plus
 - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; or
- (b) if “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; minus
 - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date.

The Current Barrier Level shall be rounded in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Premium**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Strike Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each Exchange Business Day, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; plus
- (b) Funding Cost; and minus
- (c) Notional Dividend Amounts.

The Current Strike Level will be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Underlying Currency, 0.005 being rounded upwards. The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Early Termination Amount” means the amount or amounts (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

“Early Termination Date” means the date or dates (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the applicable Early Termination Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been an Early Termination Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Early Termination Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Share or Certificate as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“Early Termination Event” means the event or events (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

“Emerging Market Disruption Event” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) Moratorium. A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) Price Source Disruption. It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) Governmental Default. With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or

guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or

- (iv) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the

principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or

- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“Entitlement” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Exchange” means each exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to that exchange or quotation system;

“Exchange Business Day” means each day specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Exchange Rate” means the rate of exchange between the Underlying Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“Exercise” means a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“Exercisable Certificates” means, if “Exercisable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be exercisable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Exercise Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Expenses” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction, exercise or redemption charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties, arising in connection with (i) the exercise or redemption, as the case may be, of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or redemption, as the case may be, or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“Final Reference Price” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the relevant Share or Certificate as applicable, on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the relevant Share or Certificate as applicable, (on the Exchange, if applicable) and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant, subject to adjustment

in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Funding Cost**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) if “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) Prevailing Rate plus Current Spread; multiplied by
 - (ii) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; multiplied by
 - (iii) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360; or
- (b) if “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) Prevailing Rate minus Current Spread; multiplied by
 - (ii) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; multiplied by
 - (iii) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Initial Reference Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Interest Amount**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Payment Dates**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Period**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the

relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period commencing on (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Interest Payment Date;

“**Interest Rate**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, the rate specified as such, or determined in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Rate Day Count Fraction**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, that interest shall be calculated on the basis specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issue Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“**Issuer Call**” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Issuer Call Cash Amount**” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the amount specified as such in, or the amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Issuer Call Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Issuer Call Commencement Date**” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call Date**” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the day specified as such in the notice delivered by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3 or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the

Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the relevant Share or Certificate as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“Issuer Call Notice Period” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the applicable Final Terms, the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Launch Date” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“Market Disruption Event” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“Notional Dividend Amount” means, if “Notional Dividend Amount” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to the cash dividends and/or other cash distributions in respect of the Share which have an ex-dividend date occurring during the Notional Dividend Period net of applicable withholding taxes at a rate adjusted by application of any relevant double tax treaty without regard to any tax credits;

“Notional Dividend Period” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each period from (but excluding) the previous Exchange Business Day to (and including) the current Exchange Business Day;

“Payment Day” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System is open;

“Prevailing Rate” means the rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, for deposits in the Underlying Currency in the inter-bank market for each Calculation Period, by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“Pricing Date” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer if, in adverse market conditions, in the

opinion of the Issuer, the circumstances so require;

“Redeemable Certificates” means, if “Redeemable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be redeemable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Redemption Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Related Exchange” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the relevant Basket Constituent are traded;

“Relevant Currency” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“Relevant Currency Exchange Rate” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“Relevant Number of Trading Days” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Reset Date” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issue Date and thereafter (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not an Exchange Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Exchange Business Day, or (b) the ex-dividend date when the Notional Dividend Amount is equal to or greater than two per cent. of the current level of the Share, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“Securities” means each Series of the equity express certificates specified in the applicable Final

Terms which may either be Exercisable Certificates or Redeemable Certificates and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Share**” means the share specified as such in the definition of the Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, in relation to a Certificate, the Share to which it is linked or any successor to such Share in accordance with the terms of each Certificate, as determined by the Calculation Agent, subject to Product Condition 4, and “**Shares**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Share Company**” means the share company (if any) specified as such in the definition of the Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4, and “**Share Companies**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Underlying Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of

Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the relevant Share or Certificate as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means at or around the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depository for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.
- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

If CREST is specified as the Clearing Agent in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will be cleared through CREST. Such Securities will be registered securities in dematerialised and uncertificated form, and will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “**Regulations**”).

Securities cleared through CREST may be transferred in accordance with the Regulations and the rules, procedures and practices of the relevant Operator (as defined below). No transfer of such Securities will be valid unless and until entered on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in and in accordance with, the Regulations).

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator and the Regulations. Subject to this requirement, (i) each person who is for the time being shown in the Register as the holder of such Securities shall be treated by the Issuer and the Registrar as the holder of such Securities for all purposes and (ii) neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be liable in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done by it or on its behalf in reliance upon the assumption that the particulars entered in the Register which the Registrar maintains are in accordance with particulars entered in the Operator register of corporate securities relating to such Securities (and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

Any reference to the “**Operator**” (as such term is used in the Regulations) shall be to CREST and shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any such additional or alternative Operator approved by the Issuer from time to time in accordance with the Regulations and notified to the relevant Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase indicating that they are obliged to or will carry out any role or obligation described in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, is given without any assumption by the Issuer, the relevant Registrar or the Calculation Agent of responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and,

in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Early Termination Event has occurred and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, Securities which are Exercisable Certificates will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.
- (b) Early Termination Event. Upon the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities will terminate automatically and the Issuer will give notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. An Early Termination Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Early Termination Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be.
- (c) Issuer Call. If “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant

Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may terminate, subject to a valid Exercise or the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities, in whole but not in part on any Business Day, by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.

- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate upon exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following an Early Termination Event, subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date; and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate upon redemption, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following an Early Termination Event, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date, in each case, either:
 - (i) The Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise or upon redemption; or
 - (ii) The Issuer Call Cash Amount, following an Issuer Call; or
 - (iii) The Early Termination Amount, following an Early Termination Event.
- (e) Interest Amount. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall bear interest at the Interest Rate. The Interest Amount is calculated by reference to the relevant Interest Period, the Interest Rate and the Interest Rate Day Count Fraction, and is payable on each Interest Payment Date.
- (f) Interest Accrual. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall cease to accrue interest from (and including) (i) exercise (in the case of Exercisable Certificates); or (ii) redemption (in the case of Redeemable Certificates). No interest shall accrue after the Exercise Date, the Redemption Date, the Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date in respect of which an Early Termination Event occurs, as the case may be, in the event that payment of any amount is postponed due to a Market Disruption Event.
- (g) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (h) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount, Early Termination Amount or Interest Amount, if applicable.

- (i) Notice. All payments in relation to Securities which are Exercisable Certificates shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount or Early Termination Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
- (vi) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the

purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other "U.S. person" as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

- (vii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (j) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, in either case reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar of its holding of such Securities.
- (k) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount, the Issuer Call Cash Amount or the Early Termination Amount (if any) for each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate with respect to which a Notice has been delivered, to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date; or (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, to the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar into which the Cash Amount is to be credited for value on the Redemption Date.
- (l) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is not delivered to the Registrar, in each case as provided in the Conditions shall be void.

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, at the time such correction is delivered to the Registrar as provided in the Conditions.

Any Security with respect to which a Notice has not been duly completed and delivered in the manner set out above by the time specified in Product Condition 3 shall become void.

The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (m) **Delivery of a Notice.** Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (n) **Exercise and Settlement or Redemption Risk.** Exercise and settlement or redemption, as the case may be, of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (o) **Method of Payment.** Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (p) **Presentation and Surrender.** Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in

connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“Market Disruption Event”, in relation to a Basket Constituent, means:

- (i) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):
 - (A) in the Shares on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed; or
 - (B) in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Shares on any Related Exchange if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material; or
- (ii) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located.

For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (b) Potential Adjustment Events. Following a declaration by a relevant Share Company of the terms of any Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent will determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Share and, if so, will:
- (i) make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any one or more of the Conditions as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or

concentrative effect; and

- (ii) determine the effective date of that adjustment.

The Calculation Agent may, but need not, determine the adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of such Potential Adjustment Event made by an options exchange to options on the Shares traded on that options exchange. Upon making any such adjustment, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the adjustment to be made to the Conditions and giving brief details of the Potential Adjustment Event.

“Potential Adjustment Event” means any of the following: (i) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Shares (unless a Merger Event), or a free distribution or dividend of such Shares to existing holders of the relevant Shares by way of bonus, capitalisation, recapitalisation or similar issue; (ii) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the relevant Shares of (A) such Shares, or (B) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the relevant Share Company equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of such Shares, or (C) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (cash or other) at less than the prevailing market price as determined by the Calculation Agent; (iii) an extraordinary dividend; (iv) a distribution of cash dividends on the relevant Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (v) a call by a relevant Share Company in respect of relevant Shares that are not fully paid; (vi) a repurchase by a relevant Share Company of relevant Shares whether out of profits or capital and whether the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise; or (vii) any other similar event that may have a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares.

- (c) De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation and Insolvency. If a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to a relevant Share Company, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (i), (ii) or (iii) below:

- (i) require the Calculation Agent to determine in its sole and absolute discretion the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any of the other terms of these Conditions to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, and determine the effective date of that adjustment. The Calculation Agent may (but is under no obligation to) determine the appropriate adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency made by any Related Exchange to options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the relevant Shares traded on such

Related Exchange; or

- (ii) cancel the Securities by giving notice to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. If the Securities are to be cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each Security held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a Security (taking into account the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be)) on the day selected for cancellation as shall be selected by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion adjusted to account fully for any losses, expenses and costs to the Issuer and/or any affiliate of the Issuer of unwinding or adjusting any underlying or related hedging arrangements (including but not limited to any equity options or selling or otherwise realising any Shares or other instruments of any type whatsoever which the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates may hold as part of such hedging arrangements), all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; or
- (iii) following any adjustment to the settlement of terms of options contracts or futures contracts or any other derivatives contracts on the relevant Shares traded on any Related Exchange, require the Calculation Agent to make a corresponding adjustment to any of the other terms of these Conditions, which adjustment will be effective as of the date determined by the Calculation Agent to be the effective date of the corresponding adjustment made by the Related Exchange. If options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are not traded on the Related Exchange, the Calculation Agent will make such adjustment, if any, to any of the other terms of these Conditions as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines appropriate, with reference to the rules and precedents (if any) set by the Related Exchange to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) that in the determination of the Calculation Agent would have given rise to an adjustment by the Related Exchange if such options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts were so traded.

Upon the occurrence of a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the occurrence of such De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto.

“**De-listing**” in this paragraph (c) means a Share for any reason ceases to be listed or is

suspended from listing on the Exchange (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Share is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

“**Merger Date**” means the closing date of a Merger Event or, where a closing date cannot be determined under the local law applicable to such Merger Event, such other date as determined by the Calculation Agent.

“**Merger Event**” means any (i) reclassification or change to the Shares that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all or a majority of the outstanding Shares; (ii) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of a Share Company with or into another entity (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Share Company is the continuing entity and which does not result in any such reclassification or change to all the outstanding Shares); or (iii) take-over offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person to purchase or otherwise obtain 100 per cent. of the outstanding Shares that results in a transfer of, or an irrevocable commitment to transfer a majority of the voting power of the Share Company to the offeror, in each case if the Merger Date is on or before the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as applicable.

“**Nationalisation**” means that all the Shares of a Share Company or all the assets or substantially all the assets of a Share Company are nationalised, expropriated or are otherwise required to be transferred to any governmental agency, authority or entity.

“**Insolvency**” means that by reason of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, bankruptcy or insolvency of or any analogous proceeding affecting a Share Company (i) all the Shares are required to be transferred to a receiver, trustee, liquidator or other similar official or (ii) holders of the Shares of that Share Company become legally prohibited from transferring them.

- (d) Adjustments to the Basket. If a De-Listing occurs with respect to a Basket Constituent or a Basket Constituent is for any reason cancelled, the Calculation Agent may determine in its sole discretion to either (A) replace the de-listed or cancelled Basket Constituent by a successor basket constituent which has in the determination of the Calculation Agent the same or a substantially similar structure and a substantially similar economic impact and is linked to the same commodity as such Basket Constituent or (B) remove the de-listed or cancelled Basket Constituent and allocate the Final Reference Price of such Basket Constituent as at the effective date of the de-listing or cancellation *pro rata* to the remaining Basket Constituents.

The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance

with General Condition 4 of any determination made pursuant to the foregoing paragraph.

“**De-listing**” in this paragraph (d) means a Basket Constituent for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange or any other exchanges on which the Basket Constituent is listed (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Basket Constituent is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

- (e) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS
RELATING TO INDEX EXPRESS CERTIFICATES

The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and/or The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, 8022 Zurich, Switzerland (the “**Swiss Agent**”), each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Basket**” means, unless Basket is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the basket specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Basket Constituent**” means each Certificate or Index specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Calculation Period**” means unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the number of calendar days from (but excluding) an Exchange Business Day to (and including) the next following Exchange Business Day;

“**Cash Amount**” means the amount specified as such in, or an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Certificate**” means, unless Certificate is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the certificate or certificates specified as such in the definition of Basket or in the definition of the

relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Commodity Index**” means the commodity index (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Coupon**” means an interest coupon attached to each Security (if in definitive form) (if any) representing an entitlement in respect of an Interest Amount;

“**Current Barrier Level**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount calculated on each Reset Date (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, as:

- (a) if “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; plus
 - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; or
- (b) if “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; minus
 - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date.

The Current Barrier Level shall be rounded in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Premium**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Strike Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an

amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each Exchange Business Day, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; plus
- (b) Funding Cost; and minus
- (c) Notional Dividend Amounts.

The Current Strike Level will be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Underlying Currency, 0.005 being rounded upwards. The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Early Termination Amount” means the amount or amounts (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

“Early Termination Date” means the date or dates (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the applicable Early Termination Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been an Early Termination Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Early Termination Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares or Certificate as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“Early Termination Event” means the event or events (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

“Emerging Market Disruption Event” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) Moratorium. A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) Price Source Disruption. It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange

Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or

- (iii) Governmental Default. With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Entitlement**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Exchange**” means (i) in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, the exchange or quotation system from which the Index Sponsor takes the prices of the Shares to compute the relevant Index or any successor to such exchange or quotation system or (ii) in respect of a Commodity Index, the exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system in which trading of the futures or options contracts in the Index or its components principally occurs or the exchange or quotation system where trading has a material effect on the overall market for futures or options contracts relating to the Index or its components, in each case as determined by the Issuer, acting in good faith;

“**Exchange Business Day**” means each day specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Exchange Rate**” means the rate of exchange between the Underlying Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise**” means a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Exercisable Certificates**” means, if “Exercisable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be exercisable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“**Exercise Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction, exercise or redemption charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties, arising in connection with (i) the exercise or redemption, as the case may be, of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or redemption, as the case may be, or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“Final Reference Price” means the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such level can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the level of the relevant Shares or Certificate as applicable, on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price(s) of (a) the (x) Shares (in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index) or (y) components of the Index on the Exchange (in respect of a Commodity Index), or (b) the Certificate, as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Final Terms” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“Funding Cost” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) if “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) Prevailing Rate plus Current Spread; multiplied by
 - (ii) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; multiplied by
 - (iii) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360; or
- (b) if “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) Prevailing Rate minus Current Spread; multiplied by
 - (ii) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; multiplied by
 - (iii) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360;

“Governmental Authority” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“Index” means each index or Commodity Index specified as such in the definition of the Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, in relation to a Certificate, the Index to which it is linked or any successor to such Index in accordance with the

terms of each Certificate, as determined by the Calculation Agent, subject to Product Condition 4, and “**Indices**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Index Sponsor**” means the corporation or other entity that (a) is responsible for setting and reviewing the rules and procedures and the methods of calculation and adjustments, if any, related to the relevant Index and/or (b) announces (directly or through an agent) the level of the relevant Index on a regular basis during each Trading Day and references to Index Sponsor shall include any successor index sponsor pursuant to Product Condition 4;

“**Initial Reference Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Interest Amount**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Payment Dates**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Period**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period commencing on (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Interest Payment Date;

“**Interest Rate**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, the rate specified as such, or determined in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Rate Day Count Fraction**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, that interest shall be calculated on the basis specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issue Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“**Issuer Call**” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance

with Product Condition 3;

“Issuer Call Cash Amount” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the amount specified as such in, or the amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Issuer Call Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“Issuer Call Commencement Date” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Issuer Call Date” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the day specified as such in the notice delivered by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3 or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares or Certificate as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“Issuer Call Notice Period” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the applicable Final Terms, the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Launch Date” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“Market Disruption Event” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“Notional Dividend Amount” means, if “Notional Dividend Amount” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount as

determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) if “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:

The sum of the cash dividends and/or other cash distributions in respect of the Shares which have an ex-dividend date occurring during the Notional Dividend Period net of applicable withholding taxes at a rate adjusted by application of any relevant tax treaty without regard to any tax credits; or

- (b) if “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:

The sum of the cash dividends and/or other cash distributions in respect of the Shares which have an ex-dividend date occurring during the Notional Dividend Period without regard to any withholding tax or other deductions multiplied by the prevailing dividend percentage payable under market standard stock borrow agreements, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion;

“**Notional Dividend Period**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each period from (but excluding) the previous Exchange Business Day to (and including) the current Exchange Business Day;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System is open;

“**Prevailing Rate**” means the rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, for deposits in the Underlying Currency in the inter-bank market for each Calculation Period, by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer if, in adverse market conditions, in the opinion of the Issuer, the circumstances so require;

“**Redeemable Certificates**” means, if “Redeemable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be redeemable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Redemption Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Related Exchange” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the relevant Basket Constituent are traded;

“Relevant Currency” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“Relevant Currency Exchange Rate” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“Relevant Number of Trading Days” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Reset Date” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issue Date and thereafter (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not an Exchange Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Exchange Business Day, or (b) the ex-dividend date when the Notional Dividend Amount is equal to or greater than two per cent. of the current level of the Share, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“Securities” means each Series of the index express certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms which may either be Exercisable Certificates or Redeemable Certificates and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“Series” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“Settlement Currency” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series

in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Shares**” means, for each Index, the shares or other securities that comprise the Index;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Trading Day**” means, in relation to an Index, any day on which the Index Sponsor should calculate and publish the closing level of the Index according to its rules and, in relation to a Certificate, any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Underlying Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of (a) the (a) Shares on the Exchange (in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index) or (y) components of the Index on the Exchange (in respect of a Commodity Index), or (b) Certificate, as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means (i) in respect of the AEX-index, the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the exchange delivery settlement price (the average of the prices of the AEX-index calculated at one minute intervals between 15.30 and 16.00 Amsterdam time) or (ii) in respect of any

other Index, the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the closing level of the Index or in relation to (i) and (ii) at such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

2. FORM

(a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

(b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules. If CREST is specified as the Clearing Agent in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will be cleared through CREST. Such Securities will be registered securities in dematerialised and uncertificated form, and will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “**Regulations**”).

Securities cleared through CREST may be transferred in accordance with the Regulations and

the rules, procedures and practices of the relevant Operator (as defined below). No transfer of such Securities will be valid unless and until entered on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in and in accordance with, the Regulations).

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator and the Regulations. Subject to this requirement, (i) each person who is for the time being shown in the Register as the holder of such Securities shall be treated by the Issuer and the Registrar as the holder of such Securities for all purposes and (ii) neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be liable in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done by it or on its behalf in reliance upon the assumption that the particulars entered in the Register which the Registrar maintains are in accordance with particulars entered in the Operator register of corporate securities relating to such Securities (and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

Any reference to the “**Operator**” (as such term is used in the Regulations) shall be to CREST and shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any such additional or alternative Operator approved by the Issuer from time to time in accordance with the Regulations and notified to the relevant Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase indicating that they are obliged to or will carry out any role or obligation described in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, is given without any assumption by the Issuer, the relevant Registrar or the Calculation Agent of responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as

Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Early Termination Event has occurred and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, Securities which are Exercisable Certificates will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.
- (b) Early Termination Event. Upon the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities will terminate automatically and the Issuer will give notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. An Early Termination Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Early Termination Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be.
- (c) Issuer Call. If “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may terminate, subject to a valid Exercise or the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities, in whole but not in part on any Business Day, by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.

- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate upon exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following an Early Termination Event, subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date; and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate upon redemption, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following an Early Termination Event, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date, in each case either:
- (i) The Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or
 - (ii) The Issuer Call Cash Amount, following an Issuer Call; or
 - (iii) The Early Termination Amount, following an Early Termination Event.
- (e) Interest Amount. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall bear interest at the Interest Rate. The Interest Amount is calculated by reference to the relevant Interest Period, the Interest Rate and the Interest Rate Day Count Fraction, and is payable on each Interest Payment Date.
- (f) Interest Accrual. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall cease to accrue interest from (and including) (i) exercise (in the case of Exercisable Certificates); or (ii) redemption (in the case of Redeemable Certificates). No interest shall accrue after the Exercise Date, the Redemption Date, the Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date in respect of which an Early Termination Event occurs, as the case may be, in the event that payment of any amount is postponed due to a Market Disruption Event.
- (g) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (h) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount, Early Termination Amount or Interest Amount, if applicable.
- (i) Notice. All payments in relation to Securities which are Exercisable Certificates shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount or Early Termination Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
- (vi) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and
- (vii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal

proceedings.

- (j) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, in either case reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar of its holding of such Securities.
- (k) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount, the Issuer Call Cash Amount or the Early Termination Amount (if any) for each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate with respect to which a Notice has been delivered, to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date; or (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, to the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar into which the Cash Amount is to be credited for value on the Redemption Date.
- (l) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is not delivered to the Registrar, in each case as provided in the Conditions shall be void.

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, at the time such correction is delivered to the Registrar as provided in the Conditions.

Any Security with respect to which a Notice has not been duly completed and delivered in the manner set out above by the time specified in Product Condition 3 shall become void.

The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (m) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (n) Exercise and Settlement or Redemption Risk. Exercise and settlement or redemption, as the case may be, of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (o) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (p) Presentation and Surrender. Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

In respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, “**Market Disruption Event**” means (i) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which any Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or (ii) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):

- (i) on any Exchange(s) in securities that comprise 20 per cent or more of the level of the relevant Index (as determined by the Calculation Agent) if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material. For the purpose of determining whether such suspension or limitation is material, if trading in a security included in the Index is suspended or materially limited at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security to the level of the Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that security relative to (y) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately before that suspension or limitation; or
- (ii) on any Related Exchange in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the relevant Index.

In any event, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the relevant exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the relevant exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

In respect of a Commodity Index, “**Market Disruption Event**” means, in relation to the Commodity Index or its components:

- (i) **Price Source Disruption.** The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the price of the Commodity Index or any of its components (or the information necessary for determining such price(s)) or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price(s) by the Exchange; or
- (ii) **Trading Suspension.** The material suspension of trading on the Exchange; or
- (iii) **Disappearance of Price.** The permanent discontinuation of trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Exchange, disappearance of, or of trading in, the Commodity Index or any of its components or the disappearance or

permanent discontinuance or unavailability of a reference price, notwithstanding the availability of the related price source or the status of trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components;

- (iv) **Material Change in Formula.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the basis for (including but not limited to the quantity, quality or currency), or method of, calculating the price of a component of the Commodity Index; or
- (v) **Material Change in Content.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the content or composition of a Commodity Index or any of its components; or
- (vi) **De Minimis Trading.** The number of contracts traded on the Exchange with respect to a Commodity Index or any of its components is such that the Issuer declares that its ability to enter into hedging transactions with respect to the Commodity Index or any of its components has been impaired due to a lack of, or a material reduction in, trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Exchange; or
- (vii) **Tax Disruption.** The imposition of, change in, or removal of, an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, a Commodity Index or any of its components (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Issue Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the price of the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be, and/or on each of the three Trading Days following the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be, from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; or
- (viii) **Trading Limitation.** The material limitation imposed on trading in a Commodity Index or any of its components on any exchange or principal trading market; or
- (ix) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange is located; or
- (x) **Other Events.** Any other event similar to any of the above which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.

“Market Disruption Event”, in relation to a Certificate, means:

- (i) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any

suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):

- (A) in the Certificates on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Certificates are traded; or
 - (B) in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Certificates on any Related Exchange if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material; or
- (ii) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located.

For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

(b) Adjustments to Index. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made by it pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2), (3) or (4) below.

- (1) If a relevant Index is (A) not calculated and announced by the Index Sponsor but is calculated and announced by a successor to the Index Sponsor (the “**Successor Sponsor**”) acceptable to the Calculation Agent; or (B) replaced by a successor index using, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of the Index, then (in either case) the Index will be deemed to be the index so calculated and announced by such Successor Sponsor or that successor index, as the case may be.
- (2) If (A) on or prior to the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be, the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor, makes a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating a relevant Index or in any other way materially modifies the Index (other than a modification prescribed in that formula or method to maintain the Index in the event of changes in constituent securities or components, as the case may be, and other routine events); or (B) on or prior to the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date,

as the case may be, the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor fails to calculate and/or publish a relevant Index; then (in either case) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price using, in lieu of a published level(s) for the Index on the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be, the level for the Index as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to the change or failure, but using only those (a) in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, securities that comprised the Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those securities that have since ceased to be listed on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed); or (b), in respect of a Commodity Index, commodity components that comprised the Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those components that have since ceased to be traded on the Exchange or any other exchange) or, in the case of a material modification of the Index only, the Calculation Agent shall deem such modified Index to be the Index so calculated and announced or shall (if so required by the Issuer), by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4, terminate the Securities and pay to each Holder in respect of each Security held by such Holder an amount equal to the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such material modification of the Index less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements (as determined by the Issuer).

- (3) If, at any time, any of the events specified in (A) to (H) below occurs and the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor has not in the opinion of the Calculation Agent made an appropriate adjustment to the level of the relevant Index in order to account fully for such event, notwithstanding that the rules published or applied by the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor pertaining to the Index have been applied, the Calculation Agent shall make such adjustment to the level of the Index (which term excludes, for these purposes of this paragraph (3), any Commodity Index) as it considers appropriate in order so to account for: (A) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the Shares of (i) Shares; or (ii) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the issuer of the Shares equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of Shares or (iii) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (in cash or otherwise) at less than the prevailing market price; (B) a free distribution or dividend of any Shares to existing holders of the Shares by way of bonus, capitalisation or similar issue; (C) an extraordinary dividend; (D) any cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when

the relevant issuer of the Shares has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (E) any non-cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer of the Shares has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (F) any other extraordinary cash or non-cash dividend on, or distribution with respect to, the Shares which is, by its terms or declared intent, declared and paid outside the normal operations or normal dividend procedures of the relevant issuer of the Shares, provided that, in all cases, the related ex-dividend date occurs during the period from (and including) the Issue Date up to (but excluding) the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be; (G) a distribution of cash dividends on the Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (H) any other similar event having dilutive or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Shares.

- (4) The Issuer reserves the right to issue further certificates, make adjustments or to distribute to the Holders any rights in connection with the Securities as it reasonably believes are appropriate in circumstances where an event or events occur which the Issuer (in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any adjustments previously made to the Securities) believes should in the context of the issue of Securities and its obligations hereunder, give rise to such adjustment or distribution, provided that such adjustment is considered by the Calculation Agent to be appropriate generally (without considering the individual circumstances of any Holder or the tax or other consequences of such adjustment in any particular jurisdiction) or is required to take account of provisions of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction or the practices of the relevant Exchange. The Issuer, in any event, reserves the right to in its absolute discretion terminate Securities linked to any Proprietary Index by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4, in the event that the relevant Index Sponsor terminates, cancels or suspends, as the case may be, any such Proprietary Index.
- (c) Adjustments to the Basket. If a De-Listing occurs with respect to a Basket Constituent or a Basket Constituent is for any reason cancelled or ceases to exist, the Calculation Agent may determine in its sole discretion to either (A) replace the de-listed or cancelled Basket Constituent by a successor basket constituent which has, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar structure and a substantially similar economic impact and is linked to the same asset as such Basket Constituent or (B) make such other adjustments to the Conditions as the Calculation Agent sees fit, acting in its absolute discretion. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made pursuant to this paragraph.

“De-listing” means that a Basket Constituent for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange or any other exchanges on which the Basket Constituent is listed (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Basket Constituent is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

- (d) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS
RELATING TO CURRENCY EXPRESS CERTIFICATES

The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and/or The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, 8022 Zurich, Switzerland (the “**Swiss Agent**”), each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Basket**” means, unless Basket is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the basket specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Basket Constituent**” means each Certificate or Underlying FX Rate specified in the definition of Basket in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Calculation Period**” means unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the number of calendar days from (but excluding) an Exchange Business Day to (and including) the next following Exchange Business Day;

“**Cash Amount**” means the amount specified as such in, or an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Certificate**” means, unless Certificate is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the certificate or certificates specified as such in the definition of Basket or in the definition of the

relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Coupon**” means an interest coupon attached to each Security (if in definitive form) (if any) representing an entitlement in respect of an Interest Amount;

“**Current Barrier Level**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount calculated on each Reset Date (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, as:

- (a) if “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; plus
 - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; or
- (b) if “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; minus
 - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date.

The Current Barrier Level shall be rounded in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Premium**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Strike Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each Exchange Business Day, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; plus
- (b) Funding Cost.

The Current Strike Level will be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Underlying Currency, 0.005 being rounded upwards. The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Early Termination Amount” means the amount or amounts (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

“Early Termination Date” means the date or dates (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or if, in respect of any Certificate, any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the applicable Early Termination Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been an Early Termination Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Early Termination Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Certificate and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“Early Termination Event” means the event or events (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

“Emerging Market Disruption Event” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure

of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or

- (iv) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or

(x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“Entitlement” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Exchange” means, in respect of each Certificate, each exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to that exchange or quotation system;

“Exchange Business Day” means each day specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Exchange Rate” means the rate of exchange between the Underlying Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“Exercise” means a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“Exercisable Certificates” means, if “Exercisable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be exercisable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Exercise Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Expenses” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction, exercise or redemption charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties, arising in connection with (i) the exercise or redemption, as the case may be, of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or redemption, as the case may be, or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“Final Reference Price” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent by reference to information published on the Screen Page without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the bid-price of the Underlying FX Rate or the price of the Certificate, as applicable on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Underlying FX Rate or the price of the Certificate, as applicable and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Final Terms” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“Funding Cost” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) if “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) Prevailing Rate plus Current Spread; multiplied by
 - (ii) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; multiplied by
 - (iii) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360; or
- (b) if “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) Prevailing Rate minus Current Spread; multiplied by
 - (ii) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; multiplied by
 - (iii) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360;

“Governmental Authority” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“Initial Reference Price” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Interest Amount” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Interest Payment Dates” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Interest Period” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period commencing on (and including) the Issue

Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Interest Payment Date;

“Interest Rate” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, the rate specified as such, or determined in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Interest Rate Day Count Fraction” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, that interest shall be calculated on the basis specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Issuer” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“Issuer Call” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“Issuer Call Cash Amount” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the amount specified as such in, or the amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Issuer Call Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“Issuer Call Commencement Date” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Issuer Call Date” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the day specified as such in the notice delivered by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3 or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the

Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Underlying FX Rate or Certificate as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Issuer Call Notice Period**” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the applicable Final Terms, the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Launch Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Market Disruption Event**” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System is open;

“**Prevailing Rate**” means the rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, for deposits in the Underlying Currency in the inter-bank market for each Calculation Period, by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer if, in adverse market conditions, in the opinion of the Issuer, the circumstances so require;

“**Redeemable Certificates**” means, if “Redeemable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be redeemable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“**Redemption Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the relevant Certificates are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the

Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“**Relevant Currency Exchange Rate**” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Reset Date**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issue Date and thereafter the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not an Exchange Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Exchange Business Day;

“**Screen Page**” means each of the pages specified as such in the definition of the Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and “**Screen Pages**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the interest rate express certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms which may either be Exercisable Certificates or Redeemable Certificates and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta,

the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“Trading Day” means, in respect of a Certificate, any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on all the Exchanges and any Related Exchanges other than a day on which trading on the Exchanges or any Related Exchanges is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time and in respect of the Exchange Rate, any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Events, would have been) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the principal financial centre of the Settlement Currency;

“Underlying Currency” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Underlying FX Rate” means each rate specified as such in the definition of the Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, in relation to a Certificate, the Underlying FX Rate to which it is linked or any successor to such Underlying FX Rate in accordance with the terms of each Certificate, as determined by the Calculation Agent, and **“Underlying FX Rates”** shall be construed accordingly;

“Valuation Date” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Underlying FX Rate or Certificate, as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“Valuation Time” means at or around the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

2. FORM

(a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

(b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules. If CREST is specified as the Clearing Agent in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will be cleared through CREST. Such Securities will be registered securities in dematerialised and uncertificated form, and will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “**Regulations**”).

Securities cleared through CREST may be transferred in accordance with the Regulations and the rules, procedures and practices of the relevant Operator (as defined below). No transfer of such Securities will be valid unless and until entered on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in and in accordance with, the Regulations).

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The

Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator and the Regulations. Subject to this requirement, (i) each person who is for the time being shown in the Register as the holder of such Securities shall be treated by the Issuer and the Registrar as the holder of such Securities for all purposes and (ii) neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be liable in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done by it or on its behalf in reliance upon the assumption that the particulars entered in the Register which the Registrar maintains are in accordance with particulars entered in the Operator register of corporate securities relating to such Securities (and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

Any reference to the “**Operator**” (as such term is used in the Regulations) shall be to CREST and shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any such additional or alternative Operator approved by the Issuer from time to time in accordance with the Regulations and notified to the relevant Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase indicating that they are obliged to or will carry out any role or obligation described in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, is given without any assumption by the Issuer, the relevant Registrar or the Calculation Agent of responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under

<https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Early Termination Event has occurred and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, Securities which are Exercisable Certificates will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.
- (b) Early Termination Event. Upon the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities will terminate automatically and the Issuer will give notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. An Early Termination Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Early Termination Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be.
- (c) Issuer Call. If “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may terminate, subject to a valid Exercise or the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities, in whole but not in part on any Business Day, by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.
- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate upon exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following an Early Termination Event, subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date; and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate upon redemption, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following

an Early Termination Event, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date, in each case, either:

- (i) The Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or
 - (ii) The Issuer Call Cash Amount, following an Issuer Call; or
 - (iii) The Early Termination Amount, following an Early Termination Event.
- (e) Interest Amount. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall bear interest at the Interest Rate. The Interest Amount is calculated by reference to the relevant Interest Period, the Interest Rate and the Interest Rate Day Count Fraction, and is payable on each Interest Payment Date.
- (f) Interest Accrual. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall cease to accrue interest from (and including) (i) exercise (in the case of Exercisable Certificates); or (ii) redemption (in the case of Redeemable Certificates). No interest shall accrue after the Exercise Date, the Redemption Date, the Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date in respect of which an Early Termination Event occurs, as the case may be, in the event that payment of any amount is postponed due to a Market Disruption Event.
- (g) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (h) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount, Early Termination Amount or Interest Amount, if applicable.
- (i) Notice. All payments in relation to Securities which are Exercisable Certificates shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;

- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
 - (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount or Early Termination Amount (if any) for such Securities;
 - (v) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
 - (vi) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and
 - (vii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (j) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, in either case reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar of its holding of

such Securities.

(k) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount, the Issuer Call Cash Amount or the Early Termination Amount (if any) for each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate with respect to which a Notice has been delivered, to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date; or (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, to the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar into which the Cash Amount is to be credited for value on the Redemption Date.

(l) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is not delivered to the Registrar, in each case as provided in the Conditions shall be void.

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, at the time such correction is delivered to the Registrar as provided in the Conditions.

Any Security with respect to which a Notice has not been duly completed and delivered in the manner set out above by the time specified in Product Condition 3 shall become void.

The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

(m) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such

notice may not be transferred.

- (n) **Exercise and Settlement or Redemption Risk.** Exercise and settlement or redemption, as the case may be, of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (o) **Method of Payment.** Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (p) **Presentation and Surrender.** Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) **Market Disruption.** The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“Market Disruption Event”, in relation to an Underlying FX Rate, means:

- (i) **Price Source Disruption.** If it becomes impossible to obtain the Underlying FX Rate on the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case

may be, in the inter-bank market; or

- (ii) Governmental Default. If with respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (i) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (ii) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (iii) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iii) Inconvertibility/non-transferrability. The occurrence of any event which (i) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Underlying FX Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Underlying Currency or (ii) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Underlying Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Underlying Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Settlement Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (iv) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalization or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates), of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Underlying Currency; or
- (v) Illiquidity. Any impossibility in obtaining a firm quote for the Underlying FX Rate or the Settlement Currency for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vi) Other Events. Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.

For this purpose a “**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Underlying FX Rate.

“**Market Disruption Event**”, in relation to a Certificate, means:

- (i) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):
 - (A) in the Certificates on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Certificates are traded; or
 - (B) in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Certificates on any Related Exchange if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material; or
- (ii) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located.

For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (b) Adjustments to the Basket. If a De-Listing occurs with respect to a Basket Constituent or a Basket Constituent is for any reason cancelled or ceases to exist, the Calculation Agent may determine in its sole discretion to either (A) replace the de-listed or cancelled Basket Constituent by a successor basket constituent which has, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar structure and a substantially similar economic impact and is linked to the same asset as such Basket Constituent or (B) make such other adjustments to the Conditions as the Calculation Agent sees fit, acting in its absolute discretion. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made pursuant to this paragraph.

“**De-listing**” means that a Basket Constituent for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange or any other exchanges on which the Basket Constituent is listed (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Basket Constituent is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

- (c) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS
RELATING TO REFERENCE ASSET EXPRESS CERTIFICATES

The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and/or The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, 8022 Zurich, Switzerland (the “**Swiss Agent**”), each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Basket**” means, unless “Basket” is specified as “Not Applicable” in the applicable Final Terms, the basket specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Basket Constituent**” means each Certificate or Reference Asset specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Calculation Period**” means unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the number of calendar days from (but excluding) an Exchange Business Day to (and including) the next following Exchange Business Day;

“**Cash Amount**” means the amount specified as such in, or an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Certificate**” means, unless “Certificate” is specified as “Not Applicable” in the applicable Final Terms, the certificate or certificates specified as such in the definition of Basket or in the definition of

the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Coupon**” means an interest coupon attached to each Security (if in definitive form) (if any) representing an entitlement in respect of an Interest Amount;

“**Current Barrier Level**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount calculated on each Reset Date (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, as:

- (a) if “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; plus
 - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; or
- (b) if “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; minus
 - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date.

The Current Barrier Level shall be rounded in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Premium**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Strike Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each Exchange Business Day, in accordance with the following formula:

(a) if “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:

- (i) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; plus
- (ii) Handling Cost; and minus
- (iii) if such determination is to be made on a Rollover Date, the corresponding Rollover Spread;
or

(b) if “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:

- (i) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; minus
- (ii) Handling Cost; and minus
- (iii) if such determination is to be made on a Rollover Date, the corresponding Rollover Spread.

The Current Strike Level will be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Underlying Currency, 0.005 being rounded upwards. The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Early Termination Amount**” means the amount or amounts (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

“**Early Termination Date**” means the date or dates (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the applicable Early Termination Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been an Early Termination Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Early Termination Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Reference Asset or Certificate, as applicable and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Early Termination Event**” means the event or events (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

“Emerging Market Disruption Event” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) **Illiquidity.** It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or

- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Entitlement**” means unless “Entitlement” is specified as “Not Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the entitlement specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Exchange**” means each exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to that exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Business Day**” means each day specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Exchange Rate**” means the rate of exchange between the Underlying Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise**” means a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Exercisable Certificates**” means, if “Exercisable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be exercisable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“**Exercise Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction, exercise or redemption charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties, arising in connection with (i) the exercise or redemption, as the

case may be, of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or redemption, as the case may be, or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“**Final Reference Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the relevant Certificate or the Reference Asset Price, as applicable on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the relevant Certificate or the Reference Asset Price, as applicable and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Handling Cost**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) Current Spread; multiplied by
- (b) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; multiplied by
- (c) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360;

“**Initial Reference Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Interest Amount**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Payment Dates**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Period**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the

relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period commencing on (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Interest Payment Date;

“Interest Rate” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, the rate specified as such, or determined in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Interest Rate Day Count Fraction” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, that interest shall be calculated on the basis specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Issue Date” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“Issuer” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“Issuer Call” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“Issuer Call Cash Amount” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the amount specified as such in, or the amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Issuer Call Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“Issuer Call Commencement Date” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Issuer Call Date” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the day specified as such in the notice delivered by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3 or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of

the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Reference Asset or Certificate as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“Issuer Call Notice Period” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the applicable Final Terms, the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Launch Date” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“Market Disruption Event” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“Payment Day” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System is open;

“Pricing Date” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer if, in adverse market conditions, in the opinion of the Issuer, the circumstances so require;

“Redeemable Certificates” means, if “Redeemable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be redeemable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Redemption Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Reference Asset” means, as of the Issue Date, the Reference Asset specified as such in the definition of Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, in relation to a Certificate the Reference Asset to which it is linked or any successor to such Reference Asset in accordance with the terms of each Certificate and thereafter the Issuer shall, during Trading Hours on the Rollover Date, effect substitution of the next serially contract month or to the most liquid contract month (the **“Substitute Asset”**) selected by the Issuer. Thereafter the

Substitute Asset shall for all purposes be the Reference Asset;

“**Reference Asset Price**” means the current price of the Reference Asset. For avoidance of doubt, this shall not be the futures contract value but the futures contract value divided by the applicable contract factor (the value of 1.0 future’s point) specified on the applicable Screen Page;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the relevant Basket Constituent are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“**Relevant Currency Exchange Rate**” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Reset Date**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issue Date and thereafter (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not an Exchange Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Exchange Business Day or, if a Rollover Date occurs in such month, the Reset Date will be the Exchange Business Day following such Rollover Date;

“**Rollover Date**” means the date as selected by the Issuer prior and specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Rollover Period**” means the period from (and including) a Rollover Date to (but excluding) the next following Rollover Date;

“Rollover Ratio” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent on a Rollover Date at the Rollover Time by reference to liquidity in the underlying market and in accordance with the formula (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Rollover Spread” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the fair value spread calculated as the price determined by the Issuer for liquidating its related hedging arrangements for the Reference Asset minus the price determined by the Issuer for establishing its related hedging arrangements for the Substitute Asset during the substitution of the Reference Asset for the Substitute Asset by reference to liquidity in the Reference Asset and the Substitute Asset. The Rollover Spread may be a negative number;

“Rollover Time” means the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Screen Page” means each of the pages specified as such in the definition of Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and if no such page reference exists, such other page reference as the Calculation Agent determines, and **“Screen Pages”** shall be construed accordingly;

“Securities” means each Series of the reference asset express certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms which may either be Exercisable Certificates or Redeemable Certificates and each such certificate a **“Security”**. References to the terms **“Securities”** and **“Security”** shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“Series” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“Settlement Currency” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Settlement Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Standard Currency” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“Substitute Asset Price” means the Reference Asset Price of the reference asset future which will be the Substitute Asset at the next following Rollover Date;

“Trading Day” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event,

would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Transaction Charge**” means a percentage rate as determined by the Calculation Agent and specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Underlying Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the relevant Reference Asset or Certificate, as applicable and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means at or around the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the

credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

If CREST is specified as the Clearing Agent in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will be cleared through CREST. Such Securities will be registered securities in dematerialised and uncertificated form, and will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “**Regulations**”).

Securities cleared through CREST may be transferred in accordance with the Regulations and the rules, procedures and practices of the relevant Operator (as defined below). No transfer of such Securities will be valid unless and until entered on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in and in accordance with, the Regulations).

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator and the Regulations. Subject to this requirement, (i) each person who is for the time being shown in the Register as the holder of such Securities shall be treated by the Issuer and the Registrar as the holder of such Securities for all purposes and (ii) neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be liable in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done by it or on its behalf in reliance upon the assumption that the particulars entered in the Register which the Registrar maintains are in accordance with particulars entered in the Operator register of corporate securities relating to

such Securities (and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

Any reference to the “**Operator**” (as such term is used in the Regulations) shall be to CREST and shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any such additional or alternative Operator approved by the Issuer from time to time in accordance with the Regulations and notified to the relevant Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase indicating that they are obliged to or will carry out any role or obligation described in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, is given without any assumption by the Issuer, the relevant Registrar or the Calculation Agent of responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii)

the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Early Termination Event has occurred and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Securities which are Exercisable Certificates will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.
- (b) Early Termination Event. Upon the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities will terminate automatically and the Issuer will give notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. An Early Termination Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Early Termination Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be.
- (c) Issuer Call. If “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may terminate, subject to a valid Exercise or the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities, in whole but not in part on any Business Day, by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.
- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate upon exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following an Early Termination Event, subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date; and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate upon redemption, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following an Early Termination Event, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date, in each case either:
 - (i) The Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or
 - (ii) The Issuer Call Cash Amount, following an Issuer Call; or
 - (iii) The Early Termination Amount, following an Early Termination Event.
- (e) Interest Amount. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall bear interest at the Interest Rate. The Interest Amount is calculated by reference to the relevant Interest Period, the Interest Rate and the Interest Rate Day Count Fraction, and is payable on each Interest Payment Date.

- (f) Interest Accrual. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall cease to accrue interest from (and including) (i) exercise (in the case of Exercisable Certificates); or (ii) redemption (in the case of Redeemable Certificates). No interest shall accrue after the Exercise Date, the Redemption Date, the Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date in respect of which an Early Termination Event occurs, as the case may be, in the event that payment of any amount is postponed due to a Market Disruption Event.
- (g) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (h) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount, Early Termination Amount or Interest Amount, if applicable.
- (i) Notice. All payments in relation to Securities which are Exercisable Certificates shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount or Early Termination Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;

- (vi) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and
- (vii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (j) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, in either case reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar of its holding of such Securities.
- (k) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount, the Issuer Call Cash Amount or the Early Termination Amount (if any) for each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate with respect to which a Notice has been delivered, to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date; or (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, to the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar into which the Cash Amount is to be credited for value on the Redemption Date.
- (l) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly

completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is not delivered to the Registrar, in each case as provided in the Conditions shall be void.

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, at the time such correction is delivered to the Registrar as provided in the Conditions.

Any Security with respect to which a Notice has not been duly completed and delivered in the manner set out above by the time specified in Product Condition 3 shall become void.

The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (m) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (n) Exercise and Settlement or Redemption Risk. Exercise and settlement or redemption, as the case may be, of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (o) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the

Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.

- (p) Presentation and Surrender. Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“Market Disruption Event”, in relation to a Reference Asset, means:

- (i) Price Source Disruption. The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the Reference Asset Price (or the information necessary for determining such price) or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price by the Exchange; or
- (ii) Trading Suspension. The material suspension of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange; or
- (iii) Disappearance of Price. The failure of trading of the Reference Asset to commence, or the permanent discontinuation of trading of the Reference Asset, on the Exchange; or
- (iv) Material Change in Formula. The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the basis for (including but not limited to the quantity, quality or currency), or method of, calculating the Reference Asset Price; or

- (v) **Material Change in Content.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the content or composition of the Reference Asset; or
- (vi) **De Minimis Trading.** The number of contracts traded on the Exchange with respect to the Reference Asset is such that the Issuer declares that its ability to enter into hedging transactions with respect to the Reference Asset has been impaired due to a lack of, or a material reduction in, trading in the Reference Asset on the Exchange; or
- (vii) **Tax Disruption.** The imposition of, change in, or removal of, an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, the Reference Asset (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Issue Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the Reference Asset Price on the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be, and/or on each of the three Trading Days following the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be, from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; or
- (viii) **Trading Limitation.** The material limitation imposed on trading in a relevant the Reference Asset with respect to it or any contract with respect to it on any exchange or principal trading market; or
- (ix) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or Related Exchange is located; or
- (x) **Other Events.** Any other event similar to any of the above which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.

“Market Disruption Event”, in relation to a Certificate, means:

- (i) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):
 - (A) in the Certificates on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Certificates are traded; or
 - (B) in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts

relating to the Certificates on any Related Exchange if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material; or

- (ii) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located.

For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (b) Adjustments to the Basket. If a De-Listing occurs with respect to a Basket Constituent or a Basket Constituent is for any reason cancelled or ceases to exist, the Calculation Agent may determine in its sole discretion to either (A) replace the de-listed or cancelled Basket Constituent by a successor basket constituent which has, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar structure and a substantially similar economic impact and is linked to the same asset as such Basket Constituent or (B) make such other adjustments to the Conditions as the Calculation Agent sees fit, acting in its absolute discretion. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made pursuant to this paragraph.

“De-listing” means that a Basket Constituent for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange or any other exchanges on which the Basket Constituent is listed (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Basket Constituent is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

- (c) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product

Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS
RELATING TO FUND EXPRESS CERTIFICATES**

The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and/or The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, 8022 Zurich, Switzerland (the “**Swiss Agent**”), each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Basket**” means, unless Basket is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the basket specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Basket Constituent**” means each Fund or, where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, each Reference Asset specified in the definition of Basket in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Calculation Period**” means unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the number of calendar days from (but excluding) an Exchange Business Day to (and including) the next following Exchange Business Day;

“**Cash Amount**” means the amount specified as such in, or an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the

applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Coupon**” means an interest coupon attached to each Security (if in definitive form) (if any) representing an entitlement in respect of an Interest Amount;

“**Current Barrier Level**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount calculated on each Reset Date (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent, as:

- (a) if “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; plus
 - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; or
- (b) if “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; minus
 - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date.

The Current Barrier Level shall be rounded in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Premium**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Strike Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each Exchange Business Day, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; plus
- (b) Funding Cost; and minus

(c) Notional Dividend Amounts.

The Current Strike Level will be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Underlying Currency, 0.005 being rounded upwards. The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Early Termination Amount**” means the amount or amounts (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

“**Early Termination Date**” means the date or dates (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, either:

- (a) An Emerging Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the applicable Early Termination Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is no Emerging Market Disruption Event, unless the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is an Emerging Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Emerging Market Disruption Event) would have been an Early Termination Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Early Termination Date (regardless of the Emerging Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported NAV of the Fund or, where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, the last reported trading price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange, and such other factors as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines to be relevant; or
- (b) a Fund Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the provisions of Product Condition 4(b) shall apply and the Early Termination Date shall be adjusted accordingly;

“**Early Termination Event**” means the event or events (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf;

“**Emerging Market Disruption Event**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (a) Moratorium. A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of

- the Relevant Currency; or
- (b) Price Source Disruption. It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
 - (c) Governmental Default. With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
 - (d) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
 - (e) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
 - (f) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
 - (g) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or

- (h) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (i) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (j) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Entitlement**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Exchange**” means each exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to that exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Business Day**” means each day specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Exchange Rate**” means the rate of exchange between the Underlying Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise**” means a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Exercisable Certificates**” means, if “Exercisable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be exercisable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“**Exercise Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction, exercise or redemption charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties, arising in connection with (i) the exercise or redemption, as the case may be, of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or redemption, as the case may be, or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“**Final Reference Price**” means the price or NAV specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price

or NAV can be determined and no Emerging Market Disruption Event or Fund Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its estimate of the NAV of the relevant Fund or, where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, the trading price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported NAV of the Fund or, where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, the last reported trading price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Fund**” means, if Basket is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, each fund specified as such in the definition of Basket in the applicable Final Terms or, if Basket is not specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the fund specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Fund Administrator**” means, in respect of the Fund, the fund administrator, manager, trustee or similar person with the primary administrative responsibilities for such Fund according to the Fund Documents;

“**Fund Adviser**” means, in respect of any Fund, any person appointed in the role of discretionary investment manager or non-discretionary investment adviser (including a non-discretionary investment adviser to a discretionary investment manager or to another non-discretionary investment adviser) for such Fund;

“**Fund Documents**” means, with respect to any Fund or Reference Asset, the constitutive and governing documents, subscription agreements and other agreements of the related Fund or Reference Asset specifying the terms and conditions relating to such Fund or Reference Asset and which shall include any Hedging Agreement, each as amended from time to time;

“**Fund Event**” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Potential Fund Event and any Additional Fund Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Fund Prospectus**” means the disclosure document howsoever described prepared in connection with the marketing of the Fund and, in relation to any Replacement Fund, means the disclosure document howsoever described prepared in connection with the marketing of the Replacement Fund and that, as at the Inclusion Date, was the most recent version thereof, each as amended from time to time;

“**Fund Service Provider**” means, in respect of any Fund, any person who is appointed to provide services, directly or indirectly, for that Fund, whether or not specified in the Fund Documents or the Fund Prospectus, including but not limited to any Fund Adviser, Fund Administrator, operator,

management company, depository, custodian, sub-custodian, prime broker, trustee, registrar and transfer agent or domiciliary agent;

“**Funding Cost**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) if “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) Prevailing Rate plus Current Spread; multiplied by
 - (ii) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; multiplied by
 - (iii) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360; or
- (b) if “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) Prevailing Rate minus Current Spread; multiplied by
 - (ii) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; multiplied by
 - (iii) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Hedging Agreement**” means any agreement, whether by way of side letter or otherwise, in respect of any hedging arrangement entered into between: (a) the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider; and (b) the Fund, the Fund Adviser, any other Fund Service Provider or the directors of the Fund;

“**Inclusion Date**” means (i) in respect of the Fund, the Issue Date and (ii) in respect of any Replacement Fund, means the Substitution Date of that Fund;

“**Initial Reference Price**” means the price or NAV specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Interest Amount**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in the definition of the relevant

Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Payment Dates**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Period**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period commencing on (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Interest Payment Date;

“**Interest Rate**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, the rate specified as such, or determined in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Rate Day Count Fraction**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, that interest shall be calculated on the basis specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issue Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“**Launch Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Least Performing Basket Constituent**” means, if applicable and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Basket Constituent that performed the least well compared to the other Basket Constituents according to the following formula:

Final Reference Price on the Valuation Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be / Initial Reference Price.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Least Performing Basket Constituent may be a Basket Constituent subject to any of the events described or similar to Fund Events.

“**Merger Event**” means, in respect of any relevant shares, units or interests issued by a Relevant Party, any (i) reclassification or change of such shares, units or interests that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all of such shares, units or interests outstanding to another entity or person, (ii) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of such Relevant Party with or into another entity or person (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Relevant Party is the continuing entity and which does not

result in a reclassification or change of all of such shares, units or interests outstanding), (iii) takeover offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person to purchase or otherwise obtain 100 per cent. of the outstanding shares, units or interests of such Relevant Party that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all such shares, units or interests (other than such shares, units or interests owned or controlled by such other entity or person), or (iv) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of the Relevant Party or its subsidiaries with or into another entity in which the Relevant Party is the continuing entity and which does not result in a reclassification or change of all such shares, units or interests outstanding but results in the outstanding shares, units or interests (other than shares, units or interests owned or controlled by such other entity) immediately prior to such event collectively representing less than 50 per cent. of the outstanding shares, units or interests immediately following such event;

“NAV” means net asset value;

“**Notional Dividend Amount**” means, if “Notional Dividend Amount” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to the cash dividends and/or other cash distributions in respect of the Fund which have an ex-dividend date occurring during the Notional Dividend Period net of applicable withholding taxes at a rate adjusted by application of any relevant double tax treaty without regard to any tax credits;

“**Notional Dividend Period**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each period from (but excluding) the previous Exchange Business Day to (and including) the current Exchange Business Day;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“**Portfolio Guidelines**” means the investment guidelines and restrictions specified in respect of a Fund and as set out in the relevant Fund Prospectus and/or the relevant Fund Documents;

“**Potential Fund Event**” means any event or circumstance which would or may (with the expiry of a grace period, the giving of notice, the making of any determination or any combination of any of the foregoing), in the determination of the Calculation Agent, constitute or cause a Fund Event or where the Calculation Agent reasonably believes in good faith that a Fund Event may have occurred but does not at that time have evidence thereof;

“Prevailing Rate” means the rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent for deposits in the Underlying Currency in the inter-bank market for each Calculation Period, by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may determine to be appropriate at such time;

“Pricing Date” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf if, in adverse market conditions, in the opinion of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, the circumstances so require;

“Redeemable Certificates” means, if “Redeemable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be redeemable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Redemption Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Reference Asset” means, if Basket is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant interests in each Fund or if the Fund is an exchange traded fund the relevant interests specified as “Reference Assets” in the definition of Basket in the applicable Final Terms or, if Basket is not specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant interests in each Fund or if the Fund is an exchange traded fund the relevant interests specified as “Reference Assets” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Related Exchange” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the relevant Basket Constituent are traded;

“Relevant Currency” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“Relevant Currency Exchange Rate” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the

Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Relevant Party**” means each of the Fund and the Fund Adviser;

“**Replacement Fund**” means, in relation to a Fund, the fund selected by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf to replace that Fund in accordance with clause 4(b)(ii). Such Replacement Fund will have a similar risk profile as the Fund replaced, as determined by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf.

“**Reset Date**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issue Date and thereafter (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not an Exchange Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Exchange Business Day, or (b) the ex-dividend date when the Notional Dividend Amount is equal to or greater than two per cent, of the current NAV of the Fund, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the fund express certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms which may either be Exercisable Certificates or Redeemable Certificates and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent from time to time;

“**Substitution Date**” means, in relation to a Fund, the date selected by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf for the replacement of the Fund by a Replacement Fund.

“**Trading Day**” means (i) in respect of a Fund, any day on which dealing in the Fund can take place

and (ii) in respect of a Fund that is an exchange traded fund any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Fund Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Underlying Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, either:

- (a) an Emerging Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Issuer or the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Emerging Market Disruption Event, unless the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is an Emerging Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Emerging Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Emerging Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Fund or, where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, the last reported trading price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange, as applicable, and such other factors as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines to be relevant; or
- (b) a Fund Event has occurred on that day in which case the provisions of Product Condition 4(b) shall apply and the Valuation Date shall be adjusted accordingly; and

“**Valuation Time**” means at or around the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or such other time as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may select and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with

the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

If CREST is specified as the Clearing Agent in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will be cleared through CREST. Such Securities will be registered securities in dematerialised and uncertificated form, and will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “**Regulations**”).

Securities cleared through CREST may be transferred in accordance with the Regulations and the rules, procedures and practices of the relevant Operator (as defined below). No transfer of such Securities will be valid unless and until entered on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in and in accordance with, the Regulations).

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator and the Regulations. Subject to this requirement, (i) each person who is for the time being shown in the Register as

the holder of such Securities shall be treated by the Issuer and the Registrar as the holder of such Securities for all purposes and (ii) neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be liable in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done by it or on its behalf in reliance upon the assumption that the particulars entered in the Register which the Registrar maintains are in accordance with particulars entered in the Operator register of corporate securities relating to such Securities (and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

Any reference to the “**Operator**” (as such term is used in the Regulations) shall be to CREST and shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any such additional or alternative Operator approved by the Issuer from time to time in accordance with the Regulations and notified to the relevant Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase indicating that they are obliged to or will carry out any role or obligation described in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, is given without any assumption by the Issuer, the relevant Registrar or the Calculation Agent of responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**”

means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Early Termination Event has occurred, Securities which are Exercisable Certificates will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.
- (b) Early Termination Event: Upon the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities will terminate automatically and the Issuer will give notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.
- (c) Cash Settlement. Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate upon exercise, subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U. S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date; and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate upon redemption, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date, in each case, the Cash Amount. Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate following an Early Termination Event, subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U. S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date; and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, following an Early Termination Event, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date, in each case, the Early Termination Amount.
- (d) Interest Amount. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall bear interest at the Interest Rate. The Interest Amount is calculated by reference to the relevant Interest Period, the Interest Rate and the Interest Rate Day Count Fraction, and is payable on each Interest Payment Date.
- (e) Interest Accrual. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall cease to accrue interest from (and including) (i) exercise (in the case of Exercisable Certificates); or (ii) redemption (in the case of Redeemable Certificates). No interest shall accrue after the Exercise Date, the Redemption Date or after the Early Termination Date in respect of which an Early

Termination Event occurs, as the case may be, in the event that payment of any amount is postponed due to an Emerging Market Disruption Event or Fund Event.

- (f) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (g) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, Early Termination Amount or Interest Amount, if applicable.
- (h) Notice. All payments in relation to Securities which are Exercisable Certificates shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with any Cash Amount or Early Termination Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
- (vi) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its

principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other "U.S. person" as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

- (vii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (i) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, in either case reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar of its holding of such Securities.
- (j) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount or the Early Termination Amount (if any) for each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate with respect to which a Notice has been delivered, to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date; or (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, to the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar into which the Cash Amount is to be credited for value on the Redemption Date.
- (k) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is

not delivered to the Registrar in each case as provided in the Conditions shall be void.

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, at the time such correction is delivered to the Registrar as provided in the Conditions.

Any Security with respect to which a Notice has not been duly completed and delivered in the manner set out above by the time specified in Product Condition 3 shall become void.

The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (l) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (m) Exercise and Settlement or Redemption Risk. Exercise and settlement or redemption, as the case may be, of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (n) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the

Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.

- (o) Presentation and Surrender. Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) Fund Events. Each of the following events constitutes a “**Fund Event**”. The Fund Events are for the benefit of the Issuer in order that the Issuer is protected against any adverse effects of such Fund Events on its Hedge Position. The Issuer, or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, shall make all determinations in respect of such Fund Events including as to whether such Fund Event has occurred and the effective date of such occurrence. In order to constitute a Fund Event, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf must conclude that the event in question either has resulted or is reasonably likely to result in an adverse effect on the value of the Reference Assets or the NAV of the Fund or on the rights of any investor therein with respect to the Reference Assets or the Fund or otherwise has materially adversely affected its Hedge Position.

- (i) Global Events:

- (A) Any of: (a) the investment strategy and/or the investment objective of the Fund has changed so that it is materially different from that applicable at its Inclusion Date or (b) a material change has been made to the underlying nature, strategy or risk of the Fund’s portfolio from that which prevailed at its Inclusion Date and that is over and above that expected by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf as of the Inclusion Date with respect to the trading strategies employed by the Fund as of that date or (c) the operation or organisation of the Fund or the Fund Adviser (including, without limitation, its organisational structure and its procedures, processes or policies in respect of investment selection, due diligence, asset allocation,

risk management or investment monitoring) has changed from that at the Inclusion Date or are other than as represented at such Inclusion Date or (d) any such procedures, processes or policies as are referred to in (c) above are either not being applied or are not being applied consistently with their application on the Inclusion Date or (e) an event or change affecting any of the structure, ownership, management or reputation or liquidity of the Fund or the Reference Assets and/or any other units in the capital of the Fund and/or any Fund Service Provider occurs or (f) any other amendments, changes, modifications or variations are made after the Inclusion Date to any of the Fund Documents, the Fund Prospectus or the Portfolio Guidelines.

- (B) (a) the Fund is not being managed in accordance with the Fund Documents and/or the Fund Prospectus as they prevailed on the Inclusion Date, and no action satisfactory to the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf has been taken by the Fund or any person on its behalf with a view towards correcting such breach within five calendar days from the date on which the Fund was notified of the breach, or (b) any event occurs which causes, or will with the passage of time (in the opinion of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf) cause, the failure of the Fund and/or any Fund Service Provider to meet or maintain any obligation or undertaking under the Fund Documents.
- (C) The Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that (a) the obligations of any of the Fund or any Fund Service Provider or the directors of the Fund under any Hedging Agreement do not comprise legal, valid and binding obligations of such person, enforceable in accordance with their terms or (b) any of the Fund or any Fund Service Provider was acting outside its powers or authority in executing any Hedging Agreement or in making any agreement or undertaking therein. Each of (a) and (b) shall be conclusively presumed to be the case if the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf is advised that such is the case by reputable legal counsel having expertise in such matters.
- (D) The activities of the Fund or any Fund Service Provider and/or any of their respective directors, officers, employees or agents are placed under review or become subject to any investigation, proceeding or litigation by any relevant governmental, legal, administrative or regulatory authority or court of competent jurisdiction and/or are subject to any charges or actions by any governmental, legal, administrative or regulatory authority for reasons of

wrongdoing, suspected wrongdoing, alleged engagement in fraudulent activities, breach of any rule or regulation or other similar reason and/or the Fund or any Fund Service Provider and/or any of their respective directors, officers, employees or agents have any of their respective registrations, approvals, authorisations, licences or memberships with any administrative or regulatory authorities revoked, suspended, terminated, limited or qualified.

- (E) Written notification is given by the Fund or any Fund Service Provider (or any person acting on behalf thereof) to holders of Reference Assets or to the Fund Administrator of a proposed cessation of operation of the Fund or the Fund or any Fund Service Provider (a) is dissolved or has a resolution passed for its dissolution, winding-up, official liquidation; (b) makes a general assignment or arrangement with or for the benefit of its creditors; (c) (I) institutes or has instituted against it, by a regulator, supervisor or any similar official with primary insolvency, rehabilitative or regulatory jurisdiction over it in the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization or the jurisdiction of its head or home office, a proceeding seeking a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or any other relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law or other similar law affecting creditors' rights, or a petition is presented for its winding-up or liquidation by it or such regulator, supervisor or similar official, or (II) has instituted against it a proceeding seeking a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or any other relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law or other similar law affecting creditors' rights, or a petition is presented for its winding-up or liquidation, and such proceeding or petition is instituted or presented by a person or entity not described in clause 4(a)(i)(E)(c)(I) above and in the case of this clause 4(a)(i)(E)(c)(II) either (x) results in a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or the entry of an order for relief or the making of an order for its winding-up or liquidation or (y) is not dismissed, discharged, stayed or restrained in each case within fifteen days of the institution or presentation thereof; (d) seeks or becomes subject to the appointment of an administrator, provisional liquidator, conservator, receiver, trustee, custodian or other similar official for it or for all or a substantial part of its assets; (e) any security granted by the Fund or any Fund Service Provider over any of its assets is enforced or becomes capable of being enforced or any arrangement which in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf is comparable to security over

any such assets (including without limitation any repurchase agreement or prime brokerage arrangement) becomes enforceable or capable of early termination or any derivatives, repurchase agreement, securities lending or other trading or dealing arrangement relating to the assets of the Fund becomes enforceable or capable of early termination by reason of any event of default (howsoever described) relating to the Fund or the relevant Fund Service Provider; or (f) causes or is subject to any event with respect to it which, under the applicable laws of any jurisdiction, has an analogous effect to any of the events specified in clauses 4(a)(i)(E)(a) through 4(a)(i)(E)(f) above.

- (F) The Fund or any Fund Service Provider becomes party to any litigation or dispute.
- (G) Any Merger Event occurs or is threatened.
- (H) The Fund or any Fund Service Provider has experienced or is experiencing a material adverse change in its business, assets, operations or financial condition which adversely impacts its ability to provide services to the Fund and/or the quality of such services.
- (I) In respect of any Reference Assets, any fraudulent or negligent entry is made on the register of such Reference Assets maintained by or on behalf of the Fund or there is a reduction in the number of such Reference Assets held for the account of any investor in the Fund for reasons beyond the control of that investor.
- (J) (a) any change occurs in the legal, tax, accounting or regulatory treatment of (i) the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider by reason of its investment in the Fund or the Reference Assets or (ii) the Fund or any Fund Service Provider, in each case from that which was applicable at the Inclusion Date or (b) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that any of Issuer, its affiliates or any Hedge Provider is or may in the future be unable, or it may be unduly onerous or impractical for any such entity, to perform any obligation (including, without limitation, any regulatory or accounting reporting obligation) imposed on any such entity by the law or regulation of any relevant jurisdiction, any relevant regulatory or administrative body or any court of competent jurisdiction, in each case by reason of its investment in the Fund or the Reference Assets or (c) the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider deems it necessary or appropriate,

- in order to comply with or remain within (i) any applicable legal and/or regulatory limits on the amounts of Reference Assets that it may hold and/or (ii) any internal exposure limits governing the maximum exposure (direct and indirect) that the Issuer, any relevant affiliate or the Hedge Provider as the case may be, is permitted to have to the Fund, to redeem all or some of the Reference Assets held by them.
- (K) A cross-contamination or other failure effectively to segregate the portfolio of assets occurs between different series, classes and/or sub-funds in relation to the Fund (if the Fund is part of an umbrella structure with more than one sub-fund).
 - (L) A significant market, trading or exchange disruption and/or crisis in the major financial markets occurs.
- (ii) NAV/Price and Reporting:
- (A) There is (a) a failure to calculate and/or publish the NAV of the Fund on any day on which such calculation or publication was scheduled to be made in accordance with the Fund Documents and/or the Fund Prospectus as they prevailed on the Inclusion Date or (b) a failure to calculate and publish the NAV of the Fund with the frequency set out in the Fund Documents and/or the Fund Prospectus as they prevailed on the Inclusion Date or (c) where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, a failure to publish the trading price of the Reference Assets on the Exchange.
 - (B) (a) Any change is made to the methodology used for calculating either the NAV of the Fund or any estimate of the NAV of the Fund from that which prevailed on the Inclusion Date or (b) there is a failure to calculate and deliver any estimate of the NAV of the Fund in accordance with the timing within which such information has previously been provided to the Issuer, the Calculation Agent, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider.
 - (C) (a) The time delay between calculation of the NAV (or any estimated NAV) of the Fund and the publication of such NAV (or estimated NAV) is changed so that it is no longer the same as set out in the Fund Prospectus as it prevailed on the Inclusion Date or (b) any other information relating to the Fund that was specified to be published in accordance with the Fund Documents or the Fund Prospectus as they respectively prevailed on the Inclusion Date is not published in accordance with the timetable therefor set out in such documents.

- (D) The audited NAV of the Fund varies by more than 0.50 per cent. from the related NAV previously published by or on behalf of the Fund, or the auditors of the Fund qualify any audit report, or refuse to provide an unqualified audit report, in respect of the Fund, or the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf considers that the unaudited official NAV of the Fund published by or on behalf of the Fund in respect of any date does not reflect the NAV of such Fund as it would have been determined by the independent auditors of that Fund using the generally accepted accounting standards adopted by the Fund.
- (E) (i) In respect of any Reference Asset, the occurrence of any event affecting such Reference Asset that, in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, would make it impossible or impracticable for the Issuer or the Calculation Agent to determine the value of such Reference Asset, and the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that such event will not be, or has not been, resolved within 15 calendar days from the occurrence of such event; (ii) any failure of the Fund, any Fund Service Provider or any director of the Fund to deliver, or cause to be delivered, (A) information that such person has agreed to deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Issuer, the Calculation Agent, any of the Issuer's affiliates or any Hedge Provider in respect of the Fund (including, without limitation, any information required by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent in the execution of its duties and obligations under the Securities or required by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent in order to determine whether any Fund Event has occurred or to make any other determination permitted by it in respect of the Securities) or (B) information that has been previously delivered to the Issuer, the Calculation Agent, any of the Issuer's affiliates or any Hedge Provider, in accordance with such person's, or its authorised representative's, normal practice and that the Issuer or the Calculation Agent deems necessary for it to perform its duties and obligations under the Securities or that the Issuer or the Calculation Agent deems is required by it in order to determine whether any Fund Event has occurred or to make any other determination permitted by it in respect of the Securities (including, in either case, monitoring the Fund's compliance with any Portfolio Guidelines, asset allocation methodologies, the occurrence of any Fund Event or any other similar policies relating to such Reference Assets).

(iii) Reference Assets:

Any of the following events relating to the Reference Assets occurs:

- (A) a subdivision, reclassification or distribution of Reference Assets which has a diluting or concentrative or other effect on the value (theoretical or otherwise) of the Reference Assets;
 - (B) a portion of each Reference Asset is converted (whether by way of redemption and re-issue or otherwise) into new securities participating in the capital of the Fund, which securities are subject to lock-up periods during which they may not be redeemed and which relate to any segregated assets of the Fund, or the Fund creates any other form of “side-pocket” which affects the Reference Assets;
 - (C) a (i) dividend (including cash and whether ordinary or extraordinary), (ii) distribution or (iii) issue of Reference Assets, capital, securities, rights or other assets or interests to existing holders of Reference Assets which has or is likely to have an adverse effect on the value (theoretical or otherwise) of the Reference Assets;
 - (D) any suspension or limitation on the trading of the relevant currencies in which the Reference Assets are denominated or any amendment to the currency of denomination of the Reference Assets so that their price is no longer calculated in the same currency as at the Inclusion Date of the Fund;
or
- (iv) Trading and Fees:
- (A) In respect of the Reference Assets, the Fund or any Fund Service Provider increases the level of any redemption fee, subscription fee, management fee, performance fee or a bid/offer spread (or other charge however described) above the level that would have been applicable to any Reference Assets held by any of the Issuer, any affiliate of the Issuer or any Hedge Provider on the Inclusion Date (regardless of whether any such person actually holds any Reference Assets as of such date).
 - (B) Any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading of the Fund or on trading in the Reference Assets (for any reason, including, without limitation, by reason of liquidity restrictions) or any dealing request made by any investor or prospective investor in the Fund or the Reference Assets is deferred in whole or in part or is made at a value other than the related NAV or price, as applicable.

- (C) The frequency at which Reference Assets can be traded is amended or the timing for subscription or redemption of Reference Assets is amended, in each case so that it is no longer that specified in the Fund Documents and/or Fund Prospectus as they prevailed on the Inclusion Date, including, without limitation, an amendment to the timetable for payment of redemption proceeds upon redemption.
- (D) If any of the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider redeems Reference Assets or is entitled to a Notional Dividend Amount and:
 - (I) does not receive the full proceeds of such redemption or Notional Dividend Amount in cash in accordance with the timing set out in the Fund Documents or the Fund Prospectus; or
 - (II) receives any in-kind distribution in full or part satisfaction of the redemption proceeds or the Notional Dividend Amount paid or payable to it,

or the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that either (I) or (II) above would be applicable were the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider to redeem Reference Assets or be entitled to actual payment of any Notional Dividend Amount.
- (v) Fund Adviser and Fund Service Provider Failures:
 - (A) The Fund Adviser indicates or acknowledges that in its opinion the strategy/investment objective of the Fund will not be, or is no longer able to be, met.
 - (B) Any representations, covenants or agreements of the Fund Adviser under the investment management agreement or investment advisory agreement (howsoever described) relating to the Fund have been breached and not cured.
 - (C) Any of: (a) the resignation, termination of appointment or replacement of the Fund Adviser from its role as such occurs or the resignation, termination of appointment or replacement of any other Fund Service Provider from its role as such occurs with respect to the Fund or (b) any change in the personnel of any Fund Service Provider occurs which the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf considers materially adversely affects the ability of such Fund Service Provider to carry out its duties with respect to the Fund.
 - (D) The Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf becomes aware of any

failure by the Fund or any person on its behalf to disclose to the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, on or before the Inclusion Date, any information, event or circumstance that was in existence on such date and that would have been necessary to enable the Issuer or the Calculation Agent to make an informed assessment of the assets and liabilities, financial position and prospects of the Fund and of the rights attaching to the Reference Assets.

- (vi) General: Any other event occurs which the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines is analogous to any of the events specified in sub-paragraphs (i) to (v) above.
- (b) Consequences of a Fund Event. In respect of each Fund Event, following the occurrence of such an event (and regardless of whether or not such event is then continuing) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may take any of following actions (each, a “**Permitted Action**”):
 - (i) (A) make such adjustments to any variable, calculation methodology, valuation, settlement or payment terms or any other terms and conditions of the Securities as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines appropriate to account for the economic effect on the Securities of such Fund Event and (B) determine the effective date of the relevant adjustments; or
 - (ii) select a Replacement Fund and a Substitution Date. Following any such selection (A) the Replacement Fund shall replace the affected Fund on the Substitution Date, (B) references herein to the name of the affected Fund shall be deemed to be references to the name of the Replacement Fund with effect from the Substitution Date and (C) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may make such adjustment as it determines to be appropriate, if any, to any variable, calculation methodology, valuation, settlement or payment terms or any other terms and conditions in relation to the Securities to reflect such substitution; or
 - (iii) terminate all, but not some only, of the Securities, on the date notified to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 and redeem the Securities at their fair market value immediately prior to such Fund Event less (i) the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging and funding arrangements (as determined by the Issuer); and (ii) the deduction of taxes, expenses and other similar charges; or
 - (iv) make such adjustments to any variable, calculation methodology, valuation, settlement or payment terms or any other terms and conditions of the Securities as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines are necessary to reflect a

notional liquidation of all of the Reference Assets (with the timing of such notional liquidations being the same timing as would be the case on an actual liquidation of Reference Assets at the relevant time) and a notional investment of the liquidation proceeds in either (A) a zero coupon bond, or equivalent, such that, if the proceeds allow, the amount payable at redemption of such zero coupon bond is at least an amount per Security equal to the Issue Price of the Security, (B) an interest bearing deposit bearing interest at prevailing rates that would be offered by the Issuer in respect of such a deposit as determined by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, or (C) commercial paper rated at least A1/P1 or above by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (any transaction costs that would be incurred in respect of an actual such investment may be notionally charged to the Securities) (any of (A), (B) or (C), a "**Suspension Asset**").

Notwithstanding that the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may have previously determined not to take a Permitted Action, or to take one Permitted Action, it shall not be prevented from subsequently or concurrently deciding to adopt an additional or different Permitted Action in respect of the same Fund Event (whether on one or any number of occasions). In such respect, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may make such adjustments to any variable, calculation methodology, valuation, settlement or payment terms or any other terms and conditions of the Securities as it determines appropriate to account for the decision subsequently or concurrently made.

Notwithstanding anything in this sub-paragraph 4(b), neither the Issuer nor the Calculation Agent is under any obligation to determine that a Fund Event has occurred or to take any or all of the Permitted Actions. Any determinations made by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf in respect of any of the Permitted Actions shall, in the absence of manifest error, be binding.

(c) Fund Event Methodology and Determinations:

- (i) If, in respect of any determination or calculation hereunder which is made by reference to an official or estimated NAV of a Fund provided or published by or on behalf of the Fund or, where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, the last reported trading price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange in respect of a particular date, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that such value does not fairly represent the value of the Fund or Reference Asset as of such date, or that no such value is provided or published, then the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may use such other value as it determines as representing a fair NAV or price, as applicable, as of such date or, alternatively, may use a preceding official or

estimated value where it believes that such preceding official or estimated value gives a fairer representation than the more recent figure.

- (ii) Should the Fund operate equalisation procedures in respect of performance or incentive based fees, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may make such adjustments to these Product Conditions as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines appropriate to account for such equalisation in an equitable manner and, where such equalisation procedures operate by the issuance of different classes of shares in the Fund, then each of the Issuer and the Calculation Agent is permitted to deem any notional subscription or redemption on behalf of the Securities to be in such order and in respect of such classes as appear to it to be equitable and reasonable or to deem the return of such shares to be based on a benchmark or average of the different classes.
- (iii) For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding any other Condition, the Issuer and the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall be entitled to make any determination, waiver, declaration or decision with regard to a Fund Event and, without limitation, may make such determination, waiver, declaration or decision by reference to the establishment, operation and/or efficacy (whether actual or anticipated) of any Relevant Hedging Transaction. Neither the Issuer nor the Calculation Agent is under any obligation to monitor or determine whether or not a Fund Event has occurred and will not be required to, and will not be responsible for any failure to, make any determination, waiver, declaration or decision whatsoever in relation to a Fund Event. In making or omitting to make any such determination, waiver, declaration or decision, neither the Issuer nor the Calculation Agent shall be under any fiduciary duty towards the Holders and, for the avoidance of doubt, neither the Issuer nor the Calculation Agent shall be responsible for any loss, underperformance or opportunity cost suffered or incurred by Holders in connection with the Securities as a result thereof, howsoever arising.
- (d) The Issuer shall give notice in accordance with General Condition 4 of any calculation or determination made by it or the Calculation Agent pursuant to this Product Condition 4 as soon as practicable after it has been made. The Issuer shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such calculations and determinations.

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger

the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS
RELATING TO INDEX AND INFLATION INDEX EXPRESS CERTIFICATES

The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and/or The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, 8022 Zurich, Switzerland (the “**Swiss Agent**”), each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Basket**” means, unless Basket is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the basket specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Cash Amount**” means the amount specified as such in, or an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Commodity Index**” means the commodity index (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Coupon**” means an interest coupon attached to each Security (if in definitive form) (if any)

representing an entitlement in respect of an Interest Amount;

“Early Termination Amount” means the amount or amounts (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Early Termination Date” means the date or dates (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the applicable Early Termination Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been an Early Termination Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Early Termination Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Index Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“Early Termination Event” means the event or events (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

“Emerging Market Disruption Event” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of

any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or

- (iv) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Entitlement**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Exchange**” means (i) in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, each exchange or quotation system from which the Index Sponsor takes the prices of the shares or other securities that

comprise the Index (the “**Shares**”) to compute the relevant Index or any successor to such exchange or quotation system or (ii) in respect of a Commodity Index, the exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system in which trading of the futures or options contracts in the Index or its components principally occurs or the exchange or quotation system where trading has a material effect on the overall market for futures or options contracts relating to the Index or its components, in each case as determined by the Issuer, acting in good faith;

“**Exercise**” means a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Exercisable Certificates**” means, if “Exercisable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be exercisable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“**Exercise Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction, exercise or redemption charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties, arising in connection with (i) the exercise or redemption, as the case may be, of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or redemption, as the case may be, or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Index**” means each index or Commodity Index specified as such in the definition of the Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4, and “**Indices**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Index Final Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the level of the Index at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such level can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the official closing level of the Index, on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price(s) of (a) the Shares (in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index) or (b) the components of the Index

(in respect of a Commodity Index), and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Index Initial Reference Price” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the level of the Index at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such level can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the official closing level of the Index, on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price(s) of (a) the Shares (in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index) or (b) the components of the Index (in respect of a Commodity Index), and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Inflation Index” means each inflation index specified as such in the definition of the Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4 and **“Inflation Indices”** shall be construed accordingly;

“Inflation Index Final Reference Price” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the level of the Inflation Index for the Valuation Month, published by the Index Sponsor, as determined by the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction. Any revision or amendment to the level of the Inflation Index after the initial publication thereof shall be disregarded for the purposes of determining the relevant level unless the Inflation Index is re-based as a result of such revision or amendment, in which case the level of the Inflation Index shall be subject to such amendments as the Calculation Agent, acting in its sole and absolute discretion, considers appropriate to preserve the economic features of the Securities. If, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such level can be determined (and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing), the level of the Inflation Index shall be a level determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the level of the Inflation Index for the relevant Valuation Month having regard to the last published level of the Inflation Index and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“Index Sponsor” means the corporation or other entity that (a) is responsible for setting and reviewing the rules and procedures and the methods of calculation and adjustments, if any, related to the relevant Index or Inflation Index, as applicable and/or (b) announces (directly or through an agent) the level of the relevant Index or Inflation Index, as applicable on a regular basis during each Trading Day and references to Index Sponsor shall include any successor index sponsor pursuant to Product Condition 4;

“Interest Amount” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the

relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Interest Payment Dates” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Interest Period” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period commencing on (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Interest Payment Date;

“Interest Rate” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, the rate specified as such, or determined in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Interest Rate Day Count Fraction” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, that interest shall be calculated on the basis specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Issue Date” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“Issuer” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“Issuer Call” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“Issuer Call Cash Amount” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the amount specified as such in, or the amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Issuer Call Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“Issuer Call Commencement Date” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Issuer Call Date” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the day specified as such in the notice delivered by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3 or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Index Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“Issuer Call Notice Period” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the applicable Final Terms, the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Launch Date” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“Market Disruption Event” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“Payment Day” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System is open;

“Pricing Date” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer if, in adverse market conditions, in the opinion of the Issuer, the circumstances so require;

“Redeemable Certificates” means, if “Redeemable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be redeemable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Redemption Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Related Exchange” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Index are traded;

“Relevant Currency” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“Relevant Currency Exchange Rate” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“Relevant Number of Months” means the number of months specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Relevant Number of Trading Days” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Securities” means each Series of the index and inflation index express certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms which may either be Exercisable Certificates or Redeemable Certificates and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“Series” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“Settlement Currency” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Settlement Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Standard Currency” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland,

Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Trading Day**” means any day on which the Index Sponsor should calculate and publish the closing level of the Index according to its rules;

“**Underlying Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Index Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Valuation Month**” means each month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred with respect to such month in which case that Valuation Month shall be the first succeeding calendar month for which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Months immediately following the original month which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Valuation Month. In that case (a) the last month of the Relevant Number of Months shall be deemed to be the Valuation Month (regardless of the Market Disruption Event) and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the level of the Inflation Index having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last published level of the Inflation Index and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means (i) in respect of the AEX-index, the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the exchange delivery settlement price (the average of the prices of the AEX-index calculated at one minute intervals between 15.30 and 16.00 Amsterdam time) or (ii) in respect of any other Index, the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the closing level of the Index or in relation to (i) and (ii) at such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

2. FORM

(a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depository for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

(b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

If CREST is specified as the Clearing Agent in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will be cleared through CREST. Such Securities will be registered securities in dematerialised and uncertificated form, and will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “**Regulations**”).

Securities cleared through CREST may be transferred in accordance with the Regulations and the rules, procedures and practices of the relevant Operator (as defined below). No transfer of such Securities will be valid unless and until entered on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in and in accordance with, the Regulations).

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator and the Regulations. Subject to this requirement, (i) each person who is for the time being shown in the Register as the holder of such Securities shall be treated by the Issuer and the Registrar as the holder of such Securities for all purposes and (ii) neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be liable in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done by it or on its behalf in reliance upon the assumption that the particulars entered in the Register which the Registrar maintains are in accordance with particulars entered in the Operator register of corporate securities relating to such Securities (and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

Any reference to the “**Operator**” (as such term is used in the Regulations) shall be to CREST and shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any such additional or alternative Operator approved by the Issuer from time to time in accordance with the Regulations and notified to the relevant Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase indicating that they are obliged to or will carry out any role or obligation described in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, is given without any assumption by the Issuer, the relevant Registrar or the Calculation Agent of responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised

Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Early Termination Event has occurred and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, Securities which are Exercisable Certificates will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.
- (b) Early Termination Event. Upon the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities will terminate automatically and the Issuer will give notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. An Early Termination Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Early Termination Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be.
- (c) Issuer Call. If “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may terminate, subject to a valid Exercise or the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities, in whole but not in part on any Business Day, by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.
- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate upon exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following an Early Termination Event, subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership,

entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate upon redemption, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following an Early Termination Event, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date, in each case, either:

- (i) The Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or
 - (ii) The Issuer Call Cash Amount, following an Issuer Call; or
 - (iii) The Early Termination Amount, following an Early Termination Event.
- (e) Interest Amount. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall bear interest at the Interest Rate. The Interest Amount is calculated by reference to the relevant Interest Period, the Interest Rate and the Interest Rate Day Count Fraction, and is payable on each Interest Payment Date.
- (f) Interest Accrual. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall cease to accrue interest from (and including) (i) exercise (in the case of Exercisable Certificates); or (ii) redemption (in the case of Redeemable Certificates). No interest shall accrue after the Exercise Date, the Redemption Date, the Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date in respect of which an Early Termination Event occurs, as the case may be, in the event that payment of any amount is postponed due to a Market Disruption Event.
- (g) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (h) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount, Early Termination Amount or Interest Amount, if applicable.
- (i) Notice. All payments in relation to Securities which are Exercisable Certificates shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities

are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;

- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount or Early Termination Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
- (vi) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and
- (vii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.

(j) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence to the

Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, in either case reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar of its holding of such Securities.

- (k) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount, the Issuer Call Cash Amount or the Early Termination Amount (if any) for each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate with respect to which a Notice has been delivered, to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date; or (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, to the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar into which the Cash Amount is to be credited for value on the Redemption Date.
- (l) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST which is not delivered to the Registrar, in each case as provided in the Conditions shall be void.

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, at the time such correction is delivered to the Registrar as provided in the Conditions.

Any Security with respect to which a Notice has not been duly completed and delivered in the manner set out above by the time specified in Product Condition 3 shall become void.

The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (m) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing

Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.

- (n) **Exercise and Settlement or Redemption Risk.** Exercise and settlement or redemption, as the case may be, of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (o) **Method of Payment.** Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (p) **Presentation and Surrender.** Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) **Market Disruption.** The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

In respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, “**Market Disruption Event**” means

- (i) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which

any Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or (ii) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):

- (i) on any Exchange(s) in securities that comprise 20 per cent or more of the level of the relevant Index if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material. For the purpose of determining whether such suspension or limitation is material, if trading in a security included in the Index is suspended or materially limited at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security to the level of the Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that security relative to (y) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately before that suspension or limitation; or
- (ii) on any Related Exchange in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the relevant Index.

In any event, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the relevant exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the relevant exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

In respect of a Commodity Index, “**Market Disruption Event**” means, in relation to the Commodity Index or its components:

- (i) **Price Source Disruption.** The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the price of the Commodity Index or any of its components (or the information necessary for determining such price(s)) or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price(s) by the Exchange; or
- (ii) **Trading Suspension.** The material suspension of trading on the Exchange; or
- (iii) **Disappearance of Price.** The permanent discontinuation of trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Exchange, disappearance of, or of trading in, the Commodity Index or any of its components or the disappearance or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of a reference price, notwithstanding the availability of the related price source or the status of trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components;

- (iv) **Material Change in Formula.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the basis for (including but not limited to the quantity, quality or currency), or method of, calculating the price of a component of the Commodity Index; or
- (v) **Material Change in Content.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the content or composition of a Commodity Index or any of its components; or
- (vi) **De Minimis Trading.** The number of contracts traded on the Exchange with respect to a Commodity Index or any of its components is such that the Issuer declares that its ability to enter into hedging transactions with respect to the Commodity Index or any of its components has been impaired due to a lack of, or a material reduction in, trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Exchange; or
- (vii) **Tax Disruption.** The imposition of, change in, or removal of, an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, a Commodity Index or any of its components (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Issue Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the price of the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be, and/or on each of the three Trading Days following the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be, from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; or
- (viii) **Trading Limitation.** The material limitation imposed on trading in a Commodity Index or any of its components on any exchange or principal trading market; or
- (ix) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange is located; or
- (x) **Other Events.** Any other event similar to any of the above which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.

“**Market Disruption Event**”, in relation to an Inflation Index, means the Index Sponsor fails to calculate and announce the level of the Inflation Index.

- (b) Adjustments to Index. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made by it pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2), (3) or (4) below.

- (1) If a relevant Index is (A) not calculated and announced by the Index Sponsor but is

calculated and announced by a successor to the Index Sponsor (the “**Successor Sponsor**”) acceptable to the Calculation Agent; or (B) replaced by a successor index using, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of the Index, then (in either case) the Index will be deemed to be the index so calculated and announced by such Successor Sponsor or that successor index, as the case may be.

- (2) If (A) on or prior to the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be, the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor, makes a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating a relevant Index or in any other way materially modifies the Index (other than a modification prescribed in that formula or method to maintain the Index in the event of changes in constituent securities or components, as the case may be, and other routine events); or (B) on or prior to the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be, the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor fails to calculate and/or publish a relevant Index; then (in either case) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Index Final Reference Price using, in lieu of a published level(s) for the Index on the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be, the level for the Index as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to the change or failure, but using only those (a) in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, securities that comprised the Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those securities that have since ceased to be listed on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed); or (b) in respect of a Commodity Index, commodity components that comprised the Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those components that have since ceased to be traded on the Exchange or any other exchange) or, in the case of a material modification of the Index only, the Calculation Agent shall deem such modified Index to be the Index so calculated and announced or shall (if so required by the Issuer), by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4, terminate the Securities and pay to each Holder in respect of each Security held by such Holder an amount equal to the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such material modification of the Index less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements (as determined by the Issuer).
- (3) If, at any time, any of the events specified in (A) to (H) below occurs and the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor has not in the opinion of the Calculation Agent made an appropriate adjustment to the level of the relevant Index

(which term excludes, for these purposes of this paragraph (3), any Commodity Index) in order to account fully for such event, notwithstanding that the rules published or applied by the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor pertaining to the Index have been applied, the Calculation Agent shall make such adjustment to the level of the Index as it considers appropriate in order so to account for: (A) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the Shares of (i) Shares; or (ii) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the issuer of the Shares equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of Shares or (iii) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (in cash or otherwise) at less than the prevailing market price; (B) a free distribution or dividend of any Shares to existing holders of the Shares by way of bonus, capitalisation or similar issue; (C) an extraordinary dividend; (D) any cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer of the Shares has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (E) any non-cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer of the Shares has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (F) any other extraordinary cash or non-cash dividend on, or distribution with respect to, the Shares which is, by its terms or declared intent, declared and paid outside the normal operations or normal dividend procedures of the relevant issuer of the Shares, provided that, in all cases, the related ex-dividend date occurs during the period from (and including) the Issue Date up to (but excluding) the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be; (G) a distribution of cash dividends on the Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (H) any other similar event having dilutive or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Shares.

- (4) The Issuer reserves the right to issue further certificates, make adjustments or to distribute to the Holders any rights in connection with the Securities as it reasonably believes are appropriate in circumstances where an event or events occur which the Issuer (in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any adjustments previously made to the Securities) believes should in the context of the issue of Securities and its obligations hereunder, give rise to such adjustment or distribution, provided that such adjustment is considered by the Calculation Agent to be appropriate generally (without considering the individual circumstances of any Holder or the tax or other consequences of such adjustment in any particular jurisdiction) or is required to take account of provisions of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction or the practices of the

relevant Exchange. The Issuer, in any event, reserves the right to in its absolute discretion terminate Securities linked to any Proprietary Index by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4, in the event that the relevant Index Sponsor terminates, cancels or suspends, as the case may be, any such Proprietary Index.

(c) Adjustments to the Inflation Index. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made by it pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2) or (3) below.

- (1) If the Inflation Index is (A) not calculated and announced in its usual way but is calculated and published in a different way but in a way acceptable to the Calculation Agent; or (B) replaced by a successor inflation index using, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of the relevant Inflation Index, then (in either case) the relevant Inflation Index will be deemed to be the Inflation Index so calculated and announced by that successor inflation index, as the case may be.
- (2) If (A) on or prior to any calculation of the level of the Inflation Index there is a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating the Inflation Index or the Index Sponsor, in any other way, materially modifies the Inflation Index (other than a modification prescribed in that formula or method to maintain the Inflation Index in the event of changes in constituent securities and other routine events) then the Calculation Agent shall (a) determine the Inflation Index level using, in lieu of a published level for the Inflation Index, the level for the Inflation Index as determined by the Calculation Agent acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner or, (b) shall deem such modified Inflation Index to be the Inflation Index so calculated and announced or (c) shall terminate the Securities by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4.
- (3) The Issuer reserves the right to issue further Securities, make adjustments or to distribute to the Holders any rights in connection with the Securities as it reasonably believes are appropriate in circumstances where an event or events occur which the Issuer (in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any adjustments previously made to the Securities) believes should, in the context of the issue of Securities and its obligations hereunder, give rise to such adjustment or distribution, provided that such adjustment is considered by the Calculation Agent either to be appropriate generally (without considering the individual circumstances of any Holder or the tax or other consequences of such adjustment in any particular jurisdiction) or to be required to take account of provisions of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction or the

practices of the relevant exchange.

- (d) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS
RELATING TO EQUITY CERTIFICATES**

The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Additional Market Disruption Event**” if applicable, shall have the meaning specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and/or The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, 8022 Zurich, Switzerland (the “**Swiss Agent**”), each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Applicable Taxes and Costs**” means, for the purpose of calculating any Dividend Amount, an amount as the Issuer deems to be appropriate to reflect any tax deducted or payable by the Hedge Holder in respect of the relevant cash dividend or other cash distribution included within the computation of such Dividend Amount and any costs and expenses incurred by the Hedge Holder in relation to the receipt of the relevant cash dividend or other cash distribution included within the computation of such Dividend Amount;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business and, in addition, if “Physical Delivery Securities” is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day on which the Exchange is open for business;

“**Cash Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses, provided that the Cash Amount shall not be less than zero;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be

approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Delivery Details**” means, if “Physical Delivery Securities” is specified as “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, where applicable, account details and/or name and address of any person into whose name evidence of the Share Amount is to be registered and/or any bank, broker or agent to whom documents evidencing title are to be delivered;

“**Disruption Cash Settlement Price**” means, if “Physical Delivery Securities” is specified as “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the fair market value of each Security on such day as shall be selected by the Issuer less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangement, all as determined by the Issuer;

“**Distribution Compliance Period**” means, if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period expiring 40 days after completion of the distribution of the Securities, in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act;

“**Dividend Amount**” means, in respect of each Security, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent to be equal to the sum of the net cash dividends or other cash distributions which are paid in respect of one Share, less any Applicable Taxes and Costs, where the Record Date in respect of such dividend or distribution falls on a date during the period from and including the Issue Date to but excluding the Exercise Date or Redemption Date, as the case may be (save that where a Record Date falls on or after the Exercise Date or Redemption Date, as the case may be, the Issuer may, in its sole and absolute discretion, determine that such Record Date shall be a qualifying Record Date for the purposes of calculating the Dividend Amount), multiplied by the Entitlement and converted, where applicable, into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate on or around the date of receipt of such Dividend Amount by the Hedge Holder, as determined by the Calculation Agent. For the avoidance of doubt, each Dividend Amount shall be construed as a separate amount in relation to each such cash dividend or other cash distribution;

“**Early Termination Amount**” means the amount or amounts (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

“**Early Termination Date**” means the date or dates specified in a notice to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4;

“**Early Termination Event**” means the event or events specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

“**Entitlement**” means the entitlement specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the

applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, where the Underlying Currency is not the same as the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Underlying Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise**” means a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Exercisable Certificates**” means, if “Exercisable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be exercisable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“**Exercise Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Business Day, the next following Business Day, save that if Exercise Date Extension Option is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may, in its sole and absolute discretion, by giving the notice specified in the definition of Exercise Date Extension Option in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, extend the Exercise Date to a date specified in such notice, and such date will be deemed to be the Exercise Date;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction, exercise or redemption charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties, arising in connection with (i) the exercise or redemption, as the case may be, of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or redemption, as the case may be, or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“**Expiration Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms provided that if the Issuer shall have discharged all its obligations in respect of the Securities on a date (the “**End Date**”) prior to such date, then the Expiration Date shall be deemed to be the End Date;

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, equal to the weighted average price per Share of the sale of a number of Shares equal to the number of Securities outstanding on the Valuation Date (the “**Parcel**”) where the Parcel is sold on the Exchange and at such times on the Valuation Date as the Hedge Holder (on behalf of the Issuer) in its sole and absolute judgement determines (converted, where applicable, into the Settlement Currency at

the prevailing Exchange Rate on the Valuation Date, less Expenses). Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Market Disruption Event or, where an FX Market Disruption Event is specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an FX Market Disruption Event occurs on the Valuation Date, the Issuer shall have sole discretion to (i) procure that the Hedge Holder does not sell on the Exchange all or any of the Parcel on the Valuation Date and those Shares comprising the Parcel not sold on the Valuation Date shall be sold by the Hedge Holder on the Exchange as soon thereafter as the Issuer determines in its reasonable judgement, which determination shall be conclusive and (ii) procure that, where applicable, the Hedge Holder converts the weighted average Parcel price less Expenses using the prevailing Exchange Rate on the Valuation Date and/or the Exchange Rate as soon thereafter as the Issuer determines in its reasonable judgement, which determination shall be conclusive. In the event that the sale of all Shares comprising the Parcel is not completed within the period specified as the Final Reference Price Period in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Final Reference Price shall be deemed to be the product of (a) the weighted average price per Share of the Share(s) sold and (b) the number of Share(s) sold, such product divided by the total number of Shares in the Parcel (converted, where applicable, into the Settlement Currency at the Exchange Rate as the Issuer determines in its reasonable judgement, which determination shall be conclusive, less Expenses);

“Force Majeure Event” means an event or events in the jurisdiction in which the Exchange is located that are outside the reasonable control of the Issuer or any of its affiliates including, but not limited to, the failure of telecommunications or computer facilities, industrial disputes, civil unrest, failure of third parties in the jurisdiction in which the Exchange is located to carry out their obligations (provided that such third parties were appointed by the Issuer or any of its affiliates in good faith after taking due care) or the acts of governmental, regulatory or supranational bodies. For the avoidance of doubt, the insolvency of the Hedge Holder shall not constitute a Force Majeure Event;

“Form” means the form specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Hedge Holder” means, as determined by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion, the Issuer or any affiliate of the Issuer which is the holder of record of the Shares at any relevant time;

“Issue Date” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“Issuer” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“Issuer Call” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“Issuer Call Cash Amount” means if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the amount specified as such in, or the amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Issuer Call Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“Issuer Call Commencement Date” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Issuer Call Date” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the day specified as such in the notice delivered by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3 or if, in respect of any Security, any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the applicable Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Certificate and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“Issuer Call Notice Period” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the applicable Final Terms, the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Launch Date” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Market Disruption Event” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4 and any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Participation” means the rate specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Payment Day” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and

foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross-settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“**QIBs**” means, if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, qualified institutional buyers within the meaning of Rule 144A under the Securities Act;

“**Record Date**” means the earliest date on which the register of the Share Company shows the holders of Shares who are entitled to the relevant dividend payment;

“**Redeemable Certificates**” means, if “Redeemable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be redeemable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“**Redemption Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Registrar**” means, if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Registrar as specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Regulation S**” means Regulation S under the Securities Act;

“**Regulation S Registered Global Security**” means, if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a Global Security in registered form sold in an offshore transaction in reliance on Regulation S; “**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are traded;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Rule 144A**” means, if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, Rule 144A under the Securities Act;

“**Rule 144A Global Security**” means, if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a Global Security in registered form sold in a private transaction to a QIB in accordance with the requirements of Rule 144A;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the equity certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms which may either be Exercisable Certificates or Redeemable Certificates and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with

respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Act**” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Disruption Event**” means, if Physical Delivery Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an event determined by the Issuer to be beyond the control of the Issuer as a result of which the Issuer cannot make delivery of the Share Amount in accordance with such market method as it decides at the relevant time for delivery of the relevant Share Amount;

“**Share**” means the share specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4, and “**Shares**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Share Amount**” means, if Physical Delivery Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, one Share, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, multiplied by the Entitlement. If the Share Amount is an amount comprising a fraction of any Share, the Holders will receive a Share Amount comprising the nearest whole number (rounded down) of Shares (taking into account that a Holder’s entire holding may be aggregated at the Issuer’s discretion for the purpose of delivering the relevant Share Amount) and an amount in the Settlement Currency (using, where applicable, the Exchange Rate) equal to the value of the outstanding undelivered fraction of Share, as calculated by the Calculation Agent on the basis of the Final Reference Price;

“**Share Company**” means the share company specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Transfer Agent**” means, if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Registrar;

“**Transfer Certificate**” means, if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the written certification in the form available for collection from the specified office of any Transfer Agent;

“**Transfer Documents**” means, if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Transfer Certificate, which a Holder desiring to transfer an interest in a Regulation S Registered Global Security or a Rule 144A Global Security, or any beneficial interest therein, may, in certain circumstances, be required to submit or to cause the proposed transferee thereof to submit to any Transfer Agent;

“**Underlying Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**U.S. person**” has the meaning set out in Product Condition 3(g)(vii); and

“**Valuation Date**” means (i) in the case of Exercisable Certificates, the Exercise Date; and (ii) in the case of Redeemable Certificates, the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in Product Condition 2(b), if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, then the Securities will be represented by a global security in registered form (a “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with the Clearing Agent (and be registered in the name of a common nominee of the Clearing Agent) and will be transferable only in accordance with the provisions of Product Condition 5, applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred.

If the Form is specified as Global Bearer in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, then the Securities will be represented by a global security in bearer

form (also a “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with the Clearing Agent and will be transferable only in accordance with applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred.

Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and/or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the registered holder (if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) or the bearer (if the Form is specified as Global Bearer in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) of the Global Security.

- (b) CREST Form. If CREST is specified as the Clearing Agent in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will be cleared through CREST. Such Securities will be registered securities in dematerialised and uncertificated form, and will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “**Regulations**”).

Securities cleared through CREST may be transferred in accordance with the Regulations and the rules, procedures and practices of the relevant Operator (as defined below). No transfer of such Securities will be valid unless and until entered on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in and in accordance with, the Regulations).

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator and the Regulations. Subject to this requirement, (i) each person who is for the time being shown in the Register as the holder of such Securities shall be treated by the Issuer and the Registrar as the holder of such Securities for all purposes and (ii) neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be liable in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done by it or on its behalf in reliance upon the assumption that the particulars entered in the Register which the Registrar maintains are in

accordance with particulars entered in the Operator register of corporate securities relating to such Securities (and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

Any reference to the “**Operator**” (as such term is used in the Regulations) shall be to CREST and shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any such additional or alternative Operator approved by the Issuer from time to time in accordance with the Regulations and notified to the relevant Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase indicating that they are obliged to or will carry out any role or obligation described in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, is given without any assumption by the Issuer, the relevant Registrar or the Calculation Agent of responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Securities which are Exercisable Certificates will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.
- (b) Cash Settlement. If “Cash Settled Securities” is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate upon due Exercise, subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership (save that, in the case of Regulation S Registered Global Securities, such certification will only be required during the Distribution Compliance Period), entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date; or (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date, in either case, the Cash Amount.
- (c) Issuer Call. If Issuer Call is specified as being Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may terminate, subject to a valid Exercise or the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities, in whole but not in part on any Business Day, by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date. Each Security upon an Issuer Call entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Issuer Call Date the Issuer Call Cash Amount.
- (d) Early Termination Event. If an Early Termination is specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, upon the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities will terminate automatically and the Issuer will give notice to the Holders in

accordance with General Condition 4 where such notice shall specify the Early Termination Date. An Early Termination Event will override an Issuer Call and/or the automatic Exercise of the Securities under 3(a) above, if the Early Termination Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be. Each Security upon the occurrence of an Early Termination Event entitles its Holders to receive from the Issuer on the Early Termination Date the Early Termination Amount.

- (e) Dividend Amount. The Holder of (i) each Security which is an Exercisable Certificate, subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership (save that, in the case of Regulation S Registered Global Securities, such certification will only be required during the Distribution Compliance Period); and (ii) each Security which is a Redeemable Certificate, is entitled to receive the Dividend Amount for the number of days specified as Dividend Amount Days in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms following the receipt by the Issuer or the Hedge Holder of the dividend and/or cash distribution to which it relates and the person entitled to receive such Dividend Amount shall be the person who is shown in the records of the Clearing Agent as the beneficial holder of such Security as represented by the Global Security on the Record Date for the relevant dividend or cash distribution; *provided that* in no event shall either the Issuer or the Hedge Holder be obligated (a) to take any action whatsoever in pursuit of payment of any dividend or cash distribution as a result of the Share Company failing to pay any such dividend or cash distribution when due or (b) to make any payment to a Holder in respect of any such dividend received by the Issuer or the Hedge Holder after the Expiration Date; *provided further that* if any dividend or cash distribution has not been received by the Hedge Holder by the Expiration Date, all obligations of the Issuer under the Securities in respect thereof shall be discharged and the Issuer shall have no further obligation in respect thereof.
- (f) Share Settlement. The Securities may not be physically delivered to a U.S. person (as defined below). If “Physical Delivery Securities” is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and if a Holder gives notice to the Issuer before the Exercise Date or two Business Days prior to the Redemption Date (the “**Cut-off Date**”), as the case may be, that it wishes to receive delivery of the Share Amount in lieu of the Cash Amount (“**Share Settlement**”), the Securities of such holder may be redeemed by delivery of the Share Amount in lieu of payment of the Cash Amount and the Issuer shall be required to agree to such request unless the Issuer shall have determined in its sole and absolute discretion that delivery of the Share Amount is or would be impractical, inadvisable, impossible or unduly onerous to the Issuer or is or would be unlawful in whole or in part as a result of compliance with any applicable present or future law, rule, regulation, judgment,

order or directive of any governmental, administrative, legislative or judicial authority or power. The inability or failure, as the case may be, of the Holder to give any relevant certification required or requested by the Issuer or any Clearing Agent in connection with such delivery shall allow the Issuer to redeem the Securities by payment of the Cash Amount and not by delivery of the Share Amount. The Issuer will give notice to the Holder not later than the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, if, following a notice from the Holder for delivery of the Share Amount, such delivery will not take place for any of the reasons aforementioned. If the Securities of any Holder are to be redeemed by delivery of the Share Amount, then such Holder shall be liable for Expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Issuer in connection with the delivery of the Share Amount to such Holder and no such delivery shall take place until all Expenses have been paid or accounted for to the satisfaction of the Issuer. The Share Amount is deliverable on the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be.

- (g) **Payment Day.** If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay. Where FX Market Disruption Event is specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and if a FX Market Disruption Event occurs on or around any day on which any amount is due to be paid hereunder the effect of which makes it, in the sole determination of the Issuer, impossible, impracticable or inadvisable to make the relevant payment, then no payment shall be made until as soon as practicable thereafter, provided that if such a FX Market Disruption Event is subsisting for the period specified as the Payment Day Period in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, then all obligations of the Issuer in respect of the Securities shall be discharged and the Issuer shall have no further obligations in respect thereof.
- (h) **General.** In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent and any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, Dividend Amount, Share Amount, Realised Share Amount, or Disruption Cash Settlement Price, as applicable.

The purchase of Securities does not confer on any Holder of such Securities any rights (whether in respect of voting, distributions or otherwise) attached to the Shares.

- (i) **Notice.** All payments (which term shall include delivery of any Share Amount) in relation to Securities which are Exercisable Certificates and delivery of any Share Amount in relation to Securities which are Redeemable Certificates shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the

Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent. A Notice shall (as appropriate):

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, such account with such Securities;
- (iv) if “Physical Delivery Securities” is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, include an undertaking to pay all Expenses and an irrevocable authority to the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit a specified account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar in respect thereof or, as the case may be, to debit the account referred to in paragraph (ii) above;
- (v) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with any Cash Amount (if any) for such Securities or, as the case may be, any Disruption Cash Settlement Price and any dividends payable pursuant to Product Condition 3(o);
- (vi) if “Physical Delivery Securities” is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, include the Delivery Details;
- (vii) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
- (viii) if the Form is specified as Global Bearer in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any

estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other "U.S. person" as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

- (ix) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.

- (j) Late Delivery of Notice. If "Physical Delivery Securities" is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and if the Notice is delivered to the relevant Clearing Agent or the copy is delivered to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, or where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar after the close of business in the place of receipt on the Exercise Date or Cut-off Date, as the case may be, then the Share Amount will be delivered as soon as practicable after the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, (the date of delivery in relation to a Share Amount, whether on or after the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, being for the purposes of the Conditions, the "**Delivery Date**") in the manner provided below. For the avoidance of doubt, no holder of Securities or any other person shall be entitled to any payment, whether of interest or otherwise, by reason of the Delivery Date for such Securities occurring after the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, due to such Notice (or the copy thereof) being delivered after close of business on the Exercise Date or the Cut-off Date, as the case may be, as provided above. In the event that a Holder does not, in respect of a Security which is to be redeemed by delivery of the Share Amount, deliver or procure delivery of a Notice as set out above, prior to the date that is 30 calendar days after the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, the Issuer shall have the right but not the obligation to sell the Shares comprised in the Share Amount in respect of such Security in the open market or otherwise at a price determined by the Issuer, in its sole discretion, to be the fair market value of the Shares, and shall hold the proceeds (the

“**Realised Share Amount**”) for the account of the relevant Holder until presentation of the relevant Notice. Upon payment of the Realised Share Amount as aforesaid, the Issuer’s obligations in respect of such Security shall be discharged. The Holder shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such Realised Share Amount.

- (k) Verification. In respect of any Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, in either case reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar of its holding of such Securities.
- (l) Delivery of the Share Amount. If “Physical Delivery Securities” is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and subject as provided in the Conditions, the delivery of the Share Amount shall be made at the risk of the relevant Holder and shall be delivered and evidenced in such manner as the Issuer determines to be customary for the Shares or in such other commercially reasonable manner as the Issuer shall determine to be appropriate for such delivery. The Issuer shall be under no obligation to register or procure the registration of any Holder or any other person as the registered shareholder in respect of the Shares comprised in any Share Amount in the register of members of the Share Company. Where an amount equal to the value of the outstanding undelivered fraction of the Shares is payable but the Valuation Date for calculating such amount has been delayed due to a Market Disruption Event, then such amount will be payable on the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be.
- (m) Settlement. If “Cash Settled Securities” is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount (if any) for each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate with respect to which a Notice has been delivered, to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date; or (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, to the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar into which the Cash Amount is to be credited for value on the Redemption Date.
- (n) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether any such Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form or, where applicable, which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is not delivered to the Registrar, in each case as provided in

the Conditions shall be void. If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, at the time such correction is delivered to the Registrar as provided in the Conditions. The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (o) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (p) Intervening Period. If “Physical Delivery Securities” is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, for such period of time after the Exercise Date or the Cut-off Date, as the case may be, as the Issuer or any person on behalf of the Issuer shall continue to be the legal owner of the Shares comprising the relevant Share Amount (the “**Intervening Period**”), neither the Issuer nor any other such person shall
 - (i) be under any obligation to deliver or procure delivery to the relevant Holder or any subsequent beneficial owner of such Shares or any other person any letter, certificate, notice, circular or any other document or payment whatsoever received by that person in its capacity as the holder of such Shares, (ii) be under any obligation to exercise or procure exercise of any or all rights (including voting rights) attaching to such Shares during the Intervening Period or (iii) be under any liability to the relevant Holder or any subsequent beneficial owner of such Shares or any other person in respect of any loss or damage which the relevant Holder or subsequent beneficial owner or any other person may sustain or suffer as a result, whether directly or indirectly, of the Issuer or any other such person being the legal owner of such Shares during such Intervening Period.
- (q) Dividends. If “Physical Delivery Securities” is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, any dividend in respect of any Share Amount to be delivered will be payable to the party that would receive such dividend according to market practice for a sale of the Shares executed on the Exercise Date or the Cut-off Date, as

the case may be, and to be delivered in the same manner as such Share Amount. An amount equal to any such dividend to be paid to a Holder shall be paid to the account specified in the relevant Notice.

- (r) **Settlement Disruption.** If “Physical Delivery Securities” is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and if, prior to the delivery in accordance with the Conditions of the Share Amount in respect of any Security, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Settlement Disruption Event is subsisting, then the Delivery Date for such Security shall be postponed to the first following Business Day on which no Settlement Disruption Event is subsisting. For so long as delivery of any Share Amount is not practicable by reason of a Settlement Disruption Event, then in lieu of physical settlement and notwithstanding any other provision hereof the Issuer may elect in its sole discretion to satisfy its obligations in respect of the relevant Security by payment of the Disruption Cash Settlement Price not later than on the third Business Day following the date that the notice of such election is given to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 that a Settlement Disruption Event has occurred and of the method of payment of the Disruption Cash Settlement Price. No Holder or any other person shall be entitled to any payment (including but not limited to interest) in respect of a Security in the event of any delay in the delivery of any Share Amount relating thereto due to the occurrence of a Settlement Disruption Event and no liability in respect thereof shall attach to the Issuer.
- (s) **Exercise and Settlement or Redemption Risk.** Exercise and settlement or redemption, as the case may be, of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (t) **Method of Payment.** Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or

transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.

- (u) Presentation and Surrender. Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“Market Disruption Event” means:

- (1) the occurrence or existence at any time on any Trading Day on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):
 - (A) in the Shares on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed; or
 - (B) in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Share on any Related Exchange, if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material;
- (2) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located; or
- (3) the inability of the Hedge Holder to unwind its hedge or related trading position relating to the Securities due to illiquidity if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, that illiquidity is material.

For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading

imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

(b) Potential Adjustment Events. Following a declaration by the Share Company of the terms of any Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent will determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Share and, if so, will:

- (1) make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any one or more of the Conditions as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect; and
- (2) determine the effective date of that adjustment.

The Calculation Agent may, but need not, determine the adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of such Potential Adjustment Event made by an options exchange to options on the Shares traded on that options exchange. Upon making any such adjustment, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the adjustment to be made to the Conditions and giving brief details of the Potential Adjustment Event.

“Potential Adjustment Event” means any of the following: (i) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Shares (unless a Merger Event), or a free distribution or dividend of such Shares to existing holders of the relevant Shares by way of bonus, capitalisation, recapitalisation or similar issue; (ii) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the relevant Shares of (A) such Shares, or (B) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the Share Company equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of such Shares, or (C) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (cash or other) at less than the prevailing market price as determined by the Calculation Agent; (iii) an extraordinary dividend; (iv) a distribution of cash dividends on the Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (v) a call by the Share Company in respect of relevant Shares that are not fully paid; (vi) a repurchase by the Share Company of relevant Shares whether out of profits or capital and whether the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise; or (vii) any other similar event that may have a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares.

(c) De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation and Insolvency. If a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to the Share Company, the Issuer in its sole

and absolute discretion may take the action described in (i), (ii) or (iii) below:

- (i) require the Calculation Agent to determine in its sole and absolute discretion the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any of the other terms of these Conditions to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, and determine the effective date of that adjustment. The Calculation Agent may (but is under no obligation to) determine the appropriate adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency made by any Related Exchange to options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on such Related Exchange; or
- (ii) cancel the Securities by giving notice to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. If the Securities are to be cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each Security held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a Security (taking into account the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be)) on the day selected for cancellation as shall be selected by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion adjusted to account fully for any losses, expenses and costs to the Issuer and/or any affiliate of the Issuer of unwinding or adjusting any underlying or related hedging arrangements (including but not limited to any equity options or selling or otherwise realising any Shares or other instruments of any type whatsoever which the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates may hold as part of such hedging arrangements), all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; or
- (iii) following any adjustment to the settlement of terms of options contracts or futures contracts or any other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on any Related Exchange, require the Calculation Agent to make a corresponding adjustment to any of the other terms of these Conditions, which adjustment will be effective as of the date determined by the Calculation Agent to be the effective date of the corresponding adjustment made by the Related Exchange. If options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are not traded on the Related Exchange, the Calculation Agent will make such adjustment, if any, to any of the other terms of these Conditions as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines appropriate, with reference to the rules and precedents (if any) set by the Related Exchange to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) that in the determination of the

Calculation Agent would have given rise to an adjustment by the Related Exchange if such options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts were so traded.

Upon the occurrence of a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the occurrence of such De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) and action proposed to be taken in relation thereto.

“De-listing” means a Share for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Share is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

“Merger Date” means the closing date of a Merger Event or, where a closing date cannot be determined under the local law applicable to such Merger Event, such other date as determined by the Calculation Agent.

“Merger Event” means any (1) reclassification or change to the Shares or that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all or a majority of the outstanding Shares; (2) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of a Share Company with or into another entity (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Share Company is the continuing entity and which does not result in any such reclassification or change to all the outstanding Shares); or (3) take-over offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person to purchase or otherwise obtain 100 per cent. of the outstanding Shares that results in a transfer of, or an irrevocable commitment to transfer, a majority of the voting power of the Share Company to the offeror, in each case if the Merger Date is on or before the Valuation Date.

“Nationalisation” means that all the Shares of a Share Company or all the assets or substantially all the assets of a Share Company are nationalised, expropriated or are otherwise required to be transferred to any governmental agency, authority or entity.

“Insolvency” means that by reason of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, bankruptcy or insolvency of or any analogous proceeding affecting a Share Company, (1) all the Shares are required to be transferred to a receiver, trustee, liquidator or other similar official or (2) holders of the Shares of that Share Company become legally prohibited from transferring them.

- (d) Force Majeure Event. If a Force Majeure Event occurs on any day resulting in the Issuer being unable to fulfil its obligations when such obligations are due, then such obligations

shall be postponed until the first immediately succeeding Business Day on which the Force Majeure Event is no longer subsisting provided that if a Force Majeure Event is subsisting for the period specified as the Force Majeure Event Period in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, then all the obligations of the Issuer in respect of the Securities shall be discharged and the Issuer shall have no further obligations in respect thereof.

- (e) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

5. TRANSFERS

- (a) Transfers of interests in Regulation S Registered Global Securities. Transfers of a Regulation S Registered Global Security or a beneficial interest therein may only be made:
 - (1) prior to the expiry of the applicable Distribution Compliance Period:

to a non-U.S. person who is outside the United States in an offshore transaction in accordance with Regulation S.
 - (2) after the expiry of the applicable Distribution Compliance Period:

to a person who is outside the United States in an offshore transaction in accordance with Regulation S.
 - (3) otherwise, at any time, pursuant to the Securities Act or an exemption therefrom, subject to receipt by the Issuer of such satisfactory evidence as the Issuer may reasonably require, which may include an opinion of U.S. counsel, that such transfer is in compliance with any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States, and, in all cases, in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States or any other jurisdiction.
- (b) In the case of Product Condition 5(a)(1) or Product Condition 5(a)(2) above, such transferee shall take delivery through a Regulation S Registered Global Security; and in the case of a transfer of any Regulation S Registered Global Security, or any beneficial interest therein, the applicable Transfer Documents, if any, must be duly executed by the proposed transferee or such proposed transferee's duly authorised attorney-in-fact, at least three Business Days prior

to the date the transfer of such Securities is desired. Any attempted transfer in which any required Transfer Documents and the proposed transfer was not effected in accordance with the foregoing procedures shall not be valid or binding on the Issuer. In addition, if any Transfer Agent subsequently determines or is subsequently notified by the Issuer that:

- (1) a transfer or attempted or purported transfer of any interest in a Security was consummated on the basis of an incorrect form or certification from the transferee or purported transferee as set forth in the relevant Transfer Documents, or
- (2) the relevant Holder was in breach, at the time given, of any representation or agreement set forth in any Transfer Document,

the purported transfer shall be absolutely null and void *ab initio* and shall vest no rights in the purported transferee and the last preceding Holder that was not a such a disqualified transferee shall be restored to all rights as a Holder thereof retroactively to the date of transfer of such interest by such Holder.

6. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS
RELATING TO MULTI-ASSET BASKET LINKED CERTIFICATES

The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Additional Fund Events**” means those events specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Additional Market Disruption Events**” means those events specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and/or The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, 8022 Zurich, Switzerland (the “**Swiss Agent**”), acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Basket**” means the basket specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Basket Constituent**” means each Certificate, Commodity, FX Rate, Share, Fund (including, where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, the Reference Asset) or Index, as the case may be, specified as such in the definition of Basket in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and “**Basket Constituents**” means each or all of the Certificates, Commodities, FX Rates, Shares, Funds (including, where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, the Reference Asset) and Indices as the case may be;

“**Basket Constituent Currency**” means, in relation to each Basket Constituent in the applicable Final Terms, the currency specified as such in the definition of the Basket in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Basket Return**” means an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and

foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Cash Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Certificate**” means each certificate specified as such in the definition of the Basket in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Certificate Final Reference Price**” (“**CertFRP**”) means in respect of each Certificate, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Certificate Reference Price on the Valuation Date;

“**Certificate Initial Reference Price**” (“**CertIRP**”) means, in respect of each Certificate, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Certificate Reference Price on the Pricing Date;

“**Certificate Reference Price**” means in respect of each Certificate, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, equal to the price of the Certificate at the Valuation Time on a Trading Day, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Certificate on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Certificate on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Certificate Return**” means an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Commodity**” means each commodity specified as such in the definition of the Basket in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Commodity Final Reference Price**” (“**CFRP**”) means in respect of each Commodity, unless

otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Commodity Reference Price on the Valuation Date;

“**Commodity Index**” means the commodity index (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Commodity Initial Reference Price**” (“**CIRP**”) means, in respect of each Commodity, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Commodity Reference Price on the Pricing Date;

“**Commodity Reference Price**” means in respect of each Commodity, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, equal to the price of the Commodity at the Valuation Time on a Trading Day, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Commodity on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Commodity on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Commodity Return**” means an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Coupon**” means an interest coupon attached to each Security (if in definitive form) (if any) representing an entitlement in respect of an Interest Amount;

“**Early Termination Amount**” means the amount or amounts (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

“**Early Termination Date**” means the date or dates (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or if, in respect of any Basket Constituent, any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, either:

- (i) a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the applicable Early Termination Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been an Early

Termination Date. In that case (A) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Early Termination Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (B) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall determine the Early Termination Amount having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Basket Constituent and such other factors as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines to be relevant; or

- (ii) a Fund Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the provisions of Product Condition 4(j) shall apply and the Early Termination Date shall be adjusted accordingly;

“Early Termination Event” means the event or events (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf;

“Emerging Market Disruption Event” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) Moratorium. A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) Price Source Disruption. It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) Governmental Default. With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through

customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or

- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Entitlement**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Exchange**” means, (i) with respect to each Certificate, Commodity, Fund which is an exchange traded fund or Share, the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of Basket in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to such exchange or quotation system, (ii) with respect to an Index which is not a Commodity Index, each exchange or quotation system from which the Index Sponsor takes the prices of the shares or other securities that comprise the Index (the “**Index Shares**”) to compute the Index or any successor to that exchange or quotation system or (iii) with respect to a Commodity Index, the exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system in which trading of the futures or options contracts in the Index or its components principally occurs or the exchange or quotation system where trading has a

material effect on the overall market for futures or options contracts relating to the Index or its components, in each case as determined by the Issuer, acting in good faith;

“Exchange Rate” means each prevailing rate of exchange between each Basket Constituent Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“Exercise” means a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“Exercisable Certificates” means, if “Exercisable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be exercisable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Exercise Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Expenses” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction, exercise or redemption charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties, arising in connection with (i) the exercise or redemption, as the case may be, of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or redemption, as the case may be, or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“Final Terms” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“Fund” means each fund (including exchange traded funds) specified as such in the definition of Basket in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“Fund Administrator” means, in respect of the Fund, the fund administrator, manager, trustee or similar person with the primary administrative responsibilities for such Fund according to the Fund Documents;

“Fund Adviser” means, in respect of any Fund, any person appointed in the role of discretionary investment manager or non-discretionary investment adviser (including a non-discretionary investment adviser to a discretionary investment manager or to another non-discretionary investment adviser) for such Fund;

“Fund Documents” means, with respect to any Fund or Reference Asset, the constitutive and governing documents, subscription agreements and other agreements of the related Fund or Reference Asset specifying the terms and conditions relating to such Fund or Reference Asset and which shall include any Hedging Agreement, each as amended from time to time;

“Fund Event” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4(e), any Potential Fund

Event and any Additional Fund Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Fund Final Reference Price” (“FFRP”) means in respect of each Fund, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Fund Reference Price on the Valuation Date;

“Fund Initial Reference Price” (“FIRP”) means, in respect of each Fund, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Fund Reference Price on the Pricing Date;

“Fund Prospectus” means the disclosure document howsoever described prepared in connection with the marketing of the Fund and, in relation to any Replacement Fund, means the disclosure document howsoever described prepared in connection with the marketing of the Replacement Fund and that, as at the Inclusion Date, was the most recent version thereof, each as amended from time to time;

“Fund Reference Price” means in respect of each Fund, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the NAV of such Fund as quoted by the fund manager or, where such Fund is an exchange traded fund, the trading price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange, in each case at the Valuation Time on a Trading Day, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction, or (if in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price or NAV (as the case may be) can be determined and no Emerging Market Disruption Event or Fund Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its estimate of the NAV of such Fund or, where such Fund is an exchange traded fund, the trading price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange, in each case having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported NAV of such Fund or, where such Fund is an exchange traded fund, the last reported trading price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“Fund Return” means an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Fund Service Provider” means, in respect of any Fund, any person who is appointed to provide services, directly or indirectly, for that Fund, whether or not specified in the Fund Documents or the Fund Prospectus, including but not limited to any Fund Adviser, Fund Administrator, operator, management company, depository, custodian, sub-custodian, prime broker, trustee, registrar and transfer agent or domiciliary agent;

“FX Rate” means each rate specified as such in the definition of the Basket in the relevant Series in

the applicable Final Terms as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to the Screen Page (if any) or to such other sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time, subject to Product Condition 4;

“FX Rate Final Reference Price” (“FXFRP”) means in respect of each FX Rate, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the FX Rate Reference Price on the Valuation Date;

“FX Rate Initial Reference Price” (“FXIRP”) means, in respect of each FX Rate, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the FX Rate Reference Price on the Pricing Date;

“FX Rate Reference Price” means in respect of each FX Rate, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, equal to the FX Rate at the Valuation Time on a Trading Day, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such rate can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the FX Rate on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported FX Rate and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“FX Rate Return” means an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Governmental Authority” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“Hedging Agreement” means any agreement, whether by way of side letter or otherwise, in respect of any hedging arrangement entered into between: (a) the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider; and (b) the Fund, the Fund Adviser, any other Fund Service Provider or the directors of the Fund;

“Inclusion Date” means (i) in respect of the Fund, the Issue Date and (ii) in respect of any Replacement Fund, means the Substitution Date of that Fund;

“Index” means each index or Commodity Index specified as such in the definition of the Basket in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“Index Final Reference Price” (“IFRP”) means in respect of each Index, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Index Reference Price on the

Valuation Date;

“Index Initial Reference Price” (“IIRP”) means, in respect of each Index, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Index Reference Price on the Pricing Date;

“Index Reference Price” means in respect of each Index, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the level of the Index at the Valuation Time on a Trading Day, as determined by the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such level can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) a level determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the official closing level of the Index on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price(s) of (a) the Index Shares (in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index) or (b) the components of the Index (in respect of a Commodity Index) and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“Index Return” means an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Index Sponsor” means the corporation or other entity that (i) is responsible for setting and reviewing the rules and procedures and the methods of calculation and adjustments, if any, related to the relevant Index and/or (ii) announces (directly or through an agent) the level of the relevant Index on a regular basis during each Trading Day and references to Index Sponsor shall include any successor index sponsor pursuant to Product Condition 4;

“Interest Amount” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Interest Payment Dates” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Interest Period” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period commencing on (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Interest Payment Date;

“Interest Rate” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, the rate specified as

such, or determined in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Interest Rate Day Count Fraction” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, that interest shall be calculated on the basis specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Issue Date” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“Issuer” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“Issuer Call” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3(b);

“Issuer Call Cash Amount” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the amount specified, or determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of Issuer Call Cash Amount for the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Issuer Call Cash Amount payable to a Holder shall be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“Issuer Call Commencement Date” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Issuer Call Date” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if no such date is specified, the date specified as such in the notice delivered by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3 and, if such day is not a Trading Day, means the first succeeding Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf either:

- (i) a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day with respect to any Basket Constituent in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Issuer or Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Issuer or Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is a Market Disruption Event, occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (A) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and

(B) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall determine the Issuer Call Cash Amount having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Basket Constituent or, where the Basket Constituent is an exchange traded fund, the last reported trading price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent deems relevant; or

- (ii) a Fund Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the provisions of Product Condition 4(j) shall apply and the Issuer Call Date shall be adjusted accordingly;

“Issuer Call Notice Period” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Launch Date” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“Market Disruption Event” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“Merger Event” means, in respect of any relevant shares, units or interests issued by a Relevant Party, any (i) reclassification or change of such shares, units or interests that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all of such shares, units or interests outstanding to another entity or person, (ii) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of such Relevant Party with or into another entity or person (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Relevant Party is the continuing entity and which does not result in a reclassification or change of all of such shares, units or interests outstanding), (iii) takeover offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person to purchase or otherwise obtain 100 per cent. of the outstanding shares, units or interests of such Relevant Party that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all such shares, units or interests (other than such shares, units or interests owned or controlled by such other entity or person), or (iv) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of the Relevant Party or its subsidiaries with or into another entity in which the Relevant Party is the continuing entity and which does not result in a reclassification or change of all such shares, units or interests outstanding but results in the outstanding shares, units or interests (other than shares, units or interests owned or controlled by such other entity) immediately prior to such event collectively representing less than 50 per cent. of the outstanding shares, units or interests immediately following such event;

“NAV” means net asset value;

“Payment Day” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign

exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System is open;

“**Portfolio Guidelines**” means the investment guidelines and restrictions specified in respect of a Fund and as set out in the relevant Fund Prospectus and/or the relevant Fund Documents;

“**Potential Fund Event**” means any event or circumstance which would or may (with the expiry of a grace period, the giving of notice, the making of any determination or any combination of any of the foregoing), in the determination of the Calculation Agent, constitute or cause a Fund Event or where the Calculation Agent reasonably believes in good faith that a Fund Event may have occurred but does not at that time have evidence thereof;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf if, in adverse market conditions, in the opinion of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, the circumstances so require;

“**Redeemable Certificates**” means, if “Redeemable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be redeemable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“**Redemption Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Reference Asset**” means the relevant interests in each Fund or if the Fund is an exchange traded fund the relevant interests specified as “Reference Assets” in the definition of Basket in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Related Exchange**” means in respect of each Certificate, Commodity, Share or Index, an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the relevant Certificate, Commodity, Share or Index are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt

(“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“**Relevant Currency Exchange Rate**” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Relevant Party**” means each of the Fund and the Fund Adviser;

“**Replacement Fund**” means, in relation to a Fund, the fund selected by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf to replace that Fund in accordance with clause 4(j)(B). Such Replacement Fund will have a similar risk profile as the Fund replaced, as determined by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf.

“**Screen Page**” means each page specified as such in the definition of the Basket in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to any such page which contains the same information, or any other such page reference as the Calculation Agent determines and “**Screen Pages**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Securities**” means each Series of multi-asset basket linked certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms which may either be Exercisable Certificates or Redeemable Certificates and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Share**” means each share specified as such in the definition of Basket in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Share Company**” means for each Share, the share company specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Share Final Reference Price**” (“**SFRP**”) means in respect of each Share, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Share Reference Price on the

Valuation Date;

“**Share Initial Reference Price**” (“**SIRP**”) means, in respect of each Share, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Share Reference Price on the Pricing Date;

“**Share Reference Price**” means in respect of each Share, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the price determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Share on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of such Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Share Return**” means an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Substitution Date**” means, in relation to a Fund, the date selected by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf for the replacement of the Fund by a Replacement Fund.

“**Trading Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, (i) with respect to each Certificate, Commodity, Fund that is an exchange traded fund or Share, any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event or Fund Event, as applicable, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time, (ii) with respect to a Fund, any day (or, but for the occurrence of a Fund Event, would have been a day) on which trading in the Fund can take place, (iii) with respect to an Index, any day on which the Index Sponsor should calculate and publish the closing level of the Index according to its rules and (v) with respect to an FX Rate, any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the principal financial centre of the Settlement Currency;

“Valuation Date” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, either

- (i) a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day with respect to any Basket Constituent, in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is no Market Disruption Event unless the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (b) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall determine the price, level or NAV, as applicable, having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Basket Constituent and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; or
- (ii) a Fund Event has occurred on that day in which case the provisions of Product Condition 4(i)(ii) shall apply and the Valuation Date shall be adjusted accordingly;

“Valuation Time” means (i) with respect to each Commodity and FX Rate at or around the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, (ii) in respect of (x) the AEX-index, the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the exchange delivery settlement price (the average of the prices of the AEX-index calculated at one minute intervals between 15.30 and 16.00 Amsterdam time) or (y) any other Index, the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the closing level of the Index or in relation to (x) and (y) at such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, (iii) with respect to each Certificate or Share, the official close of trading on the relevant Exchange, (iv) with respect to each Fund (other than those Funds which are exchange traded funds) the time with reference to which the fund manager publishes the NAV or value and (v) with respect to Funds which are exchange traded funds the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant series in the applicable Final Terms. All unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, such other time as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; and

“Weight” means, for each Basket Constituent, the percentage specified as such in the definition of Basket of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

2. FORM

(a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depository for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

(b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

If CREST is specified as the Clearing Agent in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will be cleared through CREST. Such Securities will be registered securities in dematerialised and uncertificated form, and will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “**Regulations**”).

Securities cleared through CREST may be transferred in accordance with the Regulations and the rules, procedures and practices of the relevant Operator (as defined below). No transfer of such Securities will be valid unless and until entered on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in and in accordance with, the Regulations).

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator and the Regulations. Subject to this requirement, (i) each person who is for the time being shown in the Register as the holder of such Securities shall be treated by the Issuer and the Registrar as the holder of such Securities for all purposes and (ii) neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be liable in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done by it or on its behalf in reliance upon the assumption that the particulars entered in the Register which the Registrar maintains are in accordance with particulars entered in the Operator register of corporate securities relating to such Securities (and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

Any reference to the “**Operator**” (as such term is used in the Regulations) shall be to CREST and shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any such additional or alternative Operator approved by the Issuer from time to time in accordance with the Regulations and notified to the relevant Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase indicating that they are obliged to or will carry out any role or obligation described in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, is given without any assumption by the Issuer, the relevant Registrar or the Calculation Agent of responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised

Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Early Termination Event has occurred and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call, Securities which are Exercisable Certificates will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.
- (b) Issuer Call. If “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may terminate, subject to a valid Exercise or Early Termination Event (if applicable), the Securities in whole, but not in part, on any Business Day at the Issuer Call Cash Amount by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4 and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.
- (c) Early Termination Event: Upon the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities will terminate automatically and the Issuer will give notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. An Early Termination Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Early Termination Event occurs prior to an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date as the case may be.
- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate upon Exercise, subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date;

and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate upon redemption, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date, in each case, the Cash Amount. Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate following an Early Termination Event, subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date; and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate an Early Termination Event, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date, in each case, the Early Termination Amount. Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate upon termination pursuant to an Issuer Call, subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date; and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate upon termination pursuant to an Issuer Call, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date, in each case, the Issuer Call Cash Amount.

- (e) Interest Amount. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall bear interest at the Interest Rate. The Interest Amount is calculated by reference to the relevant Interest Period, the Interest Rate and the Interest Rate Day Count Fraction, and is payable on each Interest Payment Date.
- (f) Interest Accrual. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall cease to accrue interest from (and including) (i) exercise (in the case of Exercisable Certificates); or (ii) redemption (in the case of Redeemable Certificates). No interest shall accrue after the Exercise Date, the Redemption Date, the Issuer Call Date in respect of an Issuer Call or after the Early Termination Date in respect of which an Early Termination Event occurs, as the case may be, in the event that payment of any amount is postponed due to a Market Disruption Event or a Fund Event.
- (g) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (h) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount, Early Termination Amount or Interest Amount, if applicable.
- (i) Notice. All payments in relation to Securities which are Exercisable Certificates shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal

business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount or Early Termination Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
- (vi) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S

under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

- (vii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (j) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, in either case reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar of its holding of such Securities.
- (k) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount (if any) for each Security
 - (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate with respect to which a Notice has been delivered, to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date; or
 - (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, to the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar into which the Cash Amount is to be credited for value on the Redemption Date.
- (l) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is not delivered to the Registrar, in each case as provided in the Conditions shall be void.

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, at the time such correction is delivered to the Registrar as provided in the Conditions.

Any Security with respect to which a Notice has not been duly completed and delivered in the manner set out above by the time specified in Product Condition 3 shall become void.

The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared

through CREST, the Registrar shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (m) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (n) Exercise and Settlement or Redemption Risk. Exercise and settlement or redemption, as the case may be, of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (o) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (p) Presentation and Surrender. Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) **Market Disruption in relation to a Commodity.** The Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

In this Product Condition 4(a), a “**Market Disruption Event**” means:

- (i) **Price Source Disruption.** The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the price for the Commodity (or the information necessary for determining such price), or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price by the Exchange; or
- (ii) **Trading Suspension.** The material suspension of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange; or
- (iii) **Disappearance of Price.** The failure of trading to commence, or the permanent discontinuation of trading of the Commodity on the Exchange; or
- (iv) **Material Change in nature of or pricing method.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the basis for (including but not limited to the quantity, quality or currency), or method of calculating the price of the Commodity; or
- (v) **Material Change in Content.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the content, composition of the Commodity; or
- (vi) **De Minimis Trading.** The number of contracts traded on the Exchange with respect to the Commodity is such that the Issuer declares that its ability to enter into hedging transactions with respect to the Commodity has been impaired due to a lack of, or, a material reduction in, trading in the Commodity on the Exchange; or
- (vii) **Tax Disruption.** The imposition of, change in, or removal of an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, the Commodity (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Issue Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the price of the Commodity on the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be, and/or on each of the three Trading Days following the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be, from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; or
- (viii) **Trading Limitation.** The material limitation imposed on trading in the Commodity with respect to it or any contract with respect thereto on any exchange or principal trading market; or

- (ix) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.
- (b) Market Disruption in relation to an FX Rate. The Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

In this Product Condition 4(b), a “**Market Disruption Event**” means:

- (i) Price Source Disruption. If it becomes impossible to obtain any one or more FX Rates on the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be; or
- (ii) Governmental Default. If with respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (i) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (ii) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (iii) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iii) Inconvertibility/non-transferrability. The occurrence of any event which (i) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in any one or more FX Rates through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of a Basket Constituent Currency or (ii) generally makes it impossible to deliver a Basket Constituent Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of that Basket Constituent Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Settlement Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-

resident of such jurisdiction; or

- (iv) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalization or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates), of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of a Basket Constituent Currency; or
- (v) Illiquidity. Any impossibility in obtaining a firm quote for any one or more FX Rates or the Settlement Currency for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vi) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of a Basket Constituent Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of that Basket Constituent Currency; or
- (vii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of a Basket Constituent Currency; or
- (viii) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of a Basket Constituent Currency; or
- (ix) Other Events. Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.

For this purpose a “**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of the Settlement Currency.

- (c) Market Disruption in relation to a Certificate and a Share. The Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

In this Product Condition 4(c), “**Market Disruption Event**” means:

- (1) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the

disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):

- (A) in the Shares or Certificates, as applicable, on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed; or
 - (B) in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Shares or Certificates, as applicable, on any Related Exchange if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material; or
- (2) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located.

For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (d) Market Disruption in relation to an Index. The Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

In this Product Condition 4(d), in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, “**Market Disruption Event**” means (i) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which any Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or (ii) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):

- (1) on any Exchange(s) in securities that comprise 20 per cent or more of the level of the relevant Index if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material. For the purpose of determining

whether such suspension or limitation is material, if trading in a security included in the Index is suspended or materially limited at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security to the level of the Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that security relative to (y) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately before that suspension or limitation; or

- (2) on any Related Exchange in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the relevant Index. In any event, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the relevant exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the relevant exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

In this Product Condition 4(d), In respect of a Commodity Index, “**Market Disruption Event**” means, in relation to the Commodity Index or its components:

- (i) **Price Source Disruption.** The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the price of the Commodity Index or any of its components (or the information necessary for determining such price(s)) or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price(s) by the Exchange; or
- (ii) **Trading Suspension.** The material suspension of trading on the Exchange; or
- (iii) **Disappearance of Price.** The permanent discontinuation of trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Exchange, disappearance of, or of trading in, the Commodity Index or any of its components or the disappearance or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of a reference price, notwithstanding the availability of the related price source or the status of trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components;
- (iv) **Material Change in Formula.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the basis for (including but not limited to the quantity, quality or currency), or method of, calculating the price of a component of the Commodity Index; or
- (v) **Material Change in Content.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the content or composition of a Commodity Index or any of its components; or

- (vi) **De Minimis Trading.** The number of contracts traded on the Exchange with respect to a Commodity Index or any of its components is such that the Issuer declares that its ability to enter into hedging transactions with respect to the Commodity Index or any of its components has been impaired due to a lack of, or a material reduction in, trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Exchange; or
 - (vii) **Tax Disruption.** The imposition of, change in, or removal of, an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, a Commodity Index or any of its components (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Issue Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the price of the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be, and/or on each of the three Trading Days following the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be, from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; or
 - (viii) **Trading Limitation.** The material limitation imposed on trading in a Commodity Index or any of its components on any exchange or principal trading market; or
 - (ix) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange is located; or
 - (x) **Other Events.** Any other event similar to any of the above which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.
- (e) Potential Adjustment Events in relation to a Share. Following a declaration by the Share Company of the terms of any Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent will determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Share and, if so, will:
- (1) make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any one or more of the Conditions as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect; and
 - (2) determine the effective date of that adjustment.

The Calculation Agent may, but need not, determine the adjustment by reference to

the adjustment in respect of such Potential Adjustment Event made by an options exchange to options on the Shares traded on that options exchange. Upon making any such adjustment, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the adjustment to be made to the Conditions and giving brief details of the Potential Adjustment Event.

“Potential Adjustment Event” means any of the following: (A) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Shares (unless a Merger Event) or a free distribution or dividend of such Shares to existing holders of the relevant Shares by way of bonus, capitalisation, recapitalisation or similar issue; (B) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the relevant Shares of (aa) such Shares, or (bb) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the Share Company equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of such Shares, or (cc) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (cash or other) at less than the prevailing market price as determined by the Calculation Agent; (C) an extraordinary dividend; (D) a distribution of cash dividends on the Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (E) a call by the Share Company in respect of relevant Shares that are not fully paid; (F) a repurchase by the Share Company of relevant Shares whether out of profits or capital and whether the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise; or (G) any other similar event that may have a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares.

- (f) De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation and Insolvency. If a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to the Share Company, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (1), (2) or (3) below:
- (1) require the Calculation Agent to determine in its sole and absolute discretion the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any of the other terms of these Conditions to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, and determine the effective date of that adjustment. The Calculation Agent may (but is under no obligation to) determine the appropriate adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency made by any Related Exchange to options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on such Related Exchange; or

- (2) cancel the Securities by giving notice to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. If the Securities are to be cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each Security held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a Security (taking into account the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be)) on the day selected for cancellation as shall be selected by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion adjusted to account fully for any losses, expenses and costs to the Issuer and/or any affiliate of the Issuer of unwinding or adjusting any underlying or related hedging arrangements (including but not limited to any equity options or selling or otherwise realising any Shares or other instruments of any type whatsoever which the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates may hold as part of such hedging arrangements), all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; or
- (3) following any adjustment to the settlement of terms of options contracts or futures contracts or any other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on any Related Exchange, require the Calculation Agent to make a corresponding adjustment to any of the other terms of these Conditions, which adjustment will be effective as of the date determined by the Calculation Agent to be the effective date of the corresponding adjustment made by the Related Exchange. If options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are not traded on the Related Exchange, the Calculation Agent will make such adjustment, if any, to any of the other terms of these Conditions as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines appropriate, with reference to the rules and precedents (if any) set by the Related Exchange to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) that in the determination of the Calculation Agent would have given rise to an adjustment by the Related Exchange if such options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts were so traded.

Upon the occurrence of a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the occurrence of such De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto.

“De-listing” (in this Product Condition 4(f) only) means a Share for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Share is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

“Merger Date” means the closing date of a Merger Event or, where a closing date cannot be determined under the local law applicable to such Merger Event, such other date as determined by the Calculation Agent.

“Merger Event” (in this Product Condition 4(f) only) means any (i) reclassification or change to the Shares that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all or a majority of the outstanding Shares; (ii) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of a Share Company with or into another entity (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Share Company is the continuing entity and which does not result in any such reclassification or change to all the outstanding Shares); or (iii) take-over offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person to purchase or otherwise obtain 100 per cent. of the outstanding Shares that results in a transfer of, or an irrevocable commitment to transfer a majority of the voting power of the Share Company to the offeror, in each case if the Merger Date is on or before the Determination Date.

“Nationalisation” means that all the Shares of a Share Company or all the assets or substantially all the assets of a Share Company are nationalised, expropriated or are otherwise required to be transferred to any governmental agency, authority or entity.

“Insolvency” means that by reason of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, bankruptcy or insolvency of or any analogous proceeding affecting a Share Company (1) all the Shares are required to be transferred to a receiver, trustee, liquidator or other similar official or (2) holders of the Shares of that Share Company become legally prohibited from transferring them.

(g) Potential Adjustment Events in relation to an Index. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made by it pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2), (3) or (4) below.

(1) If any Index is (A) not calculated and announced by the Index Sponsor but is calculated and published by a successor to the Index Sponsor (the **“Successor Sponsor”**) acceptable to the Calculation Agent; or (B) replaced by a successor index using, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a

substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of the relevant Index, then (in either case) the relevant Index will be deemed to be the index so calculated and announced by such Successor Sponsor or that successor index, as the case may be.

- (2) If (A) on or prior to the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be, the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor makes a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating any Index or in any other way materially modifies an Index (other than a modification prescribed in that formula or method to maintain the Index in the event of changes in constituent securities or components, as the case may be, and other routine events); or (B) on or prior to the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be, the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor fails to calculate and/or publish any Index; then (in either case) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Index Final Reference Price using, in lieu of a published level for the relevant Index on the Valuation Date, the level for the relevant Index as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the relevant Index last in effect prior to the change or failure, but using only those (a) in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, securities that comprised the relevant Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those securities that have since ceased to be listed on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed); or (b) in respect of a Commodity Index, commodity components that comprised the Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those components that have since ceased to be traded on the Exchange or any other exchange) or, in the case of a material modification of the Index only, shall deem such modified Index to be the Index so calculated and announced or shall (if so required by the Issuer), by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4, terminate the Securities and pay to each Holder in respect of each Security held by such Holder an amount equal to the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such material modification of the Index less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements (as determined by the Issuer).
- (3) If, at any time, any of the events specified in (A) to (H) below occurs and the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor has not in the opinion of the Calculation Agent made an appropriate adjustment to the level of the relevant Index (which term excludes, for these purposes of this paragraph (iii), any

Commodity Index) in order to account fully for such event, notwithstanding that the rules published or applied by the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor pertaining to the Index have been applied, the Calculation Agent shall make such adjustment to the level of the relevant Index as it considers appropriate in order so to account for: (A) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the Index Shares (i) the Index Shares; or (ii) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the issuer of the Index Shares equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of Index Shares or (iii) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (in cash or otherwise) at less than the prevailing market price; (B) a free distribution or dividend of any Index Shares to existing holders of the Index Shares by way of bonus, capitalisation or similar issue; (C) an extraordinary dividend; (D) any cash dividends declared on the Index Shares at a time when the relevant issuer of the Index Shares has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Index Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (E) any non-cash dividends declared on the Index Shares at a time when the relevant issuer of the Index Shares has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Index Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (F) any other extraordinary cash or non-cash dividend on, or distribution with respect to, the Index Shares which is, by its terms or declared intent, declared and paid outside the normal operations or normal dividend procedures of the relevant issuer of the Index Shares, provided that, in all cases, the related ex-dividend date occurs during the period from but including the Issue Date up to and excluding the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be; (G) a distribution of cash dividends on the Index Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Index Shares; and (H) any other similar event having a dilutive or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Index Shares.

- (4) The Issuer reserves the right to issue further Securities, make adjustments or to distribute to the Holders any rights in connection with the Securities as it reasonably believes are appropriate in circumstances where an event or events occur which the Issuer (in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any adjustments previously made to the Securities) believes should, in the context of the issue of Securities and its obligations hereunder, give rise to such adjustment or distribution, provided that such adjustment is considered by the Calculation Agent either to be appropriate generally (without considering the individual

circumstances of any Holder or the tax or other consequences of such adjustment in any particular jurisdiction) or to be required to take account of provisions of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction or the practices of the Exchange. The Issuer, in any event, reserves the right to in its absolute discretion terminate Securities linked to any Proprietary Index by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4, in the event that the relevant Index Sponsor terminates, cancels or suspends, as the case may be, any such Proprietary Index.

(h) Adjustments to the Basket

If a De-Listing occurs with respect to a Fund, Certificate or a Share, as applicable or a Fund, Certificate or Share, as applicable is for any reason cancelled or ceases to exist, the Calculation Agent may determine in its sole discretion to either (A) replace the de-listed or cancelled Fund, Certificate or Share, as applicable by a successor fund, certificate or share, as applicable which has in the determination of the Calculation Agent the same or substantially similar structure and a substantially similar economic impact, and is linked to the same asset as such Fund, Certificate or Share, as applicable (B) remove the de-listed or cancelled Fund, Certificate or Share, as applicable and allocate the Fund Final Reference, Certificate Final Reference Price or Share Final Reference Price, as applicable of such Fund, Certificate or Share, as applicable as of the effective date of the de-listing or cancellation, pro rata to the remaining Funds, Certificates or Shares, as applicable or (C) make such other adjustments to the Conditions as the Calculation Agent sees fit, acting in its absolute discretion.

The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made pursuant to the foregoing paragraph.

“**De-listing**” means, for the purpose of the foregoing paragraph, a Basket Constituent for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange or any other exchanges on which they are listed (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and they are not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

(i) Fund Events.

Each of the following events constitutes a “**Fund Event**”. The Fund Events are for the benefit of the Issuer in order that the Issuer is protected against any adverse effects of such Fund Events on its Hedge Position. The Issuer, or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, shall make all determinations in respect of such Fund Events including as to

whether such Fund Event has occurred and the effective date of such occurrence. In order to constitute a Fund Event, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf must conclude that the event in question either has resulted or is reasonably likely to result in an adverse effect on the value of the Reference Assets or the NAV of the Fund or on the rights of any investor therein with respect to the Reference Assets or the Fund or otherwise has materially adversely affected its Hedge Position.

(A) Global Events:

- (1) Any of: (a) the investment strategy and/or the investment objective of the Fund has changed so that it is materially different from that applicable at its Inclusion Date or (b) a material change has been made to the underlying nature, strategy or risk of the Fund's portfolio from that which prevailed at its Inclusion Date and that is over and above that expected by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf as of the Inclusion Date with respect to the trading strategies employed by the Fund as of that date or (c) the operation or organisation of the Fund or the Fund Adviser (including, without limitation, its organisational structure and its procedures, processes or policies in respect of investment selection, due diligence, asset allocation, risk management or investment monitoring) has changed from that at the Inclusion Date or are other than as represented at such Inclusion Date or (d) any such procedures, processes or policies as are referred to in (c) above are either not being applied or are not being applied consistently with their application on the Inclusion Date or (e) an event or change affecting any of the structure, ownership, management or reputation or liquidity of the Fund or the Reference Assets and/or any other units in the capital of the Fund and/or any Fund Service Provider occurs or (f) any other amendments, changes, modifications or variations are made after the Inclusion Date to any of the Fund Documents, the Fund Prospectus or the Portfolio Guidelines.
- (2) (a) the Fund is not being managed in accordance with the Fund Documents and/or the Fund Prospectus as they prevailed on the Inclusion Date, and no action satisfactory to

the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf has been taken by the Fund or any person on its behalf with a view towards correcting such breach within five calendar days from the date on which the Fund was notified of the breach, or (b) any event occurs which causes, or will with the passage of time (in the opinion of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf) cause, the failure of the Fund and/or any Fund Service Provider to meet or maintain any obligation or undertaking under the Fund Documents.

- (3) The Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that (a) the obligations of any of the Fund or any Fund Service Provider or the directors of the Fund under any Hedging Agreement do not comprise legal, valid and binding obligations of such person, enforceable in accordance with their terms or (b) any of the Fund or any Fund Service Provider was acting outside its powers or authority in executing any Hedging Agreement or in making any agreement or undertaking therein. Each of (a) and (b) shall be conclusively presumed to be the case if the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf is advised that such is the case by reputable legal counsel having expertise in such matters.
- (4) The activities of the Fund or any Fund Service Provider and/or any of their respective directors, officers, employees or agents are placed under review or become subject to any investigation, proceeding or litigation by any relevant governmental, legal, administrative or regulatory authority or court of competent jurisdiction and/or are subject to any charges or actions by any governmental, legal, administrative or regulatory authority for reasons of wrongdoing, suspected wrongdoing, alleged engagement in fraudulent activities, breach of any rule or regulation or other similar reason and/or the Fund or any Fund Service Provider and/or any of their respective directors, officers, employees or agents have any of their respective registrations, approvals, authorisations, licences or memberships with any

administrative or regulatory authorities revoked, suspended, terminated, limited or qualified.

- (5) Written notification is given by the Fund or any Fund Service Provider (or any person acting on behalf thereof) to holders of Reference Assets or to the Fund Administrator of a proposed cessation of operation of the Fund or the Fund or any Fund Service Provider (a) is dissolved or has a resolution passed for its dissolution, winding-up, official liquidation; (b) makes a general assignment or arrangement with or for the benefit of its creditors; (c) (I) institutes or has instituted against it, by a regulator, supervisor or any similar official with primary insolvency, rehabilitative or regulatory jurisdiction over it in the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization or the jurisdiction of its head or home office, a proceeding seeking a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or any other relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law or other similar law affecting creditors' rights, or a petition is presented for its winding-up or liquidation by it or such regulator, supervisor or similar official, or (II) has instituted against it a proceeding seeking a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or any other relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law or other similar law affecting creditors' rights, or a petition is presented for its winding-up or liquidation, and such proceeding or petition is instituted or presented by a person or entity not described in clause 4(i)(A)(5)(c)(I) above and in the case of this clause 4(i)(A)(5)(c)(II) either (x) results in a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or the entry of an order for relief or the making of an order for its winding-up or liquidation or (y) is not dismissed, discharged, stayed or restrained in each case within fifteen days of the institution or presentation thereof; (d) seeks or becomes subject to the appointment of an administrator, provisional liquidator, conservator, receiver, trustee, custodian or other similar official for it or for all or a substantial part of its assets; (e) any security granted by the Fund or any Fund Service Provider over any of its assets is enforced or

becomes capable of being enforced or any arrangement which in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf is comparable to security over any such assets (including without limitation any repurchase agreement or prime brokerage arrangement) becomes enforceable or capable of early termination or any derivatives, repurchase agreement, securities lending or other trading or dealing arrangement relating to the assets of the Fund becomes enforceable or capable of early termination by reason of any event of default (howsoever described) relating to the Fund or the relevant Fund Service Provider; or (f) causes or is subject to any event with respect to it which, under the applicable laws of any jurisdiction, has an analogous effect to any of the events specified in clauses 4(i)(A)(5)(a) through 4(i)(A)(5)(f) above.

- (6) The Fund or any Fund Service Provider becomes party to any litigation or dispute.
- (7) Any Merger Event occurs or is threatened.
- (8) The Fund or any Fund Service Provider has experienced or is experiencing a material adverse change in its business, assets, operations or financial condition which adversely impacts its ability to provide services to the Fund and/or the quality of such services.
- (9) In respect of any Reference Assets, any fraudulent or negligent entry is made on the register of such Reference Assets maintained by or on behalf of the Fund or there is a reduction in the number of such Reference Assets held for the account of any investor in the Fund for reasons beyond the control of that investor.
- (10) (a) any change occurs in the legal, tax, accounting or regulatory treatment of (i) the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider by reason of its investment in the Fund or the Reference Assets or (ii) the Fund or any Fund Service Provider, in each case from that which was applicable at the Inclusion Date or (b) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on

its behalf determines that any of Issuer, its affiliates or any Hedge Provider is or may in the future be unable, or it may be unduly onerous or impractical for any such entity, to perform any obligation (including, without limitation, any regulatory or accounting reporting obligation) imposed on any such entity by the law or regulation of any relevant jurisdiction, any relevant regulatory or administrative body or any court of competent jurisdiction, in each case by reason of its investment in the Fund or the Reference Assets or (c) the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider deems it necessary or appropriate, in order to comply with or remain within (i) any applicable legal and/or regulatory limits on the amounts of Reference Assets that it may hold and/or (ii) any internal exposure limits governing the maximum exposure (direct and indirect) that the Issuer, any relevant affiliate or the Hedge Provider as the case may be, is permitted to have to the Fund, to redeem all or some of the Reference Assets held by them.

- (11) A cross-contamination or other failure effectively to segregate the portfolio of assets occurs between different series, classes and/or sub-funds in relation to the Fund (if the Fund is part of an umbrella structure with more than one sub-fund).
- (12) A significant market, trading or exchange disruption and/or crisis in the major financial markets occurs.

(B) NAV/Price and Reporting:

- (1) There is (a) a failure to calculate and/or publish the NAV of the Fund on any day on which such calculation or publication was scheduled to be made in accordance with the Fund Documents and/or the Fund Prospectus as they prevailed on the Inclusion Date or (b) a failure to calculate and publish the NAV of the Fund with the frequency set out in the Fund Documents and/or the Fund Prospectus as they prevailed on the Inclusion Date or (c) where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, a failure to publish the trading price of the Reference Assets on the Exchange.

- (2) (a) Any change is made to the methodology used for calculating either the NAV of the Fund or any estimate of the NAV of the Fund from that which prevailed on the Inclusion Date or (b) there is a failure to calculate and deliver any estimate of the NAV of the Fund in accordance with the timing within which such information has previously been provided to the Issuer, the Calculation Agent, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider.
- (3) (a) The time delay between calculation of the NAV (or any estimated NAV) of the Fund and the publication of such NAV (or estimated NAV) is changed so that it is no longer the same as set out in the Fund Prospectus as it prevailed on the Inclusion Date or (b) any other information relating to the Fund that was specified to be published in accordance with the Fund Documents or the Fund Prospectus as they respectively prevailed on the Inclusion Date is not published in accordance with the timetable therefor set out in such documents.
- (4) The audited NAV of the Fund varies by more than 0.50 per cent. from the related NAV previously published by or on behalf of the Fund, or the auditors of the Fund qualify any audit report, or refuse to provide an unqualified audit report, in respect of the Fund, or the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf considers that the unaudited official NAV of the Fund published by or on behalf of the Fund in respect of any date does not reflect the NAV of such Fund as it would have been determined by the independent auditors of that Fund using the generally accepted accounting standards adopted by the Fund.
- (5) (i) In respect of any Reference Asset, the occurrence of any event affecting such Reference Asset that, in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, would make it impossible or impracticable for the Issuer or the Calculation Agent to determine the value of such Reference Asset, and the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that such event will not be, or

has not been, resolved within 15 calendar days from the occurrence of such event; (ii) any failure of the Fund, any Fund Service Provider or any director of the Fund to deliver, or cause to be delivered, (A) information that such person has agreed to deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Issuer, the Calculation Agent, any of the Issuer's affiliates or any Hedge Provider in respect of the Fund (including, without limitation, any information required by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent in the execution of its duties and obligations under the Securities or required by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent in order to determine whether any Fund Event has occurred or to make any other determination permitted by it in respect of the Securities) or (B) information that has been previously delivered to the Issuer, the Calculation Agent, any of the Issuer's affiliates or any Hedge Provider, in accordance with such person's, or its authorised representative's, normal practice and that the Issuer or the Calculation Agent deems necessary for it to perform its duties and obligations under the Securities or that the Issuer or the Calculation Agent deems is required by it in order to determine whether any Fund Event has occurred or to make any other determination permitted by it in respect of the Securities (including, in either case, monitoring the Fund's compliance with any Portfolio Guidelines, asset allocation methodologies, the occurrence of any Fund Event or any other similar policies relating to such Reference Assets).

(C) Reference Assets:

Any of the following events relating to the Reference Assets occurs:

- (1) a subdivision, reclassification or distribution of Reference Assets which has a diluting or concentrative or other effect on the value (theoretical or otherwise) of the Reference Assets;
- (2) a portion of each Reference Asset is converted (whether by way of redemption and re-issue or otherwise) into new

securities participating in the capital of the Fund, which securities are subject to lock-up periods during which they may not be redeemed and which relate to any segregated assets of the Fund, or the Fund creates any other form of “side-pocket” which affects the Reference Assets;

- (3) a (i) dividend (including cash and whether ordinary or extraordinary), (ii) distribution or (iii) issue of Reference Assets, capital, securities, rights or other assets or interests to existing holders of Reference Assets which has or is likely to have an adverse effect on the value (theoretical or otherwise) of the Reference Assets;
- (4) any suspension or limitation on the trading of the relevant currencies in which the Reference Assets are denominated or any amendment to the currency of denomination of the Reference Assets so that their price is no longer calculated in the same currency as at the Inclusion Date of the Fund; or

(D) Trading and Fees:

- (1) In respect of the Reference Assets, the Fund or any Fund Service Provider increases the level of any redemption fee, subscription fee, management fee, performance fee or a bid/offer spread (or other charge however described) above the level that would have been applicable to any Reference Assets held by any of the Issuer, any affiliate of the Issuer or any Hedge Provider on the Inclusion Date (regardless of whether any such person actually holds any Reference Assets as of such date).
- (2) Any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading of the Fund or on trading in the Reference Assets (for any reason, including, without limitation, by reason of liquidity restrictions) or any dealing request made by any investor or prospective investor in the Fund or the Reference Assets is deferred in whole or in part or is made at a value other than the related NAV or price, as applicable.
- (3) The frequency at which Reference Assets can be traded is amended or the timing for subscription or redemption of

Reference Assets is amended, in each case so that it is no longer that specified in the Fund Documents and/or Fund Prospectus as they prevailed on the Inclusion Date, including, without limitation, an amendment to the timetable for payment of redemption proceeds upon redemption.

(4) If any of the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider redeems Reference Assets or is entitled to any other amount and:

(I) does not receive the full proceeds of such redemption or amount in cash in accordance with the timing set out in the Fund Documents or the Fund Prospectus; or

(II) receives any in-kind distribution in full or part satisfaction of the redemption proceeds or such other amount paid or payable to it,

or the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that either (I) or (II) above would be applicable were the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider to redeem Reference Assets or be entitled to actual payment of any such other amount.

(E) Fund Adviser and Fund Service Provider Failures:

(1) The Fund Adviser indicates or acknowledges that in its opinion the strategy/investment objective of the Fund will not be, or is no longer able to be, met.

(2) Any representations, covenants or agreements of the Fund Adviser under the investment management agreement or investment advisory agreement (howsoever described) relating to the Fund have been breached and not cured.

(3) Any of: (a) the resignation, termination of appointment or replacement of the Fund Adviser from its role as such occurs or the resignation, termination of appointment or replacement of any other Fund Service Provider from its role as such occurs with respect to the Fund or (b) any change in the personnel of any Fund Service Provider occurs which the

Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf considers materially adversely affects the ability of such Fund Service Provider to carry out its duties with respect to the Fund.

- (4) The Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf becomes aware of any failure by the Fund or any person on its behalf to disclose to the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, on or before the Inclusion Date, any information, event or circumstance that was in existence on such date and that would have been necessary to enable the Issuer or the Calculation Agent to make an informed assessment of the assets and liabilities, financial position and prospects of the Fund and of the rights attaching to the Reference Assets.

- (F) General: Any other event occurs which the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines is analogous to any of the events specified in sub-paragraphs (A) to (E) above.

- (j) Consequences of a Fund Event.

In respect of each Fund Event, following the occurrence of such an event (and regardless of whether or not such event is then continuing) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may take any of following actions (each, a **“Permitted Action”**):

- (A) (1) make such adjustments to any variable, calculation methodology, valuation, settlement or payment terms or any other terms and conditions of the Securities as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines appropriate to account for the economic effect on the Securities of such Fund Event and (2) determine the effective date of the relevant adjustments; or
- (B) select a Replacement Fund and a Substitution Date. Following any such selection (1) the Replacement Fund shall replace the affected Fund on the Substitution Date, (2) references herein to the name of the affected Fund shall be deemed to be references to the name of the Replacement Fund with effect from the Substitution Date and (3) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may make such adjustment as it determines to be appropriate, if any, to any variable, calculation methodology, valuation, settlement or payment terms or any other terms and conditions in relation to the Securities to reflect

such substitution; or

- (C) terminate all, but not some only, of the Securities, on the date notified to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 and redeem the Securities at their fair market value immediately prior to such Fund Event less (i) the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging and funding arrangements (as determined by the Issuer); and (ii) the deduction of taxes, expenses and other similar charges; or
- (D) make such adjustments to any variable, calculation methodology, valuation, settlement or payment terms or any other terms and conditions of the Securities as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines are necessary to reflect a notional liquidation of all of the Reference Assets (with the timing of such notional liquidations being the same timing as would be the case on an actual liquidation of Reference Assets at the relevant time) and a notional investment of the liquidation proceeds in either (1) a zero coupon bond, or equivalent, such that, if the proceeds allow, the amount payable at redemption of such zero coupon bond is at least an amount per Security equal to the Issue Price of the Security, (2) an interest bearing deposit bearing interest at prevailing rates that would be offered by the Issuer in respect of such a deposit as determined by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, or (3) commercial paper rated at least A1/P1 or above by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (any transaction costs that would be incurred in respect of an actual such investment may be notionally charged to the Securities) (any of (1), (2) or (3), a "**Suspension Asset**").

Notwithstanding that the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may have previously determined not to take a Permitted Action, or to take one Permitted Action, it shall not be prevented from subsequently or concurrently deciding to adopt an additional or different Permitted Action in respect of the same Fund Event (whether on one or any number of occasions). In such respect, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may make such adjustments to any variable, calculation methodology, valuation, settlement or payment terms or any other terms and conditions of the Securities as it determines appropriate to account for the decision subsequently or concurrently made.

Notwithstanding anything in this sub-paragraph 4(j), neither the Issuer nor the Calculation Agent is under any obligation to determine that a Fund Event has occurred or to take any or all of the Permitted Actions. Any determinations made by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf in respect of any of the Permitted Actions shall, in the absence of manifest error, be binding.

(k) Fund Event Methodology and Determinations:

- (A) If, in respect of any determination or calculation hereunder which is made by reference to an official or estimated NAV of a Fund provided or published by or on behalf of the Fund or, where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, the last reported trading price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange in respect of a particular date, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that such value does not fairly represent the value of the Fund or Reference Asset as of such date, or that no such value is provided or published, then the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may use such other value as it determines as representing a fair NAV or price, as applicable, as of such date or, alternatively, may use a preceding official or estimated value where it believes that such preceding official or estimated value gives a fairer representation than the more recent figure.
- (B) Should the Fund operate equalisation procedures in respect of performance or incentive based fees, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may make such adjustments to these Product Conditions as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines appropriate to account for such equalisation in an equitable manner and, where such equalisation procedures operate by the issuance of different classes of shares in the Fund, then each of the Issuer and the Calculation Agent is permitted to deem any notional subscription or redemption on behalf of the Securities to be in such order and in respect of such classes as appear to it to be equitable and reasonable or to deem the return of such shares to be based on a benchmark or average of the different classes.
- (C) For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding any other Condition, the Issuer and the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall be entitled to

make any determination, waiver, declaration or decision with regard to a Fund Event and, without limitation, may make such determination, waiver, declaration or decision by reference to the establishment, operation and/or efficacy (whether actual or anticipated) of any Relevant Hedging Transaction. Neither the Issuer nor the Calculation Agent is under any obligation to monitor or determine whether or not a Fund Event has occurred and will not be required to, and will not be responsible for any failure to, make any determination, waiver, declaration or decision whatsoever in relation to a Fund Event. In making or omitting to make any such determination, waiver, declaration or decision, neither the Issuer nor the Calculation Agent shall be under any fiduciary duty towards the Holders and, for the avoidance of doubt, neither the Issuer nor the Calculation Agent shall be responsible for any loss, underperformance or opportunity cost suffered or incurred by Holders in connection with the Securities as a result thereof, howsoever arising.

- (1) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS
RELATING TO SINGLE CERTIFICATE-LINKED DISCOUNT CERTIFICATES (CASH OR PHYSICAL)

The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and/or The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, 8022 Zurich, Switzerland (the “**Swiss Agent**”), each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, (a) a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business; and (b) a day on which the Exchange is open for business;

“**Capped Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Cash Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate if an Exchange Rate is specified and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Certificate**” means the certificate specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4 and “**Certificates**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Certificate Amount**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, one Certificate, multiplied by the Entitlement, if an Entitlement is specified. If the Certificate Amount is an amount comprising a fraction of any

Certificate, the Holder will receive a Certificate Amount comprising the nearest whole number (rounded down) of Certificates (taking into account that a Holder's entire holding may be aggregated at the Issuer's discretion for the purpose of delivering the relevant Certificate Amounts), and an amount in the Settlement Currency using the Exchange Rate, if applicable, equal to the value of the outstanding undelivered fraction of such Certificate, as calculated by the Calculation Agent on the basis of the Final Reference Price;

"Clearing Agent" means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a **"Clearing Agent"** and together the **"Clearing Agents"**);

"Delivery Details" means, where applicable, account details and/or the name and address of any person into whose name evidence of the Certificate Amount is to be registered and/or any bank, broker or agent to whom documents evidencing title are to be delivered;

"Disruption Cash Settlement Price" means the fair market value of each Security on such day as shall be selected by the Issuer less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangement, all as determined by the Issuer;

"Emerging Market Disruption Event" means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of

all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or

- (iv) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Entitlement**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition

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“**Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, where the Strike Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Strike Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercisable Certificates**” means, if “Exercisable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be exercisable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction, exercise or redemption charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties arising in connection with (i) the exercise or redemption, as the case may be, of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or redemption, as the case may be, or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, equal to the price of the Certificate quoted on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Certificate on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Certificate on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“Initial Reference Price” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, equal to the price of the Certificate quoted on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date as determined by the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Certificate on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Certificate on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“Issue Date” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“Issuer” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“Launch Date” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“Market Disruption Event” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“Payment Day” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is the euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross-settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“Physical Delivery Securities” means Securities settled by way of physical delivery;

“Pricing Date” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“Redeemable Certificates” means, if “Redeemable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be redeemable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Redemption Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Related Exchange” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which

options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Certificates are traded;

“Relevant Currency” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“Relevant Currency Exchange Rate” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“Relevant Number of Trading Days” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Securities” means each Series of the certificate-linked discount certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms which may either be Exercisable Certificates or Redeemable Certificates and each such certificate a **“Security”**. References to the terms **“Securities”** and **“Security”** shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“Series” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“Settlement Currency” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Settlement Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Settlement Disruption Event” means, in the determination of the Issuer, an event beyond the control of the Issuer as a result of which the Issuer cannot make delivery of the Certificate Amount in accordance with such market method as it decides at the relevant time for delivery of the Certificate Amount;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Strike Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Trading Day**” means any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Certificate and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means the close of trading on the Exchange or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form specified in Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by

a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with the Clearing Agent and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

If CREST is specified as the Clearing Agent in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will be cleared through CREST. Such Securities will be registered securities in dematerialised and uncertificated form, and will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “**Regulations**”).

Securities cleared through CREST may be transferred in accordance with the Regulations and the rules, procedures and practices of the relevant Operator (as defined below). No transfer of such Securities will be valid unless and until entered on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in and in accordance with, the Regulations).

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations).

The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator and the Regulations. Subject to this requirement, (i) each person who is for the time being shown in the Register as the holder of such Securities shall be treated by the Issuer and the Registrar as the holder of such Securities for all purposes and (ii) neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be liable in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done by it or on its behalf in reliance upon the assumption that the particulars entered in the Register which the Registrar maintains are in accordance with particulars entered in the Operator register of corporate securities relating to such Securities (and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

Any reference to the “**Operator**” (as such term is used in the Regulations) shall be to CREST and shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any such additional or alternative Operator approved by the Issuer from time to time in accordance with the Regulations and notified to the relevant Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase indicating that they are obliged to or will carry out any role or obligation described in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, is given without any assumption by the Issuer, the relevant Registrar or the Calculation Agent of responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance

of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Securities which are Exercisable Certificates will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Valuation Date.
- (b) Cash and Physical Settlement. Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate, upon due exercise, and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date or, if later, five Business Days following the delivery of the Notice; and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, upon redemption and (in the case of Physical Delivery Securities only) subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date or, if later, five Business Days following the delivery of the Notice (if applicable), in each case, subject to General Condition 6(c), the Cash Amount or the Certificate Amount, as the case may be, specified as such in the definition of Settlement for the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.
- (c) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.

- (d) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent or any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, the Certificate Amount, Realised Certificate Amount, or the Disruption Cash Settlement Price, as the case may be.

The purchase of Securities does not confer on any holder of such Securities any rights attached to the Certificates.

- (e) Notice. All payments (which term shall include delivery of any Certificate Amount) in relation to Securities which are Exercisable Certificates and delivery of any Certificate Amount in relation to Securities which are Redeemable Certificates shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall (as appropriate):

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with any Cash Amount;
- (v) specify the Delivery Details;
- (vi) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
- (vii) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the

United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

- (viii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (f) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, in either case reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar of its holding of such Securities.
- (g) Late Delivery of Notice. If the Notice is delivered to the relevant Clearing Agent or the copy is delivered to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, or in the case of Securities cleared through CREST, the Registrar after the close of business in the place of receipt on the Valuation Date, then the Certificate Amount will be delivered as soon as practicable after the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, (the date of delivery in relation to a Certificate Amount whether on or after the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, being the “**Delivery Date**”) in the manner provided below. For the avoidance of doubt, no holder of Securities or any other person shall be entitled to any payment, whether of interest or otherwise, by reason of the Delivery Date for such Securities occurring after the

Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, due to such Notice (or the copy thereof) being delivered after close of business on the Valuation Date as provided above. In the event that a Holder does not, in respect of a Security which is to be redeemed by delivery of the Certificate Amount, deliver or procure delivery of a Notice as set out above prior to the date that is 30 calendar days after the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, the Issuer shall have the right but not the obligation to sell the Certificates comprised in the Certificate Amount in respect of such Security in the open market or otherwise at a price determined by the Issuer, in its sole discretion, to be the fair market value of the Certificates multiplied by the Entitlement if an Entitlement is specified and shall hold the proceeds (the “**Realised Certificate Amount**”) for the account of the Holder until presentation of the relevant Notice. Upon payment of the Realised Certificate Amount as aforesaid, the Issuer’s obligations in respect of such Security shall be discharged.

- (h) Delivery of the Certificate Amount. Subject as provided in the Conditions, the delivery of the Certificate Amount shall be made at the risk of the Holder and shall be delivered and evidenced in such manner as the Issuer determines to be customary for the Certificates or in such other commercially reasonable manner as the Issuer shall determine to be appropriate for such delivery.
- (i) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount for each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate with respect to which a Notice has been delivered, to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the date determined according to Product Condition 3(b)(i); or (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, to the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar into which the Cash Amount is to be credited for value on the Redemption Date.
- (j) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is not delivered to the Registrar, in each case as provided in the Conditions shall be void. If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, it shall be deemed to be a new

Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, at the time such correction is delivered to the Registrar as provided in the Conditions.

The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (k) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (l) Intervening Period. With respect to delivery of the Certificate Amount, for such period of time after the Valuation Date as the Issuer or any person on behalf of the Issuer shall continue to be the legal owner of the Certificates comprising the relevant Certificate Amount (the “**Intervening Period**”), neither the Issuer nor any such other person shall (i) be under any obligation to deliver or procure delivery to the relevant Holder or any subsequent beneficial owner of such Certificates or any other person any letter, certificate, notice, circular or any other document or payment whatsoever received by that person in its capacity as the holder of such Certificates, (ii) be under any obligation to exercise or procure exercise of any or all rights (including voting rights) attaching to such Certificates during the Intervening Period or (iii) be under any liability to the relevant Holder or any subsequent beneficial owner of such Certificates or any other person in respect of any loss or damage which the relevant Holder or subsequent beneficial owner or any other person may sustain or suffer as a result, whether directly or indirectly, of the Issuer or any such other person being the legal owner of such Certificates during such Intervening Period.
- (m) Settlement Disruption. If the Securities are to settle by delivery of the Certificate Amount and prior to delivery of the Certificate Amount in respect thereof, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, a Settlement Disruption Event is subsisting, then the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, for such Security

shall be postponed to the first following Business Day on which no Settlement Disruption Event is subsisting. For so long as delivery of the Certificate Amount is not practicable by reason of a Settlement Disruption Event, then in lieu of delivery of the Certificate Amount and notwithstanding any other provision hereof the Issuer may elect in its sole and absolute discretion to satisfy its obligations in respect of the relevant Security by payment of the Disruption Cash Settlement Price not later than on the third Business Day following the date that notice of such election is given to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. Payment of the Disruption Cash Settlement Price will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 that a Settlement Disruption Event has occurred. No Holder or any other person shall be entitled to any payment in respect of a Security in the event of any delay in the delivery of the Certificate Amount relating thereto due to the occurrence of a Settlement Disruption Event and no liability in respect thereof shall attach to the Issuer.

- (n) Exercise and Settlement or Redemption Risk. Exercise and settlement or redemption, as the case may be, of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (o) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (p) Presentation and Surrender. Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the

Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) **Market Disruption.** The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“Market Disruption Event” means (i) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or (ii) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise): (A) in the Certificates on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Certificates are listed; or (B) on any Related Exchange in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Certificate if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material.

For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (b) **Potential Adjustment Events.** Following a declaration by the issuer of the Certificates of the terms of any Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent will determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Certificates and, if so, will:

- (i) make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any one or more of the Conditions as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect; and
- (ii) determine the effective date of that adjustment.

The Calculation Agent may, but need not, determine the adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of such Potential Adjustment Event made by an options exchange to options on the Certificates traded on that options exchange. Upon making any such adjustment, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the adjustment to be made to the Conditions and giving brief details of the Potential Adjustment Event.

“Potential Adjustment Event” means any event that may have a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Certificates.

- (c) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS
RELATING TO WORST OF KNOCK-IN BASKET REVERSE EXCHANGEABLE DEFERRED
PURCHASE AGREEMENT CERTIFICATES

The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Additional Market Disruption Events**” means those events specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Agency Sale Arrangement**” means the facility having the terms set out in Product Condition 5 below under which the Issuer agrees to accept delivery of the Delivery Parcel on behalf of the Holder and to sell the Delivery Parcel in accordance with those terms;

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and/or The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, 8022 Zurich, Switzerland (the “**Swiss Agent**”), each acting through its specified office and together the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**ASX 200 Index**” means the index of constituent stocks listed on the Australian Securities Exchange known by the name S&P/ASX 200 Index and published by Standard and Poor's, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.;

“**Basket**” means the basket specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Beneficial Interest**” means the beneficial interest which a Holder acquires in the Nominee Securities (and any other trust property in respect of which the Holder is a beneficiary);

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, (i) a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business; and (ii) a day on which the Exchange is open for business;

“Clearing Agent” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a **“Clearing Agent”** and together the **“Clearing Agents”**);

“Coupon” means a coupon attached to each Security (if in definitive form) representing an entitlement in respect of a Coupon Amount;

“Coupon Amount” means, in respect of each Coupon Period, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent as follows:

$$\text{Issue Price} \times \text{Coupon Rate} \times \text{Coupon Rate Day Count Fraction};$$

“Coupon Payment Dates” mean the dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Coupon Period” means the period commencing on (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Coupon Payment Date and each period commencing on (and including) a Coupon Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Coupon Payment Date (if any);

“Coupon Rate” means, in respect of each Coupon Period, the rate specified as such, or determined in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Coupon Rate Day Count Fraction” means the basis specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Delivery Details” means, where applicable, account details and/or the name and address of any person into whose name evidence of the Delivery Parcel is to be registered and/or any bank, broker or agent to whom documents evidencing title are to be delivered;

“Delivery Parcel” means, unless otherwise specified in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a number of each Delivery Share determined by the Calculation Agent with reference to the Delivery Share Weighting and having a value equal to the Delivery Parcel Value. If the Delivery Parcel comprises a fraction of any Delivery Share, the Holder will receive a Delivery Parcel comprising of the nearest whole number (rounded down) of any such Delivery Shares (taking into account that a Holder's entire holding may be aggregated at the Issuer's discretion for the purpose of delivering the Delivery Parcel), and an amount in the Settlement Currency equal to the value of the outstanding undelivered fraction of any such Delivery Share, as calculated by the Calculation Agent on the basis of the Delivery Share Final Reference Price. The Delivery Parcel Value shall be converted into the

Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“Delivery Parcel Value” means, unless specified otherwise in the definitions of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula, less Expenses:

(a) If no Knock-in Event has occurred:

Issue Price x 100%; or

(b) If a Knock-in Event has occurred and:

i) the Final Reference Price of the Least Performing Share is greater than the Strike Price of the Least Performing Share:

Issue Price x 100%; or

ii) the Final Reference Price of the Least Performing Share is less than or equal to the Strike Price of the Least Performing Share:

Issue Price x [100% - Strike Price Percentage + Performance]

The Delivery Parcel Value shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate if an Exchange Rate is applicable and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“Delivery Share” means each share specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 3(s) and Product Condition 4 and “Delivery Shares” shall be construed accordingly. If the Delivery Shares are able to be traded on the financial market operated by ASX Limited, the Delivery Shares must be ordinary shares in an ASX listed company on the ASX 200 Index;

“Delivery Share Company” means, for each Delivery Share, the share company specified as such in the definition of the Delivery Shares in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“Delivery Share Exchange” means, with respect to each Delivery Share, the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of Delivery Shares in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“Delivery Share Final Reference Price” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and in relation to each Delivery Share, an amount equal to the price of that Delivery Share quoted on the Delivery Share Exchange

at the close of trading on the relevant Delivery Share Exchange in relation to each Delivery Share (or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4) on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Delivery Share on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of such Delivery Share on the Delivery Share Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“Delivery Share Weighting” means the weighting corresponding to each Delivery Share and specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 3(s);

“Disruption Cash Settlement Price” means the fair market value of such Security on such day as shall be selected by the Issuer less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangement, all as determined by the Issuer;

“Emerging Market Disruption Event” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without

regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or

- (iv) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Exchange**” means, with respect to each Share, the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of Basket in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Rate**” means the rate of exchange between the Underlying Currency and the

Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“Exercisable Certificates” means, if “Exercisable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be exercisable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Exercise Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series or, if such day is not a Business Day, the next following Business Day;

“Expenses” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction, exercise or redemption charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties arising in connection with (i) the exercise or redemption, as the case may be, of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or redemption, as the case may be, or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“Final Reference Price” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and in relation to each Share, an amount equal to the price of that Share quoted on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and/or no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Share on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of such Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Final Terms” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“Governmental Authority” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“Initial Reference Price” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and in relation to each Share, an amount equal to the price of that Share quoted on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently

published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and/or no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of that Share on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Issue Date” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“Issue Price” means the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Issuer” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“Knock-In Event” means, in respect of each Share and subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, that, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the price of any Share quoted on the Exchange at any time on any Trading Day during the Observation Period, is equal to or lower than the Knock-in Level;

“Knock-in Level” means the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Least Performing Share” means the Share that performed the least well compared to the other Shares in the Basket at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date as determined by the Calculation Agent, according to the following formula:

$$\text{Final Reference Price/Initial Reference Price}$$

For the avoidance of doubt, the Least Performing Share may be a Share subject to a De-listing or a Share of a Share Company which is subject to Insolvency or Nationalisation. Where more than one Share is described as the Least Performing Share, the Issuer shall select one such Share as the Least Performing Share in its sole and absolute discretion. Notice to the Holders shall be delivered in accordance with General Condition 4;

“Market Disruption Event” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“Maturity Notice” means a notice in writing (the form of the notice will be available upon request from the Issuer) delivered by a Holder who has elected to enter into the Agency Sale Arrangement to the Issuer at the following address:

Level 22
88 Phillip Street
Sydney NSW 2000
Attn: Manager, Equities Operations

at least 20 Business Days prior to the Valuation Date;

“**Nominee**” means, if Beneficial Interest in Nominee Securities is specified in the Final Terms as applicable, the nominee specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Nominee Deed**” means, if Beneficial Interest in Nominee Securities is specified in the Final Terms as applicable, the deed specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms under which the Nominee holds the Nominee Securities on trust for Holders;

“**Nominee Securities**” means, if Beneficial Interest in Nominee Securities is specified in the Final Terms as applicable, the securities held on trust for Holders under the Nominee Deed, being one ordinary share in the capital of the Nominee Share Company;

“**Nominee Share Company**” means the company specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any substitute security from time to time, in each case as adjusted in accordance with the Nominee Deed;

“**Observation Period**” means unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period from and excluding the Pricing Date to and including the Valuation Date;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is the euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross-settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“**Performance**” means in respect of the Least Performing Share, the performance of that Share determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula and expressed as a percentage:

Final Reference Price/Initial Reference Price

“**Pricing Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions, if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“Redeemable Certificates” means, if “Redeemable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be redeemable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Redemption Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Related Exchange” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are traded;

“Relevant Currency” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depository Receipt (“ADR”) or Global Depository Receipt (“GDR”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“Relevant Currency Exchange Rate” means, each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“Relevant Number of Trading Days” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Securities” means each Series of the worst of knock-in basket reverse exchangeable deferred purchase agreement certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms which may either be Exercisable Certificates or Redeemable Certificates and each such certificate is a “Security”. References to the terms “Securities” and “Security” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“Series” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“Settlement Currency” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Disruption Event**” means, in the determination of the Issuer, an event beyond the control of the Issuer as a result of which the Issuer cannot make delivery of the Delivery Parcel in accordance with such market method as it decides at the relevant time for delivery of the Delivery Parcel;

“**Share**” means each share specified as such in the definition of the Basket in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4 and “**Shares**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Share Company**” means, for each Share, the share company specified as such in the definition of the Basket in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Standard Currency**” means unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Strike Price**” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and in relation to each Share, an amount determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent equal to the Strike Price Percentage multiplied by the Initial Reference Price of such Share;

“**Strike Price Percentage**” means, the percentage specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Trading Day**” means, in respect of each Share, any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day in respect of that Share on the relevant Exchange and each relevant Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on that Exchange or any Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Underlying Currency**” means in respect of each Share, the currency specified as such in the definition of Basket in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means, with respect to the Basket, the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or if such day is not a Trading Day the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date

shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and (iii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Delivery Share Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Delivery Share on the Delivery Share Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means close of trading on the relevant Exchange in relation to each Share or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and/or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

If CREST is specified as the Clearing Agent in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will be cleared through CREST. Such Securities will be registered securities in dematerialised and uncertificated form, and will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “**Regulations**”).

Securities cleared through CREST may be transferred in accordance with the Regulations and the rules, procedures and practices of the relevant Operator (as defined below). No transfer of such Securities will be valid unless and until entered on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in and in accordance with, the Regulations).

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator and the Regulations. Subject to this requirement, (i) each person who is for the time being shown in the Register as the holder of such Securities shall be treated by the Issuer and the Registrar as the holder of such Securities for all purposes and (ii) neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be liable in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done by it or on its behalf in reliance upon the assumption that the particulars entered in the Register which the Registrar maintains are in accordance with particulars entered in the Operator register of corporate securities relating to such Securities (and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

Any reference to the “Operator” (as such term is used in the Regulations) shall be to CREST and shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any such additional or alternative Operator approved by the Issuer from time to time in accordance with the Regulations and notified to the relevant Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase indicating that they are obliged to or will carry out any role or obligation described in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, is given without any assumption by the Issuer, the relevant Registrar or the Calculation Agent of responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for

the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) **Deferred Purchase Agreement.** Each Security evidences an agreement between the Issuer and the Holder under which: (i) the Holder agrees to purchase and the Issuer agrees to sell the Delivery Parcel to the Holder for the Issue Price, the settlement of which will be by way of Physical Delivery of the Delivery Parcel and deferred until the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be; and (ii) if “Beneficial Interest in Nominee Securities” is specified as applicable in the definition of the relevant series in the applicable Final Terms, and, as an integral part of the agreement each Holder also receives a Beneficial Interest in the Nominee Securities that will be held for each Holder from time to time by the Nominee.
- (b) **Exercise.** Securities which are Exercisable Certificates will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date;
- (c) **Settlement.** Each Security, upon due exercise or upon redemption, as the case may be, and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be or, if later, five Business Days following the delivery of the Notice, subject to General Condition 6(c), the Delivery Parcel.

Where the calculation of the fraction of the Delivery Share (if any) has been delayed due to a Market Disruption Event, then the amount in respect of that fraction of the Delivery Share (as calculated in accordance with the provisions set out in the definition of Delivery Parcel) will be payable three Business Days after the determination date used for the purposes of calculating such amount.

- (d) **Coupon Amount.** In consideration for the deferral of Physical Delivery of the Delivery Parcel until the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, the Issuer agrees to pay the Holder the Coupon Amount on the Coupon Payment Dates. The Coupon Amount is calculated by reference to the relevant Coupon Period, the Coupon Rate, the Issue Price and the Coupon Rate Day Count Fraction, and is payable on each Coupon Payment Date.
- (e) **Payment Day.** If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in

respect of such delay.

- (f) General. In the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent or any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Delivery Parcel Value, Delivery Parcel, or the Disruption Cash Settlement Price, if applicable. Until the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, the purchase of Securities does not confer on any holder of such Securities any rights (whether in respect of voting, distributions or otherwise) attached to the Shares or Delivery Shares.
- (g) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, such account with such Securities;
- (iv) in the case of delivery of a Delivery Parcel, include an undertaking to pay all Expenses and an authority to debit the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar in respect thereof or, as the case may be, to debit the account referred to in paragraph (iii) above or make a deduction from any cheque;
- (v) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with the Disruption Cash Settlement Price, if applicable for such Securities;
- (vi) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;

- (vii) specify the Delivery Details;
- (viii) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “U.S. person” means: (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and
- (ix) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (h) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, in either case reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar of its holding of such Securities.
- (i) Late Delivery of Notice. If the Notice is delivered to the relevant Clearing Agent or the copy is delivered to the Principal Agent after the close of business in the place of receipt on (i) the Exercise Date (in the case of Exercisable Certificates) or (ii) the due date for delivery (in the case of Redeemable Certificates) (the “**Due Date**”), then any Delivery Parcel, if applicable, will be delivered as soon as practicable after the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, (the date of delivery in

relation to a Delivery Parcel whether on or after the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, being the “**Delivery Date**”) in the manner provided below. For the avoidance of doubt, no holder of Securities or any other person shall be entitled to any payment, whether of interest or otherwise, by reason of the Delivery Date for such Securities occurring after the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, due to such Notice (or the copy thereof) being delivered after close of business on the Exercise Date or the Due Date, as the case may be, as provided above. In the event that a Holder does not, in respect of a Security which is to be redeemed by delivery of any Delivery Parcel, if applicable, deliver or procure delivery of a Notice as set out above prior to the date that is 30 calendar days after the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, the Issuer shall have the right but not the obligation to sell the Delivery Shares comprised in such Delivery Parcel in respect of such Security in the open market or otherwise at a price determined by the Issuer, in its sole discretion, to be the fair market value of the Delivery Shares and shall hold the proceeds (the “**Realised Delivery Parcel**”) for the account of the Holder until presentation of the relevant Notice. Upon payment of the Realised Delivery Parcel as aforesaid, the Issuer’s obligations in respect of such Security shall be discharged.

- (j) Delivery of the Delivery Parcel. Subject as provided in the Conditions, the delivery of the Delivery Parcel shall be made at the risk of the Holder and shall be delivered and evidenced in such manner as the Issuer determines to be customary for the Delivery Shares or in such other commercially reasonable manner as the Issuer shall determine to be appropriate for such delivery. The Issuer shall be under no obligation to register or procure the registration of the Holder or any other person as the registered shareholder in respect of the Delivery Shares comprised in any Delivery Parcel in the register of members of the Delivery Share Company. Where an amount equal to the value of the outstanding undelivered fraction of the Delivery Shares is payable but the Valuation Date for calculating such amount has been delayed due to a Market Disruption Event, then such amount will be payable three Business Days after the Valuation Date used for the purposes of calculating such amount.
- (k) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is

not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is not delivered to the Registrar, in each case as provided in the Conditions shall be void.

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, at the time such correction is delivered to the Registrar as provided in the Conditions.

The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (l) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (m) Intervening Period. With respect to delivery of the Delivery Parcel, for such period of time after the Exercise Date or the Due Date, as the case may be, as the Issuer or any person on behalf of the Issuer shall continue to be the legal owner of the Delivery Shares comprising the relevant Delivery Parcel (the “**Intervening Period**”), neither the Issuer nor any such other person shall (i) be under any obligation to deliver or procure delivery to the relevant Holder or any subsequent beneficial owner of such Delivery Shares or any other person any letter, certificate, notice, circular or any other document or payment whatsoever received by that person in its capacity as the holder of such Delivery Shares, (ii) be under any obligation to exercise or procure exercise of any or all rights (including voting rights) attaching to such Delivery Shares during the Intervening Period or (iii) be under any liability to the relevant Holder or any subsequent beneficial owner of such Delivery Shares or any other person in respect of any loss or damage which the relevant Holder or subsequent beneficial owner or any other person may sustain or suffer as a result, whether directly or indirectly, of the

Issuer or any such other person being the legal owner of such Delivery Shares during such Intervening Period.

- (n) No Dividends. No dividend in respect of any Share, Nominee Security or Delivery Parcel to be delivered will be payable to Holders.
- (o) Settlement Disruption. If prior to delivery of the Delivery Parcel in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, a Settlement Disruption Event is subsisting, then the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, for such Security shall be postponed to the first following Business Day on which no Settlement Disruption Event is subsisting. For so long as delivery of the Delivery Parcel is not practicable by reason of a Settlement Disruption Event, then in lieu of delivery of the Delivery Parcel and notwithstanding any other provision hereof the Issuer may elect in its sole and absolute discretion to satisfy its obligations in respect of the relevant Security by payment of the Disruption Cash Settlement Price not later than on the third Business Day following the date that notice of such election is given to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. Payment of the Disruption Cash Settlement Price will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 that a Settlement Disruption Event has occurred. No Holder or any other person shall be entitled to any payment in respect of a Security in the event of any delay in the delivery of the Delivery Parcel relating thereto due to the occurrence of a Settlement Disruption Event and no liability in respect thereof shall attach to the Issuer.
- (p) Exercise and Settlement or Redemption Risk. Exercise and settlement or redemption, as the case may be, of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (q) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a

bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.

(r) Presentation and Surrender. Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

(s) New Delivery Share Request. A Holder may, by delivery of a duly completed written notice to the Issuer at:

Level 22

88 Phillip Street

Sydney NSW 2000

Attn: Manager, Equities Operations

at least 10 Business Days (unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) prior to the Exercise Date or the Due Date, as the case may be, (a “**New Delivery Share Request Notice**”) request that a Delivery Share and its corresponding Delivery Share Weighting (each as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) be replaced with a new delivery share (“**New Delivery Share**”) with a new corresponding weighting (“**New Delivery Share Weighting**”) and such request, a “**New Delivery Share Request**”). The form of the New Delivery Share Request Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the office of the Issuer specified above. The Issuer may, in its sole and absolute discretion, consent to a New Delivery Share Request by notice in writing to the Holder 5 Business Days (unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) prior to the Exercise Date or the Due Date, as the case may be, (a “**New Delivery Share Request Consent**”). If the

Issuer does not consent to the New Delivery Share Request, the Delivery Shares shall be delivered to Holder in accordance with the definition of Delivery Shares and Delivery Share Weighting for the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms without further notice to Holder pursuant to Product Condition 3(c) and subject to Product Condition 5. Neither the Issuer nor the Agents shall under any circumstances be liable for exercising its discretion to not consent to the New Delivery Share Request. For the avoidance of doubt, if the Issuer gives a New Delivery Share Request Consent, all references to a Delivery Share and a Delivery Share Weighting under these Conditions shall thereafter be deemed to refer to a New Delivery Share and New Delivery Share Weighting.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) **Market Disruption.** The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“Market Disruption Event” means in respect of each Share:

- (1) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the relevant Exchange or any relevant Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):
- (A) in the relevant Shares on the relevant Exchange or any other exchange on which the relevant Shares are listed; or
 - (B) in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the relevant Shares on any relevant Related Exchange,
- if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material; or
- (2) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange, in each case relating to the relevant Shares, is located.

For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event in respect of the relevant Shares if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the relevant

Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the relevant Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event in respect of the relevant Shares.

- (b) Potential Adjustment Events. Following a declaration by a Share Company of the terms of any Potential Adjustment Event in respect of the relevant Shares, the Calculation Agent will determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of that Share and, if so, will:
- (1) make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any one or more of the Conditions as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect; and
 - (2) determine the effective date of that adjustment.

The Calculation Agent may, but need not, determine the adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of such Potential Adjustment Event made by an options exchange to options on the relevant Shares traded on that options exchange. Upon making any such adjustment, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the adjustment to be made to the Conditions and giving brief details of the Potential Adjustment Event.

“Potential Adjustment Event” means any of the following: (A) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Shares (unless a Merger Event), or a free distribution or dividend of such Shares to existing holders by way of bonus, capitalisation, recapitalisation or similar issue; (B) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the relevant Shares of (aa) such Shares, or (bb) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the relevant Share Company equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of such Shares, or (cc) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (cash or other) at less than the prevailing market price as determined by the Calculation Agent; (C) an extraordinary dividend; (D) a distribution of cash dividends on the relevant Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of such Shares; (E) a call by the Share Company in respect of relevant Shares, that are not fully paid; (F) a repurchase by the Share Company of relevant Shares whether out of profits or capital and whether the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise; or (G) any other similar event (including but not limited to any takeover

bid any scheme of arrangement, arrangement, compromise, or reconstruction of the Share Company which results in the reconstruction, cancellation, replacement or modification of the Shares or any other event that, in RBS' reasonable opinion is similar) that may have a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares.

(c) De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation and Insolvency. If a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to any Share Company, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (1), (2) or (3) below:

(1) require the Calculation Agent to determine in its sole and absolute discretion the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any of the other terms of these Conditions to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, and determine the effective date of that adjustment. The Calculation Agent may (but is under no obligation to) determine the appropriate adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency made by any Related Exchange to options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the relevant Shares traded on such Related Exchange; or

(2) cancel the Securities by giving notice to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. If the Securities are to be cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each Security held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a Security (taking into account the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be)) on the day selected for cancellation as shall be selected by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion adjusted to account fully for any losses, expenses and costs to the Issuer and/or any affiliate of the Issuer of unwinding or adjusting any underlying or related hedging arrangements (including but not limited to any equity options or selling or otherwise realising any Shares or other instruments of any type whatsoever which the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates may hold as part of such hedging arrangements), all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; or

(3) following any adjustment to the settlement of terms of options contracts or

futures contracts or any other derivatives contracts in respect of the relevant Shares traded on any relevant Related Exchange, require the Calculation Agent to make a corresponding adjustment to any of the other terms of these Conditions, which adjustment will be effective as of the date determined by the Calculation Agent to be the effective date of the corresponding adjustment made by the Related Exchange. If options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts in respect of the relevant Shares are not traded on the Related Exchange, the Calculation Agent will make such adjustment, if any, to any of the other terms of these Conditions as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines appropriate, with reference to the rules and precedents (if any) set by the Related Exchange to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) that in the determination of the Calculation Agent would have given rise to an adjustment by the relevant Related Exchange, if such options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts were so traded.

Upon the occurrence of a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the occurrence of such De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto.

“De-listing” means a Share for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Share is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

“Merger Date” means the closing date of a Merger Event or, where a closing date cannot be determined under the local law applicable to such Merger Event, such other date as determined by the Calculation Agent.

“Merger Event” means, in respect of any Share Company, any (1) reclassification or change to the relevant Shares that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all or a majority of the outstanding Shares; (2) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of that Share Company with or into another entity (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Share Company is the continuing entity and which does not result in any such reclassification or change to all the outstanding relevant Shares); or (3) take-over offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person to purchase or otherwise obtain 100 per cent. of the

outstanding relevant Shares that results in a transfer of, or an irrevocable commitment to transfer, a majority of the voting power of the Share Company to the offeror, in each case if the Merger Date is on or before the Valuation Date.

“**Nationalisation**” means that all the Shares of the relevant Share Company or all the assets or substantially all the assets of the relevant Share Company, are nationalised, expropriated or are otherwise required to be transferred to any governmental agency, authority or entity.

“**Insolvency**” means that by reason of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, bankruptcy or insolvency of or any analogous proceeding affecting a Share Company (1) all the relevant Shares are required to be transferred to a receiver, trustee, liquidator or other similar official or (2) holders of the Shares of that Share Company become legally prohibited from transferring them.

- (d) If any such Market Disruption Event, Potential Adjustment Event, De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation and Insolvency occurs in relation to Delivery Shares after the Issue Date but on or before the Exercise Date, the Calculation Agent may, in its sole and absolute discretion, make adjustments to the Conditions or the applicable Final Terms in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The adjustments that the Calculation Agent may make include, but are not limited to, adjusting the number and/or description of the Delivery Shares and or the Delivery Share Weightings so as to preserve, to the extent possible, the equivalent economic value of the rights of the Holders immediately prior to such event having regard to the event, any diluting or concentrating effect of that event and the redesignation of, or replacement of the Delivery Shares with any other securities. Upon making any such adjustment, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the adjustment to be made to the Conditions and giving brief details of the event.
- (e) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event set out in this Product Condition 4 or the applicable Final Terms if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 or the applicable Final Terms on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable

manner.

5. AGENCY SALE ARRANGEMENT

If a Holder wants the Issuer to arrange for the sale of its Delivery Parcel, the Holder may, elect in its Maturity Notice to enter into the Agency Sale Arrangement with the Issuer. A Holder which enters into an Agency Sale Arrangement will receive the proceeds of sale of its Delivery Parcel less Expenses associated with the sale of the Delivery Parcel (“**Sale Proceeds**”) within 10 Business Days of the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter.

If a Holder has elected to enter into an Agency Sale Arrangement and the Issuer consents to such election, the Issuer (either itself or through a nominee) will procure the delivery of the Delivery Parcel as follows:

- (a) the Issuer or its nominees are irrevocably authorised by the Holder to accept physical delivery of the Delivery Parcel for and on behalf of the Holder on the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be;
- (b) the Holder irrevocably authorises the Issuer or its nominees to sell, and irrevocably directs and authorises the Issuer or any of its nominees to take all actions necessary or desirable, to effect the sale by the Issuer or its nominees of the Delivery Parcel;
- (c) the Issuer or its nominees on behalf of the Issuer will deliver to the Holder's nominated account (or pay by cheque to the Investor if no nominated account is nominated) the Sale Proceeds, within 10 Business Days of the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, or as soon as reasonably practical thereafter; and
- (d) the Holder acknowledges and agrees that:
 - (i) subject to (d)(iii) below, the Issuer or its nominees agree to use reasonable endeavours to sell the Delivery Parcel on behalf of the Holder for an amount per Delivery Share equal to the Delivery Share Final Reference Price;
 - (ii) to the maximum extent permitted by law, and in the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, the Issuer and its nominees are not responsible for any losses, costs or expenses incurred by the Holder as a result of using the Agency Sale Arrangement; and
 - (iii) the Issuer or its nominees will use reasonable endeavours to sell the relevant Delivery Parcel in accordance with paragraph (d)(i) above. If, for any reason whatsoever, the Issuer is unable to sell the Delivery Parcel for an amount per

Delivery Share equal to the Delivery Share Final Reference Price, the Holder irrevocably authorises the Issuer to sell the relevant Delivery Parcel as soon as reasonably practicable at the market price of such Delivery Parcel available to the Issuer at the time of sale and as determined by the Calculation Agent having regard to such factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant.

6. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS
RELATING TO CERTIFICATE-LINKED CERTIFICATES**

The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and/or The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, 8022 Zurich, Switzerland (the “**Swiss Agent**”), acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Cash Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Certificate**” means each certificate specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Coupon**” means an interest coupon attached to each Security (if in definitive form) (if any) representing an entitlement in respect of an Interest Amount;

“**Early Termination Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Early Termination Amount shall be converted into the Settlement

Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“Early Termination Date” means the date or dates (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the applicable Early Termination Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been an Early Termination Date. In that case (A) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Early Termination Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (B) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall determine the Early Termination Amount having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Certificate and such other factors as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines to be relevant;

“Early Termination Event” means the event or events (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf;

“Early Termination Reference Price” means in respect of each Certificate, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Reference Price on the Early Termination Date;

“Emerging Market Disruption Event” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) Moratorium. A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) Price Source Disruption. It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) Governmental Default. With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money

borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or

- (iv) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“Entitlement” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Exchange” means, with respect to each Certificate, the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“Exchange Rate” means the prevailing rate of exchange between the Underlying Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“Exercise” means a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“Exercisable Certificates” means, if “Exercisable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be exercisable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Exercise Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Expenses” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction, exercise or redemption charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties, arising in connection with (i) the exercise or redemption, as the case may be, of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or redemption, as the case may be, or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“Final Reference Price” means in respect of each Certificate, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Reference Price on the Valuation Date;

“Final Terms” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“Governmental Authority” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“Initial Reference Price” means, in respect of each Certificate, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Reference Price on the Pricing Date;

“Interest Amount” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, an amount calculated

by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Payment Dates**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Period**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period commencing on (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Interest Payment Date;

“**Interest Rate**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, the rate specified as such, or determined in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Rate Day Count Fraction**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, that interest shall be calculated on the basis specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issue Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“**Issuer Call**” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3(b);

“**Issuer Call Cash Amount**” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the amount specified, or determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of Issuer Call Cash Amount for the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Issuer Call Cash Amount payable to a Holder shall be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Issuer Call Commencement Date**” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call Date**” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the

relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if no such date is specified, the date specified as such in the notice delivered by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3 and, if such day is not a Trading Day, means the first succeeding Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day with respect to the Certificate in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Issuer or Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Issuer or Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is a Market Disruption Event, occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (A) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (B) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall determine the Issuer Call Cash Amount having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Certificate and such other factors as the Calculation Agent deems relevant;

“Issuer Call Notice Period” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Launch Date” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“Market Disruption Event” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“Payment Day” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System is open;

“Pricing Date” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf if, in adverse market conditions, in the opinion of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, the circumstances so require;

“Redeemable Certificates” means, if “Redeemable Certificates” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Securities are deemed to be redeemable certificates and the applicable provisions in these Product Conditions shall apply in respect of such Series of Securities;

“Redemption Date” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Reference Price” means in respect of each Certificate, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, equal to the price of the Certificate on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on a Trading Day, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Certificate on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Certificate on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“Related Exchange” means in respect of each Certificate an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the relevant Certificate are traded;

“Relevant Currency” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying Certificate is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying oCertificate is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency;

“Relevant Currency Exchange Rate” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“Relevant Number of Trading Days” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Securities” means each Series of certificate- linked certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms which may either be Exercisable Certificates or Redeemable Certificates and each such certificate a **“Security”**. References to the terms **“Securities”** and **“Security”** shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“Series” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“Settlement Currency” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Trading Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Underlying Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day, unless, in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day with respect to the Certificate, in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is no Market Disruption Event unless the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (b) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall determine the price, having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Certificate and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;; and

“**Valuation Time**” means the official close of trading on the relevant Exchange, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, such other time as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

2. FORM

- (a) **Global Form.** Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.
- (b) **Dematerialised Form.** Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules. If CREST is specified as the Clearing Agent in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will be cleared through CREST. Such Securities will be registered securities in dematerialised and uncertificated form, and will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “**Regulations**”).
- Securities cleared through CREST may be transferred in accordance with the Regulations and the rules, procedures and practices of the relevant Operator (as defined below). No transfer of such Securities will be valid unless and until entered on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in and in accordance with, the Regulations).
- In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The

Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator and the Regulations. Subject to this requirement, (i) each person who is for the time being shown in the Register as the holder of such Securities shall be treated by the Issuer and the Registrar as the holder of such Securities for all purposes and (ii) neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be liable in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done by it or on its behalf in reliance upon the assumption that the particulars entered in the Register which the Registrar maintains are in accordance with particulars entered in the Operator register of corporate securities relating to such Securities (and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

Any reference to the “**Operator**” (as such term is used in the Regulations) shall be to CREST and shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any such additional or alternative Operator approved by the Issuer from time to time in accordance with the Regulations and notified to the relevant Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase indicating that they are obliged to or will carry out any role or obligation described in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, is given without any assumption by the Issuer, the relevant Registrar or the Calculation Agent of responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under

<https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Early Termination Event has occurred and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call, Securities which are Exercisable Certificates will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.
- (b) Issuer Call. If “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may terminate, subject to a valid Exercise or Early Termination Event (if applicable), the Securities in whole, but not in part, on any Business Day at the Issuer Call Cash Amount by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4 and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.
- (c) Early Termination Event: Upon the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities will terminate automatically and the Issuer will give notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. An Early Termination Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Early Termination Event occurs prior to an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date as the case may be.
- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate upon Exercise, subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date; and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate upon redemption, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date, in each case, the Cash Amount. Each Security (i)

which is an Exercisable Certificate following an Early Termination Event, subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date; and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate an Early Termination Event, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date, in each case, the Early Termination Amount. Each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate upon termination pursuant to an Issuer Call, subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date; and (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate upon termination pursuant to an Issuer Call, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Redemption Date, in each case, the Issuer Call Cash Amount.

- (e) Interest Amount. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall bear interest at the Interest Rate. The Interest Amount is calculated by reference to the relevant Interest Period, the Interest Rate and the Interest Rate Day Count Fraction, and is payable on each Interest Payment Date.
- (f) Interest Accrual. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall cease to accrue interest from (and including) (i) exercise (in the case of Exercisable Certificates); or (ii) redemption (in the case of Redeemable Certificates). No interest shall accrue after the Exercise Date, the Redemption Date, the Issuer Call Date in respect of an Issuer Call or after the Early Termination Date in respect of which an Early Termination Event occurs, as the case may be, in the event that payment of any amount is postponed due to a Market Disruption Event or a Fund Event.
- (g) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (h) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount, Early Termination Amount or Interest Amount, if applicable.
- (i) Notice. All payments in relation to Securities which are Exercisable Certificates shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount or Early Termination Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
- (vi) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and
- (vii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal

proceedings.

- (j) **Verification.** In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, in either case reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar of its holding of such Securities.
- (k) **Settlement.** The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount (if any) for each Security (i) which is an Exercisable Certificate with respect to which a Notice has been delivered, to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date; or (ii) which is a Redeemable Certificate, to the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar into which the Cash Amount is to be credited for value on the Redemption Date.
- (l) **Determinations.** Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is not delivered to the Registrar, in each case as provided in the Conditions shall be void.

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, at the time such correction is delivered to the Registrar as provided in the Conditions.

Any Security with respect to which a Notice has not been duly completed and delivered in the manner set out above by the time specified in Product Condition 3 shall become void.

The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (m) **Delivery of a Notice.** Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with

respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.

- (n) **Exercise and Settlement or Redemption Risk.** Exercise and settlement or redemption, as the case may be, of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (o) **Method of Payment.** Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (p) **Presentation and Surrender.** Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) **Market Disruption.** The Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“Market Disruption Event” means:

- (1) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):
 - (A) in the Certificates on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Certificates are listed; or
 - (B) in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Certificates on any Related Exchange if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material; or
- (2) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located.

For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (b) Potential Adjustment Events. Following a declaration by the issuer of the Certificates of the terms of any Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent will determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Certificates and, if so, will:
 - (1) make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any one or more of the Conditions as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect; and
 - (2) determine the effective date of that adjustment.

The Calculation Agent may, but need not, determine the adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of such Potential Adjustment Event made by an options exchange to options on the Certificates traded on that options exchange. Upon making any such adjustment, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the adjustment to be made to the

Conditions and giving brief details of the Potential Adjustment Event.

“Potential Adjustment Event” means any event that may have a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Certificates.

- (c) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS:

The following provisions shall, if applicable, amend the General Conditions and the Product Conditions (as appropriate) as described:

1. SECURITIES LISTED ON SEDEX

If the applicable Final Terms specify that the Securities are to be admitted to trading on the Electronic Securitised Derivatives Market (SeDeX) of Borsa Italiana S.p.A., the following amendments shall be deemed to be made to the General Conditions and/or the Product Conditions:

(a) In relation to all Securities

1. General Condition 3(a) is amended by deleting the following words in the second sentence: “less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements”;

2. General Condition 5(b) is amended by deleting the following words in the second sentence: “or it has otherwise become undesirable, for any reason,” and by deleting the following words in the final sentence “may” and “but are not limited to,”;

3. General Condition 5(b)(i) is deleted and replaced with the words: “Intentionally left blank”;

4. General Condition 5(b)(ii) is deleted and replaced with the words: “Intentionally left blank”;

5. General Condition 5(b)(iv) is deleted and replaced with the words: “Intentionally left blank”;

6. General Condition 5(b)(v) is deleted and replaced with the words: “Intentionally left blank”;

7. General Condition 5(c)(i) is amended by deleting the following words in the second sentence: “less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements”;

8. General Condition 5(d) is deleted and replaced with the words: “Intentionally left blank”;

9. General Condition 7(a) (ii) (iii) and (iv) are deleted in their entirety and replaced with the words: “Intentionally left blank”;

10. General Condition 7(b) is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“Modifications: The Issuer may, without the consent of the Holders or any of them, modify any provision of the Conditions which is: (i) of a formal, minor or technical nature; or (ii)

made to correct a manifest error, proven error or other defective provision, as determined by the Issuer in its absolute discretion, provided any such modification is not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Holders. Notice of any such modification will be given to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 but failure to give, or the non-receipt of such notice will not affect the validity of any such modification.”

(b) In relation to Index, Equity, Reference Asset, Currency, Commodity and Index and Inflation Index Express Certificates

11. Product Conditions - relating to Reference Asset Express Certificates, when the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms is defined as “Mini Short Certificates” or “Mini Long Certificates”, the definition of Reference Asset in Product Condition 1 is deleted and replaced with the following words:

“**Reference Asset**” means, as of the Issue Date, the Reference Asset specified as such in the definition of Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, in relation to a Security the Reference Asset to which it is linked or any successor to such Reference Asset in accordance with the terms of each Security and thereafter the Issuer shall, during Trading Hours on the Rollover Date, effect substitution to the contract with the largest open interest contract month in the cycle March, June, September, December or such other cycle (the “**Substitution Cycle**”) specified in the definition of such term of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, on such a date and with an expiry date subsequent to the one of the replaced asset (the “**Substitute Asset**”). Thereafter the Substitute Asset shall for all purposes be the Reference Asset;”;

12. Product Conditions - relating to Equity Express Certificates and Index Express Certificates, when the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms is defined as “Mini Short Certificates” or “Mini Long Certificates” are amended by deleting the definition of “Prevailing Rate” from Product Condition 1 in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

“**Prevailing Rate**” means the rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, for deposits in the Underlying Currency in the inter-bank market for each Calculation Period, by reference to the overnight LIBOR rate as published on Bloomberg page: BBAM and if no such page reference exists, such other page reference as the Calculation Agent determines or such other sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;”

13. Product Conditions - relating to Index Express Certificates, when the Index is the FTSEMIB Index as specified in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, are amended by deleting the definition of “Trading Day” from Product Condition 1 in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

“**Trading Day**” means, in relation to the Index, any day on which the Index Sponsor should calculate and publish the relevant level of the Index according to its rules;”¹

14. Product Conditions - relating to Index Express Certificates, Equity Express Certificates, Reference Asset Express Certificates, Currency Express Certificates, Commodity Express Certificates, and Index and Inflation Index Express Certificates are amended by deleting Product Condition 3(d) in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

“Cash Settlement. Upon exercise or redemption, as the case may be, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following an Early Termination Event, in respect of each Security, a Holder shall receive, from the Issuer, on the Settlement Date or the Redemption Date, as the case may be, either:

(i) The Cash Amount; or

(ii) The Issuer Call Cash Amount, following an Issuer Call; or

(iii) The Early Termination Amount, following an Early Termination Event.”;

15. Product Conditions - relating to Index Express Certificates, Equity Express Certificates, Reference Asset Express Certificates, Currency Express Certificates, Commodity Express Certificates, and Index and Inflation Index Express Certificates Express Certificates, Product Condition 3(i) is deleted and replaced with the words: “Intentionally left blank”;

16. Product Conditions - relating to Index Express Certificates, Equity Express Certificates, Reference Asset Express Certificates, Currency Express Certificates, Commodity Express Certificates, and Index and Inflation Index Express Certificates: Product Condition 3(j) is deleted and replaced with the words: “Intentionally left blank”;

17. Product Conditions - relating to relating to Index Express Certificates, Equity Express Certificates, Reference Asset Express Certificates, Currency Express Certificates, Commodity Express Certificates, and Index and Inflation Index Express Certificates: Product Condition 3(k) is amended by deleting the following words: “for each Security with respect to which a Notice has been delivered, to the account specified in the relevant Notice”;

18. Product Conditions - relating to Index Express Certificates, Equity Express Certificates, Reference Asset Express Certificates, Currency Express Certificates, Commodity Express Certificates, and Index and Inflation Index Express Certificates: Product Condition 3(l) is deleted and replaced with the words: “Intentionally left blank”; and

19. Product Conditions - Relating to relating to Index Express Certificates, Equity Express Certificates, Reference Asset Express Certificates, Currency Express Certificates, Commodity Express Certificates, and Index and Inflation Index Express Certificates: Product Condition 3(m) is deleted and replaced with the words: "Intentionally left blank".

20. Product Conditions – the paragraph in each Product Condition 4 beginning with the sentence "The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any event if it considers it appropriate to do so" is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following: "The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations or calculations, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner, with an aim of neutralising the distorting effects of such event.";

21. Product Conditions - relating to Index Express Certificates, when the Index is the FTSEMIB Index as specified in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the definition of Market Disruption Event in Product Condition 4(a) is amended by deleting from the first sentence the words "that ends at the official close" and replacing them with the words "starting from the official opening".

22 Product Conditions – the following shall be added at the end of Product Condition 4: "Renunciation of payment of the Cash Amount or Issuer Call Cash Amount:

The Holder has the right to renounce receipt of the Cash Amount or the Issuer Call Cash Amount, as the case may be, from the Issuer. The declaration of renunciation (the "Dichiarazione di Rinuncia") to renounce receipt of the Cash Amount or Issuer Call Cash Amount, as the case may be, executed according to the Annex to the applicable Final Terms and containing all the key characteristics of the security (the "**Renunciation Security**") specified in the definition of such term of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, must be sent by fax by 10:00 a.m. Milan time on the Valuation Date or Issuer Call Date, as the case may be (where the underlying is the FTSE MIB Index), or the first Business Day following the Valuation Date or Issuer Call Date, as the case may be (where the underlying is an index other than the FTSE MIB Index)."

2. SECURITIES CLEARING VIA EUROCLEAR FINLAND

If the applicable Final Terms specify that the Clearing Agent is Euroclear Finland OY (“**Euroclear Finland**”), the following amendments shall be deemed to be made to the General Conditions:

1. If “Additional Condition 2.1” is specified as “Applicable” in the applicable Final Terms, General Condition 4(a) shall be replaced with the following paragraph: “Validity. Announcements to Holders will be valid if delivered by the Issuer to the Clearing Agent(s) with an instruction from the Issuer to the Clearing Agent(s) to communicate such announcement to the Holders. Additionally, upon the occurrence of an Issuer Call, Holders will be notified via a publication in a national newspaper and an exchange release.”;

2. The Issuer has agreed with Euroclear Finland that, so long as the Securities are accepted for clearance through Euroclear Finland, any substitution of the Issuer in accordance General Condition 8 will comply with the requirements of Euroclear Finland and, in particular, any Substitute will be acceptable to Euroclear Finland;

3. So long as Euroclear Finland is the Clearing Agent in respect of the Securities the following provisions shall apply and, notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in the General Conditions or the Product Conditions, may not be amended, modified or set aside other than in such manner as may be acceptable under the Rules (as defined below), in the sole opinion of Euroclear Finland:

(i) Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at Euroclear Finland perfected in accordance with the legislation (including the Finnish Act on the Book-Entry System 826/1991 and the Finnish Act on the Book-Entry Accounts 827/1991), rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by Euroclear Finland that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). The Holder means a person in whose name a Security is registered in a Euroclear Finland account in the book entry settlement system of Euroclear Finland or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules and accordingly, where Securities are held through a registered nominee, the nominee shall be deemed to be the holder. General Condition 2 shall be deemed to be amended accordingly;

(ii) The Securities will be issued, cleared and settled in dematerialised and uncertified book-entry form in accordance with the Rules. No physical global certificate will be issued in respect of the Securities. General Conditions 10 and 13 shall not apply to the Securities;

(iii) Payments in respect of the Securities will be effected in the specified currency in accordance with Product Condition 3, except that for the purposes of the paragraph of Product Condition 3 entitled “Payment Day”, the Notice shall be delivered to the Issuing and Paying Agent. The APK record day (the “**APK Record Day**”) shall be either the third or fifth, or

such other Business Day before the due date for payment, as specified in the definition of such term of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

(iv) Holders Exercise: Holders can exercise the Securities on an Exercise Date, subject, in respect of each duly exercised Security, to a fee of 0.5% of the Cash Amount;

(iv) The address of Euroclear Finland is Urho Kekkosen katu 5C, PO BOX 1110, 00101 Helsinki, Finland; and

(v) The Issuer shall be entitled to obtain from Euroclear Finland extracts from the book entry registers of Euroclear Finland (Fi. "omistajaluettelo") relating to the Securities.

3. SECURITIES CLEARING VIA VPS ASA

If the applicable Final Terms specify that the Clearing Agent is Verdipapirsentralen ASA ("VPS ASA"), the following amendments shall be deemed to be made to the General Conditions:

1. The Issuer has agreed with VPS ASA that, so long as the Securities are accepted for clearance through VPS ASA, any substitution of the Issuer in accordance General Condition 8 will comply with the requirements of VPS ASA and, in particular, any Substitute will be acceptable to VPS ASA;

2. So long as VPS ASA is the Clearing Agent in respect of the Securities the following provisions shall apply and, notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in the General Conditions or the Product Conditions, may not be amended, modified or set aside other than in such manner as may be acceptable under the Rules (as defined below), in the sole opinion of VPS ASA:

(i) Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at VPS ASA perfected in accordance with the legislation (including the Norwegian Securities Register Act (lov om registrering av finansielle instrumenter 2002 5. juli nr. 64)), rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by VPS ASA that are in force and effect from time to time (the "Rules"). The "**Holder**" means a person in whose name a Security is registered in a VPS ASA account in the book entry settlement system of VPS ASA or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules and accordingly, where Securities are held through a registered nominee, the nominee shall be deemed to be the holder. General Condition 2 shall be deemed to be amended accordingly;

(ii) Payments in respect of the Securities will be effected in the specified currency in accordance with Product Condition 3, except that for the purposes of the paragraph of Product Condition 3 entitled "Payment Day", the Notice shall be delivered to the Issuing and Paying Agent. The VPS ASA record day (the "**VPS ASA Record Day**") shall be either the third or

fifth, or such other Business Day before the due date for payment, as specified in the definition of such term of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

(iii) The address of VPS ASA is P.O. Box 4, 0051, Oslo, Norway; and

(iv) The Issuer shall be entitled to obtain from VPS ASA extracts from the book entry registers of VPS ASA relating to the Securities;

4. SECURITIES CLEARING VIA EUROCLEAR SWEDEN

If the applicable Final Terms specify that the Clearing Agent is Euroclear Sweden AB (“**Euroclear Sweden**”), the following amendments shall be deemed to be made to the General Conditions:

1. If “Additional Condition 4.1” is specified as “Applicable” in the applicable Final Terms, General Condition 4(a) shall be replaced with the following paragraph: “Validity. Announcements to Holders will be valid if delivered by the Issuer to the Clearing Agent(s) with an instruction from the Issuer to the Clearing Agent(s) to communicate such announcement to the Holders. Additionally, upon the occurrence of an Issuer Call, Holders will be notified via a publication in a national newspaper and an exchange release.”;

2. The Issuer has agreed with Euroclear Sweden AB that, so long as the Securities are accepted for clearance through Euroclear Sweden AB, any substitution of the Issuer in accordance General Condition 8 will comply with the requirements of Euroclear Sweden AB and, in particular, any Substitute will be acceptable to Euroclear Sweden AB; and

3. So long as Euroclear Sweden AB is the Clearing Agent in respect of the Securities the following provisions shall apply and, notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in the General Conditions or the Product Conditions, may not be amended, modified or set aside other than in such manner as may be acceptable under the Rules (as defined below), in the sole opinion of Euroclear Sweden AB:

(i) Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at Euroclear Sweden AB perfected in accordance with the legislation (including the Swedish Financial Instruments Accounts Act (SFS 1998:1479)), rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by Euroclear Sweden AB that are in force and effect from time to time (the **Rules**). The **Holder** means a person in whose name a Security is registered in a Euroclear Sweden AB account in the book entry settlement system of Euroclear Sweden AB or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules and accordingly, where Securities are held through a registered nominee, the nominee shall be deemed to be the holder. General Condition 2 shall be deemed to be amended accordingly;

- (ii) Payments in respect of the Securities will be effected in the specified currency in accordance with Product Condition 3, except that for the purposes of the paragraph of Product Condition 3 entitled “Payment Day”, the Notice shall be delivered to the Issuing and Paying Agent. The Euroclear Sweden AB record day shall be the fifth Business Day before the due date for payment;
- (iii) Holders Exercise: Holders can exercise the Securities on an Exercise Date, subject, in respect of each duly exercised Security, to a fee of 0.5% of the Cash Amount;
- (iv) The address of Euroclear Sweden AB is Box 191, 101 23 Stockholm, Sweden; and
- (v) The Issuer shall be entitled to obtain from Euroclear Sweden AB extracts from the book entry registers of Euroclear Sweden AB (Sw. skuldbok) relating to the Securities.

FORM OF FINAL TERMS

DATED []

[THESE FINAL TERMS SUPERSEDE AND REPLACE THOSE DATED [] IN RELATION TO THE SECURITIES.]

[Series number]



The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

(incorporated in Scotland with limited liability under the Companies Acts 1948 to 1980

registered number SC090312)

[NUMBER] [UNDERLYING] [TYPE OF PRODUCT] [CERTIFICATES]

[INDICATIVE] ISSUE PRICE: [] []

[SECURITIES WITH ROLLOVER FEATURE ADMITTED TO TRADING ON SCOACH SWITZERLAND LTD. AND LISTED ON SIX SWISS EXCHANGE LTD. ONLY:

THESE SECURITIES PROVIDE FOR A DYNAMIC STRUCTURE WITH REGARD TO AN ADJUSTMENT OF THE UNDERLYING] [SPECIFY OTHER]

THE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT") OR THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE UNITED STATES, AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, TRANSFERRED OR DELIVERED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, IN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, ANY U.S. PERSON, EXCEPT PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM, OR IN A TRANSACTION NOT SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT AND ANY APPLICABLE U.S. STATE SECURITIES LAWS. THE SECURITIES ARE BEING OFFERED AND SOLD ONLY: (I) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO PERSONS OTHER THAN U.S. PERSONS (AS DEFINED IN REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) IN OFFSHORE TRANSACTIONS THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT; AND (II) ONLY WITH RESPECT TO THE EQUITY CERTIFICATES (AS DEFINED HEREIN) IN REGISTERED FORM TO U.S. PERSONS WHO ARE "QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS" (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A OF THE SECURITIES ACT). FURTHERMORE, TRADING IN THE SECURITIES HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION UNDER THE UNITED STATES COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT, AS AMENDED.

THE SECURITIES DO NOT CONSTITUTE UNITS OF COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE SWISS FEDERAL ACT ON COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES ("CISA") AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF, OR SUPERVISION BY THE SWISS FINANCIAL MARKET SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY ("FINMA"). HOLDERS OF THE

SECURITIES ARE EXPOSED TO THE CREDIT RISK OF THE ISSUER.

[These Final Terms, the Base Prospectus (as defined below), as supplemented from time to time and any additional information with regard to [insert securities product name] shall be published on the Issuer's website: www.rbsbank.it/markets.] (only applicable in relation to Securities sold to Italian investors)

FINAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the General Conditions and the Product Conditions applicable to each Series of Securities described herein (the “relevant Product Conditions”) as set forth in the Base Prospectus relating to Certificates dated 25 May 2012 (the “Base Prospectus”) as supplemented from time to time which constitutes a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (the “Prospectus Directive”). This document constitutes the Final Terms of each Series of the Securities described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus as so supplemented. Full information on the Issuer and each Series of the Securities described herein is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus as so supplemented. The Base Prospectus as so supplemented is available for viewing at the office of the Issuer at 36 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YB, Scotland and copies may be obtained from the Issuer at that address.

These Final Terms relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the General Conditions and the relevant Product Conditions contained in the Base Prospectus as so supplemented. These Final Terms, the relevant Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of each Series of the Securities described herein and will be attached to any Global Security representing each such Series of the Securities. In the event of any inconsistency between these Final Terms and the General Conditions or the relevant Product Conditions, these Final Terms will govern.

(Delete the preceding two paragraphs and instead insert the following three paragraphs for fungible issuance where the applicable terms and conditions are from an earlier base prospectus)

[Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the General Conditions and the [identify relevant Product Conditions] Product Conditions (the “relevant Product Conditions”) set forth in the Base Prospectus relating to Certificates dated [28 May 2010 issued by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc[, as supplemented by the supplement[s] dated [23 February 2011[and]][24 March 2011]] (delete as appropriate. NB only select supplements to the Base Prospectus up to and including the issue date of the original securities) (the “2010 Base Prospectus”)] / [27 May 2011 issued by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc[, as supplemented by the supplement dated [23 August 2011] (delete as appropriate. NB only select supplements to the Base Prospectus up to and including the issue date of the original securities) (the “2011 Base Prospectus”)], which is incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus relating to Certificates dated 25 May 2012 issued by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (the “Base Prospectus”) as supplemented from time to time. This document constitutes the Final Terms of each Series of Securities described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be

read in conjunction with the General Conditions and relevant Product Conditions contained in the [2010]/[2011] (delete as appropriate) Base Prospectus and with the Base Prospectus as so supplemented. Full information on the Issuer and each Series of the Securities described herein is only available on the basis of a combination of these Final Terms, the General Conditions and relevant Product Conditions contained in the [2010]/[2011] (delete as appropriate) Base Prospectus and the Base Prospectus. The [2010]/[2011] (delete as appropriate) Base Prospectus and the Base Prospectus as so supplemented are available for viewing at the office of the Issuer at 36 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YB, Scotland and copies may be obtained from the Issuer at that address.

These Final Terms relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to the General Conditions and the relevant Product Conditions contained in the [2010]/[2011] (delete as appropriate) Base Prospectus. These Final Terms, the General Conditions and the relevant Product Conditions together constitute the Conditions of each Series of the Securities described herein and will be attached to any Global Security representing each such Series of the Securities. In the event of any inconsistency between these Final Terms, the General Conditions or the relevant Product Conditions, these Final Terms will govern.

The Securities shall be consolidated with and form a single series with the [insert title of securities] issued by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc]

The Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets has provided the [names of competent authorities of host Member States] with a certificate of approval attesting that the Base Prospectus has been drawn up in accordance with the Prospectus Directive.

In respect of Securities to be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd, the Programme, together with any Final Terms, will constitute the listing prospectus pursuant to the Listing Rules of the SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd.

So far as the Issuer is aware, no person (other than the Issuer in its separate capacities as Issuer and Calculation Agent, see “Risk Factors –Actions taken by the Calculation Agent may affect the Underlying” and “Risk Factors – Actions taken by the Issuer may affect the value of the Securities” in the Base Prospectus) involved in the issue of the Certificates has an interest material to the offer. [NB: Amend as appropriate if there are interests]

(Delete the preceding paragraph and instead insert the following paragraph where the Securities are sold to Italian investors)

[So far as the Issuer is aware, no person (other than (i) the Issuer, see “Risk Factors – Actions taken by the Issuer may affect the value of the Securities” in the Base Prospectus, (ii) the Calculation Agent, see “Risk Factors - Actions taken by the Calculation Agent may affect the Underlying” in the Base Prospectus and (iii) the third party distributors) involved in the issue of the

Certificates has an interest material to the offer.]

Issuer:	The Royal Bank of Scotland plc
Clearing Agents:	[Clearstream Banking AG] [Centraal Instituut voor Giraal Effectenverkeer B.V. (Euroclear Netherlands)] [Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. as operator of the Euroclear system] [Clearstream Banking, société anonyme] [SIX SIS Ltd] [Euroclear UK and Ireland Limited (“CREST”)] [The Depository Trust Company] [Euroclear Sweden AB] [Euroclear Finland] [VPS ASA] [Other, including address]
[APK Record Day:	The [third][fifth][specify other] business day before the due date for payment] (<i>only applicable where Euroclear Finland is specified as the Clearing Agent</i>)
[VPS ASA Record Day:	The [third][fifth][specify other] business day before the due date for payment] (<i>only applicable where VPS ASA is specified as the Clearing Agent</i>)
Launch Date:	[]
Subscription Period:	[]
Issue Date:	[]
Listing:	[] [Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Securities to be listed on SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd. and admitted to trading on Scoach Switzerland Ltd.] [Application has been made for the Securities to be admitted to the official list of Borsa Italiana S.p.A.]
Listing Date:	[]
Pricing Date:	[]
Admission to trading:	[Application has been made for the Securities to be admitted to trading on [] with effect from [].] [No application for admission to trading has been made.] [Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Securities to be listed on SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd. and admitted to trading on Scoach Switzerland Ltd., provided that no assurance can be given that the Securities will be admitted to trading on Scoach Switzerland Ltd. or listed on SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd. on the Issue Date or any specific date thereafter.] [Securities listed on SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd. may be suspended from trading in accordance with Article 57 of the SIX Listing Rules or be de-listed from SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd. during the lifetime of the Securities.] [Application has been made for the Securities to be admitted to trading on the Electronic Securitised Derivatives Market (SeDeX) organised and

managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A.]

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

[If, following the date of these Final Terms, but before the later of (i) the closure of the offer for the Securities; and (ii) if applicable, the admission of the Securities to trading on [Euronext Amsterdam N.V. / specify]] the Prospectus (the “**Original Prospectus**”) is supplemented, updated or replaced (including replacement following the expiry of the Original Prospectus) then the Issuer shall be entitled, without the consent of any Holder, any prospective Holder or any other person, to amend these Final Terms so as to provide, and/or replace these Final Terms with ones which provide that references to the Original Prospectus herein shall be to the Original Prospectus as amended, supplemented, updated or replaced (save that the terms and conditions applicable to the Securities shall be the Conditions set forth in the Original Prospectus).]

Details of the minimum and/or maximum amount of application:	[Please refer to the section of the Base Prospectus entitled “General Information - Information on the Offering of the Securities - (d) Minimum/ Maximum Application Amount” / <i>give details</i>]
Manner in and date on which results of the offer are to be made public:	[Please refer to the section of the Base Prospectus entitled “General Information - Information on the Offering of the Securities - (f) Details of the Manner in Which the Results of the Initial Offer are to be Made Public” / <i>give details</i>]
Announcements to Holders:	[Delivered to Clearing Agents.]
Principal Agent:	[The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA, United Kingdom]
Registrar:	In respect of Securities cleared through CREST (defined below), [Computershare Investor Services PLC, The Pavilions, Bridgewater Road, Bristol, BS13 8AE, England.][TBD] In respect of Securities not cleared through CREST, [specify]/[None]”; [and]
Agent(s) [and Transfer Agent(s)]:	[Citibank International Plc, Netherlands Branch, Global Transaction Services, Hoge Mosten 2, 4822 NH Breda, The Netherlands]
Calculation Agent:	[The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA, United Kingdom]
Indication of yield:	[Not Applicable] [[]] [Calculated as [include details of method of calculation

in summary form] on the Issue Date.]

The yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price. It is not an indication of future yield.]

Form of the Securities:

[Global Security]

[Dematerialised form]

[Global Security transformed into Intermediated Securities] *(Only applicable to Securities where the Clearing Agent is SIX SIS Ltd)*

[Dematerialised Securities transformed into Intermediated Securities] *(Only applicable to Securities where the Clearing Agent is SIX SIS Ltd)*

Ratings:

[Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services Europe Limited: [Not Applicable/specify]]

[Moody's Investors Service Limited: [Not Applicable/specify]]

[Fitch Ratings Limited: [Not Applicable/specify]]

[[The rating assigned to the Securities has been endorsed by: []

(delete if not applicable)

[Need to include a brief explanation of the meaning of the ratings if this has previously been published by the rating provider.]

(The above disclosure should reflect the rating allocated to the Securities of the type being issued under the Programme generally or, where the issue has been specifically rated, that rating.)

(A statement should also be made as to whether the rating allocated to the Securities is by (i) a registered rating agency established in the EU; (ii) an unregistered rating agency established outside the EU; (iii) a rating agency established in the EU who is applying to be registered in the EU but is not yet registered; (iv) a third country rating agency that is endorsed by an EU registered rating agency; or (v) a third country rating agency that has not applied to be registered in the EU but is certified in accordance with the CRA Regulation).]

[Securities admitted to trading on Scoach Switzerland Ltd. and listed on SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd. only:]

[Delete the following sections if Securities will not be admitted to trading on Scoach Switzerland Ltd. and listed on SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd.]

First Trading Day: [Specify other] [the Issue Date]

Last Trading Day: [] [trading on Scoach Switzerland Ltd. until official close of trading on Scoach Switzerland Ltd. on that day]

Minimum Trading Size: []

Payment Day: [Issue Date][Not Applicable]

Type of quoting (in case of interest component): [flat/dirty trading or clean trading][not applicable]

Minimum Exercise: []

Governing Law: The Securities are subject to English law

Jurisdiction: The courts of England have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute arising from or in connection with the Securities

Swiss Agent: The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, CH-8022 Zurich, Switzerland, phone +41 44 285 58 58, fax +41 44 285 56 17

Recognised Representative for the purpose of Article 43 Listing Rules of the SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd: The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, CH-8022 Zurich, Switzerland, phone +41 44 285 58 58, fax +41 44 285 56 17

Paying Agent: The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA, United Kingdom

Announcements to Holders / Publications: Any notices or publications to be made to Holders will be made through the online information system of SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd., by publishing on SIX Swiss Exchange's website http://www.six-exchange-regulation.com/publications/communications/official_notices_en.html.

Issue Size of Series or Number of Securities []

Interest Ex-Date (in case of interest component): [] [Not Applicable]

Type of quoting (in case of interest component): [flat/dirty trading or clean trading] [Not Applicable]

INDEX AIRBAG CERTIFICATES

- Series: *[Index] Airbag Certificates Series []*
- Issue Price: []
- Additional Market Disruption Events: [None] [specify]
- Airbag Level: [[]% of the Initial Reference Price] *[specify other]*
- Capped Price: [[]% of the Initial Reference Price][Not Applicable] *[specify other]*
- Cash Amount: [(a) If the Final Reference Price is less than the Airbag Level:

$$\frac{[\text{amount}] + [\text{amount}] \times [\text{Final Reference Price} - \text{Airbag Level}]}{\text{Airbag Level}}$$
- (b) If the Final Reference Price is greater than or equal to the Airbag Level but less than or equal to the Initial Reference Price:

$$[\text{amount}];$$
- (c) If the Final Reference Price is greater than the Initial Reference Price but less than or equal to the Initial Reference Price 1:

$$\frac{[\text{amount}] + [\text{amount}] \times [\text{Final Reference Price} - \text{Initial Reference Price}]}{\text{Initial Reference Price}}$$
- (d) If the Final Reference Price is greater than the Initial Reference Price 1 but less than or equal to the Initial Reference Price 2:

$$\frac{[\text{amount}] \times [\text{Final Reference Price} - \text{Initial Reference Price 1}]}{\text{Initial Reference Price}}$$
- (e) If the Final Reference Price is greater than the Initial Reference Price 2 but less than the Capped Price:

$$\frac{[\text{amount}] + [\text{amount}] \times [\text{Final Reference Price} - \text{Initial Reference Price}]}{\text{Initial Reference Price}}$$

$$\frac{[\text{amount}] \times [\text{Final Reference Price} - \text{Initial Reference Price 1}]}{\text{Initial Reference Price}}$$

$$\frac{[\text{amount}] + [\text{amount}] \times [\text{Final Reference Price} - \text{Initial Reference Price}]}{\text{Initial Reference Price}}$$

$$\frac{[\text{amount}] \times [\text{Final Reference Price} - \text{Initial Reference Price 1}]}{\text{Initial Reference Price}}$$

$$\frac{[\text{amount}] \times [\text{Final Reference Price} - \text{Initial Reference Price 2}]}{\text{Initial Reference Price}}$$
- (f) If the Final Reference Price is greater than or equal to the Capped Price:

$$[\text{amount}]] \text{ [specify other]}$$

Emerging Market Disruption Events: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Final Reference Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

[Commodity] Index: [] (Bloomberg Code [])

Initial Reference Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Initial Reference Price 1: [[]% of the Initial Reference Price] [Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Initial Reference Price 2: [[]% of the Initial Reference Price] [Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Pricing Date(s): []

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Relevant Number of Trading Days: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Settlement Currency: []

Settlement Date: [[Third] Business Day following the Valuation Date] [*specify other*][Not Applicable]

Redemption Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Underlying Currency: []

Valuation Date(s): []

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions: [Additional Condition 2.1: Applicable] [Additional Condition 4.1: Applicable] [Not Applicable]
 [Amendments to the General Conditions and/or Product Conditions as required by applicable consumer protection and other laws and/or clearing system and exchange rules. Such amendments may be (i) deletion of one or more General Conditions and/or Product Conditions in part or in its entirety; (ii) addition of disclosure and/or publication requirements; (iii) changes to pay off and other formulae; (iv) addition of clearing system details and applicable clearing rules and arrangements agreed between the Issuer and the relevant clearing system; (v) disclosure of fees applicable in connection with any exercise rights the Holders of Securities may have and (vi) other changes which are not materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of Securities.]
(When making any such amendments consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)

Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: []
(When making any such amendments consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)

ISIN: []
 Common Code: []
 Fondscod: []
 WKN: []
 Valoren: []
 Other Securities Code: [] [Symbol:]

Sales Restriction: The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (“**Securities Act**”) and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.

INFORMATION ON THE UNDERLYING

Performance of Underlying/formula/other variable, explanation of effect on value of investment and associated risks and other information concerning the Underlying: [Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the Underlying/formula/other variable can be obtained.]
 [Need to include a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value of the investment is affected by the Underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most evident.]
(When completing this paragraph, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)

Page where information about the past and future performance of the Underlying and its volatility can be obtained: []
(Insert the following where the Securities are sold to Italian investors)
 [Website: []]
 Italian Newspaper: []]

[Secondary Market: (i) Under normal market conditions, the Issuer intends (but is not obliged) to provide a secondary market throughout the term of the Securities with an indicative spread of [specify].[specify other]] *(only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB); or*
 (ii) The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (“**RBS**”) will use reasonable endeavours, under normal market conditions and at its discretion, to provide Holders with a bid/offer price for the Securities with a maximum spread of [specify]% on a daily basis and will indicate at the time of providing the quotation how long such quotation will remain actionable, or, in any event, not longer than what the Issuer considers a commercially reasonable time. RBS will not be required to provide a bid/offer price if an event or series of events occurs outside RBS’s control (whether or not affecting the market generally) results in (i) the unscheduled closing, (ii) any suspension or (iii) the disruption of any (a) physical or electronic

trading system or market affecting the Securities or(b) computer, communications or other service system used by RBS to generate a quotation in respect of the Securities. RBS may determine a bid/offer price in a different manner than other market participants and prices can vary. Sometimes this variance may be substantial. The bid/offer spread will be subject to RBS's discretion. [*specify other*] (*only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB*)

Series: [*Index*] *Airbag Certificates Series []*

[*repeat as above for each new Series*]

INDEX DISCOUNT CERTIFICATES

Series:	<i>[Index] Discount Certificates Series []</i>
Issue Price:	[]
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] <i>[specify]</i>
Business Day:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Capped Amount:	[Capped Price x Entitlement] <i>[specify other]</i>
Capped Price:	[]
Cash Amount:	[Final Reference Price x Entitlement] <i>[specify other]</i>
Cash Settlement:	[Either[, at the sole option of the Issuer]: (1) the Cash Amount [if the Final Reference Price is less than the Capped Price]; or (2) the Capped Amount [if the Final Reference Price is greater than or equal to the Capped Price]. <i>[specify other]</i>
Emerging Market Disruption Events:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Entitlement:	[]
Final Reference Price:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
[Commodity] Index:	[] (Bloomberg Code [])
Relevant Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Relevant Number of Trading Days:	[8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
Settlement Currency:	[]
Settlement Date:	[The [fifth] Business Day following the Valuation Date] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]
Redemption Date:	[] [Not Applicable]
Standard Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Strike Currency:	[]
Valuation Date(s):	[]
Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions:	[Additional Condition 2.1: Applicable] [Additional Condition 4.1: Applicable] [Not Applicable] [Amendments to the General Conditions and/or Product Conditions as required by applicable consumer protection and other laws and/or clearing system and exchange rules. Such amendments may be (i) deletion of one or more General Conditions and/or Product Conditions in part or in its entirety; (ii) addition of disclosure and/or publication requirements; (iii) changes to pay off and other formulae; (iv) addition of clearing system details and applicable clearing rules and arrangements agreed between the Issuer and the relevant clearing system; (v) disclosure of fees applicable in connection with any exercise rights the Holders of Securities may have and

(vi) other changes which are not materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of Securities.]

(When making any such amendments consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)

Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities:

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(When making any such amendments consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)

ISIN:

[]

Common Code:

[]

Fondscore:

[]

WKN:

[]

Other Securities Code:

[] *[Symbol:]*

Sales Restriction:

The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (“**Securities Act**”) and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.

INFORMATION ON THE UNDERLYING

Performance of Underlying/formula/other variable, explanation of effect on value of investment and associated risks and other information concerning the Underlying:

[Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the Underlying/formula/other variable can be obtained.]

[Need to include a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value of the investment is affected by the Underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most evident.]

(When completing this paragraph, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)

Page where information about the past and future performance of the Underlying and its volatility can be obtained:

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[(Insert the following where the Securities are sold to Italian investors)]

[Website: []]

Italian Newspaper: []]

[Secondary Market:

(i) Under normal market conditions, the Issuer intends (but is not obliged) to provide a secondary market throughout the term of the Securities with an indicative spread of *[specify]*.*[specify other]* (only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB); or

(ii) The Royal Bank of Scotland plc ("**RBS**") will use reasonable endeavours, under normal market conditions and at its discretion, to provide Holders with a bid/offer price for the Securities with a maximum spread of *[specify]*% on a daily basis and will indicate at the time of providing the quotation how long such quotation will remain actionable, or, in any event, not longer than what the Issuer considers a commercially reasonable time. RBS will not be required to provide a bid/offer price if an event or series of events occurs outside RBS's control (whether or not affecting the market generally) results in (i) the unscheduled closing, (ii) any suspension or (iii) the disruption of any (a) physical or electronic trading system or market affecting the Securities or (b) computer, communications or other service system used by RBS to generate a quotation in respect of the Securities. RBS may determine a bid/offer price in a different manner than other market participants and prices can vary. Sometimes this variance may be substantial. The bid/offer spread will be subject to RBS's discretion. *[specify other]* (only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB)]

Series:

[Index] Discount Certificates Series []

[repeat as above for each new Series]

SINGLE STOCK DISCOUNT CERTIFICATES (CASH)

Series:	[Share] Discount Certificates Series []
Issue Price:	[]
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] [specify]
Business Day:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]
Capped Amount:	[Capped Price x Entitlement] [specify other]
Capped Price:	[]
Cash Amount:	[Final Reference Price x Entitlement] [specify other]
Cash Settlement:	[Either[, at the sole option of the Issuer]: (1) the Cash Amount [if the Final Reference Price is less than the Capped Price]; or (2) the Capped Amount [if the Final Reference Price is greater than or equal to the Capped Price] [specify other]
Emerging Market Disruption Event:	[As stated in the Product Condition 1][specify other]
Entitlement:	[]
Exchange:	[]
Final Reference Price:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]
Initial Reference Price:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]
Pricing Date:	[]
Relevant Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1][specify other]
Relevant Number of Trading Days:	[8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
Standard Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1][specify other]
Settlement Currency:	[]
Settlement Date:	[The [fifth] Business Day following the Valuation Date] [specify other] [Not Applicable]
Redemption Date:	[] [Not Applicable]
Share:	The [ordinary] shares of the Share Company (ISIN: [])
Share Company:	[] [(Bloomberg Code:)]
Strike Currency:	[]
Valuation Date(s):	[]

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions:

[Additional Condition 2.1: Applicable] [Additional Condition 4.1: Applicable] [Not Applicable]

[Amendments to the General Conditions and/or Product Conditions as required by applicable consumer protection and other laws and/or clearing system and exchange rules. Such amendments may be (i) deletion of one or more General Conditions and/or Product Conditions in part or in its entirety; (ii) addition of disclosure and/or publication requirements; (iii) changes to pay off and other formulae; (iv) addition of clearing system details and applicable clearing rules and arrangements agreed between the Issuer and the relevant clearing system; (v) disclosure of fees applicable in connection with any exercise rights the Holders of Securities may have and (vi) other changes which are not materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of Securities.]

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Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities:

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ISIN:

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Common Code:

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Fondscore:

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WKN:

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Other Securities Code:

[] [Symbol:]

Sales Restriction:

The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (“**Securities Act**”) and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.

INFORMATION ON THE UNDERLYING

Performance of Underlying/formula/variable, explanation of effect on value of investment and associated risks and other information concerning the Underlying:

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Page where information about the past and future performance of the Underlying and its volatility can be obtained:

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[(Insert the following where the Securities are sold to Italian investors)]

[Website: []]

Italian Newspaper: []]

[Secondary Market:

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(ii) The Royal Bank of Scotland plc ("**RBS**") will use reasonable endeavours, under normal market conditions and at its discretion, to provide Holders with a bid/offer price for the Securities with a maximum spread of *[specify]*% on a daily basis and will indicate at the time of providing the quotation how long such quotation will remain actionable, or, in any event, not longer than what the Issuer considers a commercially reasonable time. RBS will not be required to provide a bid/offer price if an event or series of events occurs outside RBS's control (whether or not affecting the market generally) results in (i) the unscheduled closing, (ii) any suspension or (iii) the disruption of any (a) physical or electronic trading system or market affecting the Securities or (b) computer, communications or other service system used by RBS to generate a quotation in respect of the Securities. RBS may determine a bid/offer price in a different manner than other market participants and prices can vary. Sometimes this variance may be substantial. The bid/offer spread will be subject to RBS's discretion. *[specify other]* *(only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB)*

Series:

[Share] Discount Certificates Series []

[repeat as above for each new Series]

SINGLE STOCK DISCOUNT CERTIFICATES (CASH OR PHYSICAL)

Series:	<i>[Share] Discount Certificates Series</i>
Issue Price:	[]
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] <i>[specify]</i>
Business Day:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Capped Price:	[]
Cash Amount:	[Final Reference Price x Entitlement] <i>[specify other]</i>
Emerging Market Disruption Event:	[As stated in the Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Entitlement:	[]
Exchange:	[]
Final Reference Price:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Initial Reference Price:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Pricing Date:	[]
Relevant Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Relevant Number of Trading Days:	[8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
Settlement:	[Either[, at the sole option of the Issuer]: (1) the Cash Amount [if the Final Reference Price is greater than or equity to the Capped Price]; or (2) the Share Amount [if the Final Reference Price is less than the Capped Price] <i>[specify other]</i>]
Settlement Currency:	[]
Settlement Date:	[The [fifth] Business Day following the Valuation Date] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]
Redemption Date:	[] [Not Applicable]
Share:	The [ordinary] shares of the Share Company (ISIN: [])
Share Amount:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Share Company:	[] [(Bloomberg Code:)]
Standard Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Strike Currency:	[]
Valuation Date(s):	[]
Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product	[Additional Condition 2.1: Applicable] [Additional Condition 4.1: Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Conditions: [Amendments to the General Conditions and/or Product Conditions as required by applicable consumer protection and other laws and/or clearing system and exchange rules. Such amendments may be (i) deletion of one or more General Conditions and/or Product Conditions in part or in its entirety; (ii) addition of disclosure and/or publication requirements; (iii) changes to pay off and other formulae; (iv) addition of clearing system details and applicable clearing rules and arrangements agreed between the Issuer and the relevant clearing system; (v) disclosure of fees applicable in connection with any exercise rights the Holders of Securities may have and (vi) other changes which are not materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of Securities.]

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Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities:

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ISIN:

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Common Code:

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Fondscod:

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Other Securities Code:

[] [Symbol:]

Sales Restriction:

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INFORMATION ON THE UNDERLYING

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Italian Newspaper: []]

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(ii) The Royal Bank of Scotland plc ("**RBS**") will use reasonable endeavours, under normal market conditions and at its discretion, to provide Holders with a bid/offer price for the Securities with a maximum spread of *[specify]*% on a daily basis and will indicate at the time of providing the quotation how long such quotation will remain actionable, or, in any event, not longer than what the Issuer considers a commercially reasonable time. RBS will not be required to provide a bid/offer price if an event or series of events occurs outside RBS's control (whether or not affecting the market generally) results in (i) the unscheduled closing, (ii) any suspension or (iii) the disruption of any (a) physical or electronic trading system or market affecting the Securities or (b) computer, communications or other service system used by RBS to generate a quotation in respect of the Securities. RBS may determine a bid/offer price in a different manner than other market participants and prices can vary. Sometimes this variance may be substantial. The bid/offer spread will be subject to RBS's discretion. *[specify other]* (only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB)]

Series:

[Share] Discount Certificates Series []

[repeat as above for each new Series]

BONUS INDEX CERTIFICATES

Series: *Bonus [Index] Certificates Series []*

Issue Price: []

Additional Market Disruption Events: [None] *[specify]*

Business Day: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Cash Amount: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Emerging Market Disruption Events: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Entitlement: []

Final Reference Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

[Commodity]Index: [] (Bloomberg Code [])

Initial Reference Price: []

Knock-out Bonus Event: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Lower Initial Reference Price: []

Observation Period: []

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Relevant Number of Trading Days: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Settlement Currency: []

Settlement Date: [The [fifth] Business Day following the Valuation Date] *[specify other]*
[Not Applicable]

Redemption Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Strike Currency: []

Upper Initial Reference Price: []

Valuation Date(s): []

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ISIN:	[]
Common Code:	[]
Fondscore:	[]
WKN:	[]
Other Securities Code:	[] <i>[Symbol:]</i>
Sales Restriction:	<p>The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (“Securities Act”) and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.</p>

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Series: Bonus [Index] Certificates Series []

[repeat as above for each new Series]

SINGLE STOCK BONUS CERTIFICATES

Series: *Bonus [Share] Certificates Series []*

Issue Price: []

Additional Market Disruption Events: [None] [specify]

Business Day: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Cash Amount: []

Emerging Market Disruption Events: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Entitlement: []

Exchange: []

Exercise Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Final Reference Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Initial Reference Price: []

Knock-out Bonus Event: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Lower Initial Reference Price: []

Observation Period: []

Pricing Date(s) []

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Relevant Number of Trading Days: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Settlement Currency: []

Settlement Date: [The [fifth] Business Day following the Valuation Date] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Redemption Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Share: [] Bloomberg Code: []; ISIN: []

Share Company: []

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Strike Currency: []

Upper Initial Reference Price: [] [Not Applicable]

Valuation Date(s): []

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions:

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ISIN:

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Common Code:

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Fondscore:

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WKN:

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Other Securities Code:

[] [Symbol:]

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Series: [Single Stock] Bonus Certificates Series []

[repeat as above for each new Series]

INDEX DOUBLE UP CERTIFICATES

Series:	<i>[Index] Double Up Certificates Series []</i>
Issue Price:	[]
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] <i>[specify]</i>
Business Day:	
Cash Amount:	(a) [amount] + [amount] x []% x [(Double Up Stop Level / Initial Reference Price) – 1] (“ Cash Amount 1 ”); or (b) [amount] + [amount] x []% x [(Final Reference Price/ Initial Reference Price) – 1] (“ Cash Amount 2 ”); or (c) [amount] x (Final Reference Price / Initial Reference Price) (“ Cash Amount 3 ”) <i>[specify other]</i>
Double Up Stop Level:	[]
Emerging Market Disruption Events	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Final Reference Price:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
[Commodity] Index:	[] (Bloomberg Code [])
Initial Reference Price:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Pricing Date(s):	[]
Relevant Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Relevant Number of Trading Days:	[8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
Settlement Currency:	[]
Settlement Date:	[The [third] Business Day following the Valuation Date] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]
Redemption Date:	[] [Not Applicable]
Standard Currency	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Strike Currency:	[]
Valuation Date(s):	[]
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Fondscod: []

WKN: []

Other Securities Code: [] [Symbol:]

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Series: [Index] Double Up Certificates Series []

[repeat as above for each new Series]

SINGLE STOCK DOUBLE UP CERTIFICATES

Series: *[Single Stock] Double Up Certificates Series []*

Issue Price: []

Additional Market Disruption Events: [None] *[specify]*

Business Day: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Cash Amount: (a) Initial Reference Price + Initial Reference Price x []% x [(Double Up Stop Level / Initial Reference Price) - 1] (“Cash Amount 1”); or
 (b) Initial Reference Price + Initial Reference Price x []% x [(Final Reference Price / Initial Reference Price) - 1] (“Cash Amount 2”)
[specify other]

Double Up Stop Level Percentage: [[]%][a percentage determined by the Issuer on the [Pricing] Date. The Indicative Double Up Stop Level Percentage as of the Launch Date is []%] *[specify other]*

Emerging Market Disruption Events: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Exchange: []

Final Reference Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Initial Reference Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Pricing Date(s): []

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Relevant Number of Trading Days: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Settlement Currency: []

Settlement Date: [The [third] Business Day following the Valuation Date] *[specify other]*
 [Not Applicable]

Redemption Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Share: [] (Bloomberg Code [], ISIN Code [])

Share Company: []

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Strike Currency: []

Valuation Date(s): []

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Series: [Single Stock] Double Up Certificates Series []

[repeat as above for each new Series]

INDEX BASKET DOUBLE UP CERTIFICATES

Series: Index Basket Double Up Certificates Series []
Issue Price: []
Additional Market Disruption Events: [None] [specify]
Business Day: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Basket:

[Commodity] Index	Strike Currency	Weight
[] [Bloomberg Code:]	[]	[]

Cash Amount: [If the Final Reference Price is greater than the Double Up Stop Level:
[amount] + [amount] x []% x [(Double Up Stop Level / Initial Reference Price) – 1]; or
If the Final Reference Price is greater than or equal to the Initial Reference Price but less than the Double Up Stop Level:
[amount] + [amount] x []% x [(Final Reference Price / Initial Reference Price) – 1]; or
If the Final Reference Price is less than the Initial Reference Price:
[amount] x (Final Reference Price / Initial Reference Price)]
[specify other]

Double Up Stop Level: []
Emerging Market Disruption Events: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]
Exercise Date: [] [Not Applicable]
Final Reference Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]
Initial Reference Price: []
Index Closing Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]
Index Final Closing Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]
Index Initial Closing Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]
Pricing Date(s): []

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Relevant Number of Trading Days: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Settlement Currency: []

Settlement Date: [The [third] Business Day following the Valuation Date] [*specify other*]
[Not Applicable]

Redemption Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Strike Currency: []

Valuation Date(s): []

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Series: *Index Basket Double Up Certificates Series []*
[repeat as above for each new Series]

STOCK BASKET DOUBLE UP CERTIFICATES

Series: Stock Basket Double Up Certificates Series []

Issue Price: []

Additional Market Disruption Events: [None] [specify]

Basket:

Share	Share Company	Exchange	Strike Currency	Weight
[]	[]	[]	[]	[]

Business Day: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Cash Amount: [If the Final Reference Price is greater than the Double Up Stop Level
Initial Reference Price + Initial Reference Price x []% x [(Double Up
Stop Level / Initial Reference Price) - 1]; or
If the Final Reference Price is greater than or equal to the Initial
Reference Price but less than the Double Up Stop Level:
Initial Reference Price + Initial Reference Price x []% x [(Final
Reference Price / Initial Reference Price) - 1]; or
If the Final Reference Price is less than the Initial Reference Price:
[amount] x (Final Reference Price / Initial Reference Price)]
[*specify other*]

Double Up Stop Level []

Emerging Market Disruption Events: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Exercise Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Final Reference Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Initial Reference Price: []

Pricing Date(s): []

Physical Settlement: [Applicable][Not Applicable]

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Relevant Number of Trading Days: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Settlement Currency: []

Settlement Date: [The [third] Business Day following the Valuation Date] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Redemption Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Share Amount: [Not Applicable]

[If the Final Reference Price is less than the Initial Reference Price: []]

[*specify other*]

Share Closing Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Share Final Closing Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Share Initial Closing Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Valuation Date(s): []

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions: [Additional Condition 2.1: Applicable] [Additional Condition 4.1: Applicable] [Not Applicable]

[Amendments to the General Conditions and/or Product Conditions as required by applicable consumer protection and other laws and/or clearing system and exchange rules. Such amendments may be (i) deletion of one or more General Conditions and/or Product Conditions in part or in its entirety; (ii) addition of disclosure and/or publication requirements; (iii) changes to pay off and other formulae; (iv) addition of clearing system details and applicable clearing rules and arrangements agreed between the Issuer and the relevant clearing system; (v) disclosure of fees applicable in connection with any exercise rights the Holders of Securities may have and (vi) other changes which are not materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of Securities.]

(When making any such amendments consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)

Amendments to the Offering Procedure for []

(When making any such amendments consideration should be given as to

the Securities: *whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)*

ISIN: []

Common Code: []

Fondscore: []

WKN: []

Other Securities Code: [] *[Symbol:]*

Sales Restriction: The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (“**Securities Act**”) and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.

INFORMATION ON THE UNDERLYING

Performance of Underlying/formula/other variable, explanation of effect on value of investment and associated risks and other information concerning the Underlying: [Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the Underlying/formula/other variable can be obtained.]
 [Need to include a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value of the investment is affected by the Underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most evident.]
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Page where information about the past and future performance of the Underlying and its volatility can be obtained: []
(Insert the following where the Securities are sold to Italian investors)
 [Website: []]
 Italian Newspaper: []]

[Secondary Market:

(i) Under normal market conditions, the Issuer intends (but is not obliged) to provide a secondary market throughout the term of the Securities with an indicative spread of *[specify].[specify other]* (only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB); or

(ii) The Royal Bank of Scotland plc ("**RBS**") will use reasonable endeavours, under normal market conditions and at its discretion, to provide Holders with a bid/offer price for the Securities with a maximum spread of *[specify]*% on a daily basis and will indicate at the time of providing the quotation how long such quotation will remain actionable, or, in any event, not longer than what the Issuer considers a commercially reasonable time. RBS will not be required to provide a bid/offer price if an event or series of events occurs outside RBS's control (whether or not affecting the market generally) results in (i) the unscheduled closing, (ii) any suspension or (iii) the disruption of any (a) physical or electronic trading system or market affecting the Securities or (b) computer, communications or other service system used by RBS to generate a quotation in respect of the Securities. RBS may determine a bid/offer price in a different manner than other market participants and prices can vary. Sometimes this variance may be substantial. The bid/offer spread will be subject to RBS's discretion. *[specify other]* (only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB)]

Series:

Stock Basket Double Up Certificates Series []

[repeat as above for each new Series]

INTEREST RATE EXPRESS CERTIFICATES

Series:	<i>[interest rate] Express Certificates Series []</i>		
Issue Price:	[]		
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] <i>[specify]</i>		
Basket:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]		
Certificate	Exchange	Reference Rate	Screen Page
<i>[specify]</i> (ISIN: [])	<i>[specify]</i>	<i>[specify]</i>	<i>[specify]</i>
Business Day:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>		
Calculation Period:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Cash Amount:	<i>[specify]</i>		
Certificate:	[[] (ISIN: []) [See Basket] [Not Applicable]		
Current Barrier Level:	[As stated in Product Condition 1 and rounded to the next two decimal places] [The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date is []] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Current Premium:	[%] [Not Applicable]		
Current Spread:	[%] [Not Applicable]		
Current Strike Level:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is []] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Early Termination Amount:	[] [Not Applicable]		
Early Termination Date:	[] [Not Applicable]		
Early Termination Event:	[The Final Reference Price of the[Reference Rate][Certificate][Basket Constituent] on the Early Termination Date is equal to or higher than [its/the] Initial Reference Price] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Emerging Market Disruption Events:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>		
Entitlement:	[] [Not Applicable]		
Exchange:	[] [See Basket] [Not Applicable]		
Exchange Business Day:	[Any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event would have been) a trading day on the Exchange, other than a day on which trading on the Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Exercise Date:	[] [Not Applicable]		
Express Long:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]		
Express Short:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]		
Final Reference Price:	[[In relation to a Reference Rate,] the price of the Reference Rate at the Valuation Time on the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or the Valuation Date, as the case may be] [[In relation to a Certificate,] the fair market value of the Certificate at the Valuation Time on the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or the Valuation Date, as the case may		

be, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent in its reasonable discretion based on the price of the underlying product to which the Certificate is linked] *[specify other]*

Funding Cost:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]
Initial Reference Price:	[[In relation to a Reference Rate,] the price of the Reference Rate at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date] [[In relation to a Certificate,] the fair market value of the Certificate at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent in its reasonable discretion based on the price of the underlying product to which the Certificate is linked] <i>[specify other]</i>
Interest:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]
Interest Amount:	[[EUR] x Interest Rate x Interest Rate Day Count Fraction] <i>[specify other]</i>
Interest Payment Dates:	[[] [and []]] in each year up to and including the [Settlement Date][Redemption Date], with the first Interest Payment Date being []] [Not Applicable] <i>[specify other]</i>
Interest Period:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]
Interest Rate:	[In respect of the <i>[specify]</i> Interest Period[s], [] per cent. per annum] [In respect of the <i>[specify]</i> Interest Period[s], the rate determined in accordance with the following formula: <i>[specify]</i> [Not Applicable] <i>[specify other]</i>
Interest Rate Day Count Fraction:	[The actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 365 save that for a portion which any such period falls in a leap year, the number of days in such portion shall be divided by 366] [The number of days in the relevant period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months (unless (i) the last day of the Interest Period is the 31st day of a month but the first day of the Interest Period is a day other than the 30th or 31st day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-day month, or (ii) the last day of the Interest Period is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30 day month)))] [Not Applicable] <i>[specify other]</i>
Issuer Call:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]
Issuer Call Cash Amount:	[Not Applicable] <i>[specify]</i>
Issuer Call Commencement Date:	[Not Applicable] <i>[specify]</i>
Issuer Call Notice Period:	[Not Applicable] [one calendar month] <i>[specify]</i>
Launch Date:	[] [Not Applicable]
Pricing Date(s):	[]

Reference Banks: [five] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Reference Rate: [The [] rate published on the Screen Page [(quoted on a [*specify*] basis)] [See Basket] [Not Applicable]

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Relevant Number of Trading Days: For the purposes of :
 Early Termination Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
 Valuation Date: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
 Issuer Call Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Reset Date: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Screen Page: [[] Screen: Page []] [See Basket] [Not Applicable]

Settlement Currency: []

Settlement Date: [Second Business Day following the Early Termination Date] if an Early Termination Event has occurred, the second Business Day following the Issuer Call Date if an Issuer Call has occurred and] [the Exercise Date] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Redemption Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Underlying Currency: []

Valuation Date(s): [[[Second] Business Day before] the Exercise Date] [*specify other*]

Valuation Time: [11.00 Frankfurt time][*specify other*]

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions: [Additional Condition 2.1: Applicable] [Additional Condition 4.1: Applicable] [Not Applicable]
 [Amendments to the General Conditions and/or Product Conditions as required by applicable consumer protection and other laws and/or clearing system and exchange rules. Such amendments may be (i) deletion of one or more General Conditions and/or Product Conditions in part or in its entirety; (ii) addition of disclosure and/or publication requirements; (iii) changes to pay off and other formulae; (iv) addition of clearing system details and applicable clearing rules and arrangements agreed between the Issuer and the relevant clearing system; (v) disclosure of fees applicable in connection with any exercise rights the Holders of Securities may have and (vi) other changes which are not materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of Securities.]
(When making any such amendments consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)

Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: []
(When making any such amendments consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16

of the Prospectus Directive)

ISIN: []

Common Code: []

Fondscore: []

WKN: []

Other Securities Code: [] [Symbol:]

Sales Restriction: The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (“**Securities Act**”) and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.

INFORMATION ON THE UNDERLYING

Performance of [Need to include details of where past and future performance and Underlying/formula/ volatility of the Underlying/formula/other variable can be obtained.]

other variable, [Need to include a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value explanation of effect on of the investment is affected by the Underlying and the circumstances value of investment and when the risks are most evident.]

associated risks and other (When completing this paragraph, consideration should be given as to information concerning whether such matters described constitute “significant new factors” and the Underlying: consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)

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about the past and future performance of the [Website: []
Underlying and its Italian Newspaper: []
volatility can be obtained:

[Secondary Market: (i) Under normal market conditions, the Issuer intends (but is not obliged) to provide a secondary market throughout the term of the Securities with an indicative spread of [specify].[specify other]] (only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB); or

(ii) The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (“**RBS**”) will use reasonable endeavours, under normal market conditions and at its discretion, to provide Holders with a bid/offer price for the Securities with a maximum spread of [specify]% on a daily basis and will indicate at the time of providing the quotation how long such quotation will remain actionable,

or, in any event, not longer than what the Issuer considers a commercially reasonable time. RBS will not be required to provide a bid/offer price if an event or series of events occurs outside RBS's control (whether or not affecting the market generally) results in (i) the unscheduled closing, (ii) any suspension or (iii) the disruption of any (a) physical or electronic trading system or market affecting the Securities or (b) computer, communications or other service system used by RBS to generate a quotation in respect of the Securities. RBS may determine a bid/offer price in a different manner than other market participants and prices can vary. Sometimes this variance may be substantial. The bid/offer spread will be subject to RBS's discretion. [*specify other*] (*only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB*)

Series: [*interest rate*] *Express Certificates Series []*

[*repeat as above for each new Series*]

COMMODITY EXPRESS CERTIFICATES

Series:	<i>[commodity] Express Certificates Series []</i>		
Issue Price:	[]		
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] <i>[Specify]</i>		
Basket:	<i>[Applicable]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Certificate	Commodity	Screen Page	Exchange
<i>[specify]</i> (ISIN: [])	<i>[specify]</i>	<i>[specify]</i>	<i>[specify]</i>
Business Day:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>		
Calculation Period:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Cash Amount:	<i>[specify]</i>		
Certificate:	[[] (ISIN: []) [See Basket] [Not Applicable]		
Commodity:	[[] (Screen Page []) [See Basket] [Not Applicable]		
Current Barrier Level:	[As stated in Product Condition 1 and rounded to the next two decimal places] [The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date is []] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Current Premium:	[%] [Not Applicable]		
Current Spread:	[%] [Not Applicable]		
Current Strike Level:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is []] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Early Termination Amount:	[] [Not Applicable]		
Early Termination Date:	[] [Not Applicable]		
Early Termination Event:	[The Final Reference Price of the [Commodity][Certificate][Basket Constituent] on the Early Termination Date is equal to or higher than the Initial Reference Price] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Emerging Market Disruption Events:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>		
Entitlement:	[] [Not Applicable]		
Exchange:	[] [See Basket]		
Exchange Business Day:	[Any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event would have been) a trading day on the Exchange, other than a day on which trading on the Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Exercise Date:	[] [Not Applicable]		
Express Long:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]		
Express Short:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]		
Final Reference Price:	[In relation to a Commodity,] the price of the Commodity at the Valuation Time on the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or the Valuation Date, as the case may be] [[In relation to a Certificate,] the		

fair market value of the Certificate at the Valuation Time on the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or the Valuation Date, as the case may be, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent in its reasonable discretion based on the price of the underlying product to which the Certificate is linked] [*specify other*]

Funding Cost: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Initial Reference Price: [In relation to a Commodity,] the price of the Commodity at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date] [[In relation to a Certificate,] the fair market value of the Certificate at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent in its reasonable discretion based on the price of the underlying product to which the Certificate is linked] [*specify other*]

Interest: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Interest Amount: [[EUR] x Interest Rate x Interest Rate Day Count Fraction] [*specify other*]

Interest Payment Dates: [[] [and []]] in each year up to and including the [Settlement Date][Redemption Date], with the first Interest Payment Date being [] [Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Interest Period: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Interest Rate: [In respect of the [*specify*] Interest Period[s], [] per cent. per annum]
[In respect of the [*specify*] Interest Period[s], the rate determined in accordance with the following formula:
[*specify*]]
[Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Interest Rate Day Count Fraction: [The actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 365 save that for a portion which any such period falls in a leap year, the number of days in such portion shall be divided by 366]
[The number of days in the relevant period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months (unless (i) the last day of the Interest Period is the 31st day of a month but the first day of the Interest Period is a day other than the 30th or 31st day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-day month, or (ii) the last day of the Interest Period is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30 day month))]
[Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Issuer Call: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Issuer Call Cash Amount: [Not Applicable] [*specify*]

Issuer Call Commencement Date: [Not Applicable] [*specify*]

Issuer Call Notice Period: [Not Applicable] [one calendar month] [*specify*]

Launch Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Pricing Date(s): []

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Relevant Number of Trading Days: For the purposes of :
 Early Termination Date:[8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
 Valuation Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
 Issuer Call Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Reset Date: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Settlement Currency: []

Settlement Date: [Second Business Day following the Early Termination Date] if an Early Termination Event has occurred, the second Business Day following the Issuer Call Date if an Issuer Call has occurred and] [the Exercise Date] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Redemption Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Underlying Currency: []

Valuation Date(s): [[Second] Business Day before] the Exercise Date [*specify other*]

Valuation Time: []

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions: [Additional Condition 2.1: Applicable] [Additional Condition 4.1: Applicable] [Not Applicable]
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Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: []
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Common Code: []

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INFORMATION ON THE UNDERLYING

Performance of Underlying/formula/other variable, explanation of effect on value of investment and associated risks and other information concerning the Underlying: [Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the Underlying/formula/other variable can be obtained.]

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Page where information about the past and future performance of the Underlying and its volatility can be obtained: []

[(Insert the following where the Securities are sold to Italian investors)]

[Website: []]

Italian Newspaper: []]

[Secondary Market: (i) Under normal market conditions, the Issuer intends (but is not obliged) to provide a secondary market throughout the term of the Securities with an indicative spread of [specify].[specify other]] (only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB); or

(ii) The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (“**RBS**”) will use reasonable endeavours, under normal market conditions and at its discretion, to provide Holders with a bid/offer price for the Securities with a maximum spread of [specify]% on a daily basis and will indicate at the time of providing the quotation how long such quotation will remain actionable, or, in any event, not longer than what the Issuer considers a commercially reasonable time. RBS will not be required to provide a bid/offer price if an event or series of events occurs outside RBS's control (whether or not affecting the market generally) results in (i) the unscheduled closing, (ii) any suspension or (iii) the disruption of any (a)

physical or electronic trading system or market affecting the Securities or(b) computer, communications or other service system used by RBS to generate a quotation in respect of the Securities. RBS may determine a bid/offer price in a different manner than other market participants and prices can vary. Sometimes this variance may be substantial. The bid/offer spread will be subject to RBS's discretion. *[specify other]* (only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB)]

Series: *[commodity] Express Certificates Series []*

[repeat as above for each new Series]

EQUITY EXPRESS CERTIFICATES

Series: *[equity] Express Certificates Series []*

Issue Price: []

Additional Market Disruption Events: [None] *[Specify]*

Basket: *[Applicable]* [Not Applicable]

Certificate	Share:	Share Company	Exchange
<i>[specify]</i> (ISIN: [])	<i>[specify]</i> (ISIN: [])	<i>[specify]</i> (Bloomberg Code: [])	<i>[specify]</i>

Business Day: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Calculation Period: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Cash Amount: *[specify]*

Certificate: [[]] (ISIN: []) [See Basket] [Not Applicable]

Current Barrier Level: [As stated in Product Condition 1 and rounded to the next two decimal places] [The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date is []] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Current Premium: [%] [Not Applicable]

Current Spread: [%] [Not Applicable]

Current Strike Level: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is []] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Early Termination Amount: [] [Not Applicable]

Early Termination Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Early Termination Event: [The Final Reference Price of the [Share][Certificate][Basket Constituent] on the Early Termination Date is equal to or higher than the Initial Reference Price] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Emerging Market Disruption Events: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Entitlement: [] [Not Applicable]

Exchange: [] [See Basket]

Exchange Business Day: [Any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event would have been) a trading day on the Exchange, other than a day on which trading on the Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Exercise Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Express Long: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Express Short: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Final Reference Price: [[In relation to a Share,] the price of the Share on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or the Valuation Date, as the case may be] [[In relation to a Certificate,] the fair market value of the Certificate at the Valuation Time on the Early

Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or the Valuation Date, as the case may be, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent in its reasonable discretion based on the price of the underlying product to which the Certificate is linked] *[specify other]*

Funding Cost: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Initial Reference Price: [[In relation to a Share,] the price of the Share on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date] [[In relation to a Certificate,] the fair market value of the Certificate at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent in its reasonable discretion based on the price of the underlying product to which the Certificate is linked] *[specify other]*

Interest: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Interest Amount: [[EUR] x Interest Rate x Interest Rate Day Count Fraction] *[specify other]*

Interest Payment Dates: [[] [and []]] in each year up to and including the [Settlement Date][Redemption Date], with the first Interest Payment Date being [] [Not Applicable] *[specify other]*

Interest Period: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Interest Rate: [In respect of the [specify] Interest Period[s], [] per cent. per annum]
[In respect of the [specify] Interest Period[s], the rate determined in accordance with the following formula:
[specify]]
[Not Applicable] *[specify other]*

Interest Rate Day Count Fraction: [The actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 365 save that for a portion which any such period falls in a leap year, the number of days in such portion shall be divided by 366]
[The number of days in the relevant period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months (unless (i) the last day of the Interest Period is the 31st day of a month but the first day of the Interest Period is a day other than the 30th or 31st day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-day month, or (ii) the last day of the Interest Period is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30 day month))]
[Not Applicable] *[specify other]*

Issuer Call: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Issuer Call Cash Amount: [Not Applicable] *[specify]*

Issuer Call Commencement Date: [Not Applicable] *[specify]*

Issuer Call Notice Period: [Not Applicable] [one calendar month] *[specify]*

Launch Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Notional Dividend Amount: [Applicable] [Not Applicable] [As specified in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Notional Dividend Period:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable] [As specified in Product Condition 1] [<i>specify other</i>]
Pricing Date(s):	[]
Relevant Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [<i>specify other</i>]
Relevant Number of Trading Days:	For the purposes of: Early Termination Date:[8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180] Valuation Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180] Issuer Call Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
Reset Date:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [<i>specify other</i>] [Not Applicable]
Settlement Currency:	[]
Settlement Date:	[Second Business Day following the Early Termination Date] if an Early Termination Event has occurred, the second Business Day following the Issuer Call Date if an Issuer Call has occurred and) [the Exercise Date] [<i>specify other</i>] [Not Applicable]
Redemption Date:	[] [Not Applicable]
Share:	[[] ISIN: []] [See Basket] [Not Applicable]
Share Company:	[[] (Bloomberg Code: [] [See Basket] [Not Applicable]
Standard Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [<i>specify other</i>]
Underlying Currency:	[]
Valuation Date(s):	[[Second] Business Day before] the Exercise Date] [<i>specify other</i>]
Valuation Time:	[The close of trading on the relevant Exchange in relation to the Share] [<i>specify other</i>]
Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions:	[Additional Condition 2.1: Applicable] [Additional Condition 4.1: Applicable] [Not Applicable] [Amendments to the General Conditions and/or Product Conditions as required by applicable consumer protection and other laws and/or clearing system and exchange rules. Such amendments may be (i) deletion of one or more General Conditions and/or Product Conditions in part or in its entirety; (ii) addition of disclosure and/or publication requirements; (iii) changes to pay off and other formulae; (iv) addition of clearing system details and applicable clearing rules and arrangements agreed between the Issuer and the relevant clearing system; (v) disclosure of fees applicable in connection with any exercise rights the Holders of Securities may have and (vi) other changes which are not materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of Securities.] <i>(When making any such amendments consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)</i>

Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: []
(When making any such amendments consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)

ISIN: []

Common Code: []

Fondscore: []

WKN: []

Other Securities Code: [] [Symbol:]

Sales Restriction: The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (“**Securities Act**”) and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.

INFORMATION ON THE UNDERLYING

Performance of Underlying/formula/other variable, explanation of effect on value of investment and associated risks and other information concerning the Underlying: [Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the Underlying/formula/other variable can be obtained.]

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(Insert the following where the Securities are sold to Italian investors)

[Website: []]

Italian Newspaper: []]

[Secondary Market: (i) Under normal market conditions, the Issuer intends (but is not obliged) to provide a secondary market throughout the term of the

Securities with an indicative spread of [*specify*].[*specify other*] (*only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB*); or

(ii) The Royal Bank of Scotland plc ("**RBS**") will use reasonable endeavours, under normal market conditions and at its discretion, to provide Holders with a bid/offer price for the Securities with a maximum spread of [*specify*]% on a daily basis and will indicate at the time of providing the quotation how long such quotation will remain actionable, or, in any event, not longer than what the Issuer considers a commercially reasonable time. RBS will not be required to provide a bid/offer price if an event or series of events occurs outside RBS's control (whether or not affecting the market generally) results in (i) the unscheduled closing, (ii) any suspension or (iii) the disruption of any (a) physical or electronic trading system or market affecting the Securities or (b) computer, communications or other service system used by RBS to generate a quotation in respect of the Securities. RBS may determine a bid/offer price in a different manner than other market participants and prices can vary. Sometimes this variance may be substantial. The bid/offer spread will be subject to RBS's discretion. [*specify other*] (*only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB*)]

Series: [*equity*] *Express Certificates Series []*

[*repeat as above for each new Series*]

INDEX EXPRESS CERTIFICATES

Series:	<i>[index] Express Certificates Series []</i>		
Issue Price:	[]		
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] <i>[specify]</i>		
Basket:	<i>[Applicable]</i> [Not Applicable]		
	Certificate	Index	Bloomberg Code
	<i>[specify]</i>	(ISIN: <i>[specify]</i>)	<i>[specify]</i>
	[]		
Business Day:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>		
Calculation Period:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Cash Amount:	<i>[specify]</i>		
Renunciation Security:	[] <i>(only applicable where the Securities are listed on SeDeX)</i>		
Certificate:	[[] (ISIN: [])] [See Basket] [Not Applicable]		
Current Barrier Level:	[As stated in Product Condition 1 and rounded to the next two decimal places] [The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date is []] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Current Premium:	[%] [Not Applicable]		
Current Spread:	[%] [Not Applicable]		
Current Strike Level:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is []] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Early Termination Amount:	[] [Not Applicable]		
Early Termination Date:	[] [Not Applicable]		
Early Termination Event:	[The Final Reference Price of the [Index][Certificate][Basket Constituent] on the Early Termination Date is equal to or higher than the Initial Reference Price] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Emerging Market Disruption Events:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>		
Entitlement:	[] [Not Applicable]		
Exchange Business Day:	[Any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event would have been) a trading day on the Exchange, other than a day on which trading on the Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Exercise Date:	[] [Not Applicable]		
Express Long:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]		
Express Short:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]		
Final Reference Price:	[[In relation to an Index,] the level of the Index at the Valuation Time on the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or the Valuation Date, as the case may be] [[In relation to a Certificate,] the fair market value of the Certificate at the Valuation Time on the Early Termination Date,		

Issuer Call Date or the Valuation Date, as the case may be, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent in its reasonable discretion based on the price of the underlying product to which the Certificate is linked] [*specify other*]

Funding Cost: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

[Commodity]Index: [[] (Bloomberg Code: [])] [See Basket] [Not Applicable]

Initial Reference Price: [[In relation to an Index,] the level of the Index at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date] [[In relation to a Certificate,] the fair market value of the Certificate at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent in its reasonable discretion based on the price of the underlying product to which the Certificate is linked] [*specify other*]

Interest: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Interest Amount: [[EUR] x Interest Rate x Interest Rate Day Count Fraction] [*specify other*]

Interest Payment Dates: [[] [and []] in each year up to and including the [Settlement Date][Redemption Date], with the first Interest Payment Date being []] [Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Interest Period: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Interest Rate: [In respect of the [specify] Interest Period[s], [] per cent. per annum]

[In respect of the [specify] Interest Period[s], the rate determined in accordance with the following formula:

[*specify*]]

[Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Interest Rate Day Count Fraction: [The actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 365 save that for a portion which any such period falls in a leap year, the number of days in such portion shall be divided by 366]

[The number of days in the relevant period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months (unless (i) the last day of the Interest Period is the 31st day of a month but the first day of the Interest Period is a day other than the 30th or 31st day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-day month, or (ii) the last day of the Interest Period is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30 day month)))]

[Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Issuer Call: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Issuer Call Cash Amount: [Not Applicable] [*specify*]

Issuer Call Commencement Date: [Not Applicable] [*specify*]

Issuer Call Notice Period: [Not Applicable] [one calendar month] [*specify*]

Launch Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Notional Dividend [Applicable] [Not Applicable] [As specified in Product Condition 1]

Amount: [specify other]

Notional Dividend Period: [Applicable] [Not Applicable] [As specified in Product Condition 1] [specify other]

Pricing Date(s): []

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]

Relevant Number of Trading Days: For the purposes of:
 Early Termination Date:[8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
 Valuation Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
 Issuer Call Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Reset Date: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other] [Not Applicable]

Settlement Currency: []

Settlement Date: [Second Business Day following the Early Termination Date] if an Early Termination Event has occurred, the second Business Day following the Issuer Call Date if an Issuer Call has occurred and] [the Exercise Date] [specify other] [Not Applicable]

Redemption Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]

Underlying Currency: []

Valuation Date(s): [[Second] Business Day before] the Exercise Date] [specify other]

Valuation Time: [The time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the closing level of the relevant Index] [specify other]

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions: [Additional Condition 2.1: Applicable] [Additional Condition 4.1: Applicable] [Not Applicable]
 [Amendments to the General Conditions and/or Product Conditions as required by applicable consumer protection and other laws and/or clearing system and exchange rules. Such amendments may be (i) deletion of one or more General Conditions and/or Product Conditions in part or in its entirety; (ii) addition of disclosure and/or publication requirements; (iii) changes to pay off and other formulae; (iv) addition of clearing system details and applicable clearing rules and arrangements agreed between the Issuer and the relevant clearing system; (v) disclosure of fees applicable in connection with any exercise rights the Holders of Securities may have and (vi) other changes which are not materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of Securities.]
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Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: []
(When making any such amendments consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)

ISIN: []

Common Code: []

Fondscore: []

WKN: []

Other Securities Code: [] *[Symbol:]*

Sales Restriction: The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (“**Securities Act**”) and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.

INFORMATION ON THE UNDERLYING

Performance of Underlying/formula/other variable, explanation of effect on value of investment and associated risks and other information concerning the Underlying: [Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the Underlying/formula/other variable can be obtained.]

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[Website: []]

Italian Newspaper: []]

[Secondary Market:

(i) Under normal market conditions, the Issuer intends (but is not obliged) to provide a secondary market throughout the term of the Securities with an indicative spread of *[specify].[specify other]* (only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB); or

(ii) The Royal Bank of Scotland plc ("**RBS**") will use reasonable endeavours, under normal market conditions and at its discretion, to provide Holders with a bid/offer price for the Securities with a maximum spread of *[specify]*% on a daily basis and will indicate at the time of providing the quotation how long such quotation will remain actionable, or, in any event, not longer than what the Issuer considers a commercially reasonable time. RBS will not be required to provide a bid/offer price if an event or series of events occurs outside RBS's control (whether or not affecting the market generally) results in (i) the unscheduled closing, (ii) any suspension or (iii) the disruption of any (a) physical or electronic trading system or market affecting the Securities or (b) computer, communications or other service system used by RBS to generate a quotation in respect of the Securities. RBS may determine a bid/offer price in a different manner than other market participants and prices can vary. Sometimes this variance may be substantial. The bid/offer spread will be subject to RBS's discretion. *[specify other]* (only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB)]

Series:

[index] Express Certificates Series []

[repeat as above for each new Series]

CURRENCY EXPRESS CERTIFICATES

Series:	<i>[currency] Express Certificates Series []</i>			
Issue Price:	[]			
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] <i>[Specify]</i>			
Basket:	<i>[Applicable]</i> [Not Applicable]			
Certificate	Exchange	Underlying Rate	FX	Screen Page
<i>[specify]</i> (ISIN: [])	<i>[specify]</i>	<i>[specify]</i>		<i>[[specify]</i>
Business Day:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>			
Calculation Period:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]			
Cash Amount:	<i>[specify]</i>			
Renunciation Security:	[] <i>(only applicable where the Securities are listed on SeDeX)</i>			
Certificate:	[[] (ISIN: []) [See Basket] [Not Applicable]			
Current Barrier Level:	[As stated in Product Condition 1 and rounded to the next two decimal places] [The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date is []] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]			
Current Premium:	[%] [Not Applicable]			
Current Spread:	[%] [Not Applicable]			
Current Strike Level:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is []] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]			
Early Termination Amount:	[] [Not Applicable]			
Early Termination Date:	[] [Not Applicable]			
Early Termination Event:	[The Final Reference Price of the [Underlying FX Rate][Certificate][Basket Constituent] on the Early Termination Date is equal to or higher than [its/the] Initial Reference Price] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]			
Emerging Market Disruption Events:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>			
Entitlement:	[] [Not Applicable]			
Exchange:	[] [See Basket] [Not Applicable]			
Exchange Business Day:	[Any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event would have been) a trading day on the Exchange, other than a day on which trading on the Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]			
Exercise Date:	[] [Not Applicable]			
Express Long:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]			
Express Short:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]			
Final Reference Price:	[[In relation to an Underlying FX Rate,] the bid price of the Underlying			

FX Rate at the Valuation Time on the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or the Valuation Date, as the case may be) [[In relation to a Certificate,] the fair market value of the Certificate at the Valuation Time on the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or the Valuation Date, as the case may be, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent in its reasonable discretion based on the price of the underlying product to which the Certificate is linked] *[specify other]*

Funding Cost: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Initial Reference Price: [[In relation to an Underlying FX Rate,] the bid price of the Underlying FX Rate at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date] [[In relation to a Certificate,] the fair market value of the Certificate at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent in its reasonable discretion based on the price of the underlying product to which the Certificate is linked] *[specify other]*

Interest: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Interest Amount: [[EUR] x Interest Rate x Interest Rate Day Count Fraction] *[specify other]*

Interest Payment Dates: [[] [and []]] in each year up to and including the [Settlement Date][Redemption Date], with the first Interest Payment Date being [] [Not Applicable] *[specify other]*

Interest Period: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Interest Rate: [In respect of the [specify] Interest Period[s], [] per cent. per annum]
[In respect of the [specify] Interest Period[s], the rate determined in accordance with the following formula:
[specify]]
[Not Applicable] *[specify other]*

Interest Rate Day Count Fraction: [The actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 365 save that for a portion which any such period falls in a leap year, the number of days in such portion shall be divided by 366]
[The number of days in the relevant period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months (unless (i) the last day of the Interest Period is the 31st day of a month but the first day of the Interest Period is a day other than the 30th or 31st day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-day month, or (ii) the last day of the Interest Period is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30 day month))]
[Not Applicable] *[specify other]*

Issuer Call: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Issuer Call Cash Amount: [Not Applicable] *[specify]*

Issuer Call Commencement Date: [Not Applicable] *[specify]*

Issuer Call Notice Period: [Not Applicable] [one calendar month] *[specify]*

Launch Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Pricing Date(s): []

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Relevant Number of Trading Days: For the purposes of :
 Early Termination Date:[8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
 Valuation Date:[8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
 Issuer Call Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Reset Date: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Screen Page: [[] Screen: Page []] [See Basket]

Settlement Currency: []

Settlement Date: [Second Business Day following the Early Termination Date] if an Early Termination Event has occurred, the second Business Day following the Issuer Call Date if an Issuer Call has occurred and] [the Exercise Date] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Redemption Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Underlying Currency: []

Underlying FX Rate: [[] (Bloomberg Code: [])] [See Basket] [Not Applicable]

Valuation Date(s): [[Second] Business Day before] the Exercise Date [*specify other*]

Valuation Time: []

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions: [Additional Condition 2.1: Applicable] [Additional Condition 4.1: Applicable] [Not Applicable]
 [Amendments to the General Conditions and/or Product Conditions as required by applicable consumer protection and other laws and/or clearing system and exchange rules. Such amendments may be (i) deletion of one or more General Conditions and/or Product Conditions in part or in its entirety; (ii) addition of disclosure and/or publication requirements; (iii) changes to pay off and other formulae; (iv) addition of clearing system details and applicable clearing rules and arrangements agreed between the Issuer and the relevant clearing system; (v) disclosure of fees applicable in connection with any exercise rights the Holders of Securities may have and (vi) other changes which are not materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of Securities.]
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Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: []
 (When making any such amendments consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus)

under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)

ISIN: []

Common Code: []

Fondscore: []

WKN: []

Other Securities Code: [] *[Symbol:]*

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INFORMATION ON THE UNDERLYING

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[Need to include a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value of the investment is affected by the Underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most evident.]

(When completing this paragraph, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)

Page where information about the past and future performance of the Underlying and its volatility can be obtained:

[]

(Insert the following where the Securities are sold to Italian investors)

[Website: []]

Italian Newspaper: []]

[Secondary Market: (i) Under normal market conditions, the Issuer intends (but is not obliged) to provide a secondary market throughout the term of the Securities with an indicative spread of *[specify]*.*[specify other]*] (only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB); or

(ii) The Royal Bank of Scotland plc ("**RBS**") will use reasonable endeavours, under normal market conditions and at its discretion, to provide Holders with a bid/offer price for the Securities with a maximum spread of [*specify*]% on a daily basis and will indicate at the time of providing the quotation how long such quotation will remain actionable, or, in any event, not longer than what the Issuer considers a commercially reasonable time. RBS will not be required to provide a bid/offer price if an event or series of events occurs outside RBS's control (whether or not affecting the market generally) results in (i) the unscheduled closing, (ii) any suspension or (iii) the disruption of any (a) physical or electronic trading system or market affecting the Securities or (b) computer, communications or other service system used by RBS to generate a quotation in respect of the Securities. RBS may determine a bid/offer price in a different manner than other market participants and prices can vary. Sometimes this variance may be substantial. The bid/offer spread will be subject to RBS's discretion. [*specify other*] (*only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB*)

Series: [*currency*] *Express Certificates Series []*

[*repeat as above for each new Series*]

REFERENCE ASSET EXPRESS CERTIFICATES

Series:	<i>[reference asset] Express Certificates Series []</i>		
Issue Price:	[]		
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] <i>[Specify]</i>		
Basket:	<i>[Applicable]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Certificate	Reference Asset	Screen Page	Exchange
<i>[specify]</i> (ISIN: [])	<i>[specify]</i>	<i>[specify]</i>	<i>[specify]</i>
Business Day:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>		
Calculation Period:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Cash Amount:	<i>[specify]</i>		
Renunciation Security:	[] <i>(only applicable where the Securities are listed on SeDeX)</i>		
Certificate:	[[] (ISIN: []) [See Basket] [Not Applicable]		
Current Barrier Level:	[As stated in Product Condition 1 and rounded to the next two decimal places] [The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date is []] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Current Premium:	[%] [Not Applicable]		
Current Spread:	[%] [Not Applicable]		
Current Strike Level:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is []] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Early Termination Amount:	[] [Not Applicable]		
Early Termination Date:	[] [Not Applicable]		
Early Termination Event:	[The Final Reference Price of the [Reference Asset][Certificate][Basket Constituent] on the Early Termination Date is equal to or higher than the Initial Reference Price] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Emerging Market Disruption Events:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>		
Entitlement:	[] [Not Applicable]		
Exchange:	[] [See Basket]		
Exchange Business Day:	[Any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event would have been) a trading day on the Exchange, other than a day on which trading on the Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Exercise Date:	[] [Not Applicable]		
Express Long:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]		
Express Short:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]		
Final Reference Price:	[In relation to a Reference Asset,] the price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or the Valuation Date, as the case may be, adjusted for any		

	reasonable market making spreads] [[In relation to a Certificate,] the fair market value of the Certificate at the Valuation Time on the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or the Valuation Date, as the case may be, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent in its reasonable discretion based on the price of the underlying product to which the Certificate is linked] [<i>specify other</i>]
Initial Reference Price:	[In relation to a Reference Asset,] the price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date adjusted for any reasonable market making spreads] [[In relation to a Certificate,] the fair market value of the Certificate at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent in its reasonable discretion based on the price of the underlying product to which the Certificate is linked] [<i>specify other</i>]
Interest:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]
Interest Amount:	[[EUR] x Interest Rate x Interest Rate Day Count Fraction] [<i>specify other</i>]
Interest Payment Dates:	[[] [and []]] in each year up to and including the [Settlement Date][Redemption Date], with the first Interest Payment Date being [] [Not Applicable] [<i>specify other</i>]
Interest Period:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [<i>specify other</i>] [Not Applicable]
Interest Rate:	[In respect of the [specify] Interest Period[s], [] per cent. per annum] [In respect of the [specify] Interest Period[s], the rate determined in accordance with the following formula: [specify]] [Not Applicable] [<i>specify other</i>]
Interest Rate Day Count Fraction:	[The actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 365 save that for a portion which any such period falls in a leap year, the number of days in such portion shall be divided by 366] [The number of days in the relevant period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months (unless (i) the last day of the Interest Period is the 31st day of a month but the first day of the Interest Period is a day other than the 30th or 31st day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-day month, or (ii) the last day of the Interest Period is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30 day month)))] [Not Applicable] [<i>specify other</i>]
Issuer Call:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]
Issuer Call Cash Amount:	[Not Applicable] [<i>specify</i>]
Issuer Call Commencement Date:	[Not Applicable] [<i>specify</i>]
Issuer Call Notice Period:	[Not Applicable] [one calendar month] [<i>specify</i>]
Handling Cost:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [<i>specify other</i>] [Not Applicable]

Launch Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Pricing Date(s): []

Reference Asset: [[] (Screen Page [])] [See Basket] [Not Applicable]

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Reset Date: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Relevant Number of Trading Days: For the purposes of :
 Early Termination Date:[8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
 Valuation Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
 Issuer Call Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Rollover Date: [the prompt date of the Reference Asset with an expiry month preceding the current existing Reference Asset]
 [a date, being a Trading Day, as selected by the Issuer within the last 10 Trading Days prior to the last Trading Day of the Reference Asset]
 [a date, being a Trading Day, as selected by the Issuer within the last 10 Trading Days prior to the last Trading Day of the Reference Asset with an expiry month preceding the existing Reference Asset]
 [the period ending not less than 10 Trading Days prior to the first notice date of the Reference Asset]
 [the period within the last 10 Trading Days prior to first notice date of the Reference Asset]

Rollover Ratio: $[(A-B)/(C+D)] \times E$ where (i) A is the Reference Asset Price; (ii) B is the Transaction Charge multiplied by the Reference Asset Price; (iii) C is the Substitute Asset Price; (iv) D is the Transaction Charge multiplied by the Substitute Asset Price and (v) E is the immediately preceding Rollover Ratio] [*specify other*]

Rollover Spread; [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Rollover Time: [In the course of the usual Trading Hours on the Exchange (currently [11.02am to 8.30pm Central European Time])] [*specify other*]

Settlement Currency: []

Settlement Date: [Second Business Day following the Early Termination Date] if an Early Termination Event has occurred, the second Business Day following the Issuer Call Date if an Issuer Call has occurred and] [the Exercise Date] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Redemption Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Transaction Charge: [% adjusted on each Rollover Date by the Calculation Agent subject to a maximum of [%]] [Not Applicable]

Underlying Currency: []

Valuation Date(s): [[Second] Business Day before] the Exercise Date [*specify other*]

Valuation Time: []

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions: [Additional Condition 2.1: Applicable] [Additional Condition 4.1: Applicable] [Not Applicable]

[Amendments to the General Conditions and/or Product Conditions as required by applicable consumer protection and other laws and/or clearing system and exchange rules. Such amendments may be (i) deletion of one or more General Conditions and/or Product Conditions in part or in its entirety; (ii) addition of disclosure and/or publication requirements; (iii) changes to pay off and other formulae; (iv) addition of clearing system details and applicable clearing rules and arrangements agreed between the Issuer and the relevant clearing system; (v) disclosure of fees applicable in connection with any exercise rights the Holders of Securities may have and (vi) other changes which are not materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of Securities.]

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Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: []

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ISIN: []

Common Code: []

Fondscore: []

WKN: []

Other Securities Code: [] [Symbol:]

Sales Restriction: The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (“**Securities Act**”) and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.

INFORMATION ON THE UNDERLYING

Performance of Underlying/formula/other variable, explanation of effect on value of investment and associated risks and other information concerning the Underlying: [Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the Underlying/formula/other variable can be obtained.]

[Need to include a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value of the investment is affected by

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(Insert the following where the Securities are sold to Italian investors)

[Website: []]

Italian Newspaper: []]

[Secondary Market:

(i) Under normal market conditions, the Issuer intends (but is not obliged) to provide a secondary market throughout the term of the Securities with an indicative spread of *[specify].[specify other]* *(only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB)*; or

(ii) The Royal Bank of Scotland plc ("**RBS**") will use reasonable endeavours, under normal market conditions and at its discretion, to provide Holders with a bid/offer price for the Securities with a maximum spread of *[specify]*% on a daily basis and will indicate at the time of providing the quotation how long such quotation will remain actionable, or, in any event, not longer than what the Issuer considers a commercially reasonable time. RBS will not be required to provide a bid/offer price if an event or series of events occurs outside RBS's control (whether or not affecting the market generally) results in (i) the unscheduled closing, (ii) any suspension or (iii) the disruption of any (a) physical or electronic trading system or market affecting the Securities or (b) computer, communications or other service system used by RBS to generate a quotation in respect of the Securities. RBS may determine a bid/offer price in a different manner than other market participants and prices can vary. Sometimes this variance may be substantial. The bid/offer spread will be subject to RBS's discretion. *[specify other]* *(only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB)*

Series:

[reference asset] Express Certificates Series []

[repeat as above for each new Series]

FUND EXPRESS CERTIFICATES

Series: *[Fund] Express Certificates Series []*

Issue Price: []

Additional Fund Events: [None] *[Specify]*

Basket: *[Applicable]* [Not Applicable]

[Reference Asset]	[Fund]	Exchange
<i>[specify]</i>	<i>[specify]</i> (Bloomberg Code: [])	<i>[specify]</i>

Business Day: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Calculation Period: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Cash Amount: *[Specify Cash Amount or formula for Cash Amount]*

Renunciation Security: [] *(only applicable where the Securities are listed on SeDeX)*

Current Barrier Level: [As stated in Product Condition 1 and rounded to the next two decimal places] [The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date is []] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Current Premium: [%] [Not Applicable]

Current Spread: [%] [Not Applicable]

Current Strike Level: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is []] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Early Termination Amount: [] [Not Applicable]

Early Termination Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Early Termination Event: [The Final Reference Price [of the Least Performing Basket Constituent] on the Early Termination Date is equal to or higher than the Initial Reference Price] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Emerging Market Disruption Event: [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]*[specify other]*

Entitlement: [] [Not Applicable]

Exchange: [] [See Basket]

Exchange Business Day: [Any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Fund Event or Emerging Market Disruption Event would have been) a trading day on the Exchange, other than a day on which trading on the Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Exercise Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Express Long: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Express Short: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Final Reference Price: [[In relation to a Fund,] an amount equal to the NAV of the [Least Performing Basket Constituent that is a] Fund as quoted by the fund manager of the Fund on the Valuation Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be]

[[In relation to a Fund that is an exchange traded fund,] the trading price of the [Least Performing Basket Constituent that is a] Reference Asset on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Early Termination Date or the Valuation Date, as the case may be] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Fund: [*specify*] (Bloomberg Code: [])

Funding Cost: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Initial Reference Price: [[In relation to a Fund,] an amount equal to the NAV of the [Least Performing Basket Constituent that is a] Fund as quoted by the fund manager of the Fund on the Pricing Date]

[In relation to a Fund that is an exchange traded fund,] the trading price of the [Least Performing Basket Constituent that is a] Reference Asset on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Interest: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Interest Amount: [[*currency*] x Interest Rate x Interest Rate Day Count Fraction] [*specify other*]

Interest Payment Dates: [[] [and []]] in each year up to and including the [Settlement Date][Redemption Date], with the first Interest Payment Date

being [] [Not Applicable]

[specify other]

Interest Period: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other] [Not Applicable]

Interest Rate: [In respect of the [specify] Interest Period[s], [] per cent, per annum]

[In respect of the [specify] Interest Period[s], the rate determined in accordance with the following formula:

[specify]]

[Not Applicable] [specify other]

Interest Rate Day Count Fraction: [The actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 365 save that Fraction: for a portion which any such period falls in a leap year, the number of days in such portion shall be divided by 366]

[The number of days in the relevant period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day; months (unless (i) the last day of the Interest Period is the 31st of a month but the first day of the Interest Period is a day other than the 30th or 31st day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-day month, or (ii) the last day of the Interest Period is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30 day month)))]

[Not Applicable] [specify other]

Launch Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Least Performing Basket Constituent: [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] [specify other]

[Not Applicable]

Notional Dividend Amount: [Applicable] [Not Applicable] [As specified in Product Condition 1] [specify other]

Notional Dividend Period: [Applicable] [Not Applicable] [As specified in Product Condition

1] *[specify other]*

Pricing Date(s): []

Reference Asset: [[] of the Fund (ISIN: [])] [See Basket] *[Specify other]*

Relevant Currency: [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]*[specify other]*

Relevant Number of Trading Days: For the purposes of:
 Early Termination Date: [180]
 Valuation Date: [180]

Reset Date: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Settlement Currency: []

Settlement Date: [[Third Business Day following] [the Early Termination Date if an Early Termination Event has occurred or] [the Valuation Date] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Redemption Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Standard Currency: [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]*[specify other]*

Underlying Currency: []

Valuation Date(s): [[Second] Business Day before] the Exercise Date] *[specify other]*

Valuation Time: [The close of trading on the relevant Exchange in relation to a Reference Asset where the Fund is an exchange traded fund] *[specify other]*

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions: [Additional Condition 2.1: Applicable] [Additional Condition 4.1: Applicable] [Not Applicable]

[Amendments to the General Conditions and/or Product Conditions as required by applicable consumer protection and other laws and/or clearing system and exchange rules. Such amendments may be (i) deletion of one or more General Conditions and/or Product Conditions in part or in its entirety; (ii) addition of disclosure and/or publication requirements; (iii) changes to pay off and other formulae; (iv) addition of clearing system details and applicable clearing rules and arrangements agreed between the Issuer and the relevant clearing system; (v) disclosure of fees applicable in connection with any exercise rights the Holders of Securities may have and (vi) other changes which are not materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of Securities.]

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factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)

Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities:

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ISIN:

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Common Code:

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Fondscore:

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WKN:

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Other Securities Code:

[] [Symbol:]

Sales Restriction:

The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (“**Securities Act**”) and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.

INFORMATION ON THE UNDERLYING

Performance of Underlying/formula/other variable, explanation of effect on value of investment and associated risks and other information concerning the Underlying:

[Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the Underlying/formula/other variable can be obtained.]

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(Insert the following where the Securities are sold to Italian investors)

[Website: []]

Italian Newspaper: []]

[Secondary Market:

(i) Under normal market conditions, the Issuer intends (but is not obliged) to provide a secondary market throughout the term of the

Securities with an indicative spread of *[specify].[specify other]* (only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB); or

(ii) The Royal Bank of Scotland plc ("**RBS**") will use reasonable endeavours, under normal market conditions and at its discretion, to provide Holders with a bid/offer price for the Securities with a maximum spread of *[specify]*% on a daily basis and will indicate at the time of providing the quotation how long such quotation will remain actionable, or, in any event, not longer than what the Issuer considers a commercially reasonable time. RBS will not be required to provide a bid/offer price if an event or series of events occurs outside RBS's control (whether or not affecting the market generally) results in (i) the unscheduled closing, (ii) any suspension or (iii) the disruption of any (a) physical or electronic trading system or market affecting the Securities or (b) computer, communications or other service system used by RBS to generate a quotation in respect of the Securities. RBS may determine a bid/offer price in a different manner than other market participants and prices can vary. Sometimes this variance may be substantial. The bid/offer spread will be subject to RBS's discretion. *[specify other]* (only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB)

Series: *[Fund] Express Certificates Series []*

[repeat as above for each new Series]

INDEX AND INFLATION INDEX EXPRESS CERTIFICATES

Series: *[Index and Inflation Index] Express Certificates Series []*

Issue Price: []

Additional Market Disruption Events: [None] *[specify]*

Basket: *[Applicable]* [Not Applicable]

	Index	Inflation Index	Bloomberg Code
	<i>[specify]</i>	<i>[specify]</i>	<i>[specify]</i>

Business Day: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Cash Amount: (i) If the Index Final Reference Price is equal to or greater than the Index Initial Reference Price:

$$[\text{Issue Price}] \times \left[1 + \max \left(\frac{HICP_T - HICP_0}{HICP_0}, [90\%] \times \frac{\text{Index IRP} - \text{Index FRP}}{\text{Index IRP}} \right) \right]$$

(ii) If the Index Final Reference Price is less than the Index Initial Reference Price:

[Issue Price]

Where:

HICP_T is the Inflation Index Final Reference Price for the Valuation Month in the year [];

HICP₀ is the Inflation Index Final Reference Price for the Valuation Month in the year [];

[Specify other]

Renunciation Security: [] *(only applicable where the Securities are listed on SeDeX)*

Early Termination Amount: [] [Not Applicable]

Early Termination Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Early Termination Event: The Index Final Reference Price on the Early Termination Date is equal to or higher than the Index Initial Reference Price] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]²

Emerging Market Disruption Events: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Entitlement: [] [Not Applicable]

Exercise Date: [] [Not Applicable]

[Commodity] Index: [[] (Bloomberg Code: [])] [See Basket] [Not Applicable]

Index Final Reference Price (“Index FRP”): [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

² Early Termination Event is only linked to the level of an Index
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Index Initial Reference Price (“Index IRP”): [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Inflation Index: [[Inflation Index] published on a [monthly] [other] basis by the [], as displayed on Bloomberg ‘[] <Index>’ (or such other page as may replace that page, or such other information service as may be selected by the Calculation Agent, acting in its sole and absolute discretion, for the purpose of displaying the Inflation Index)] [*specify other*]

Inflation Index Final Reference Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Interest: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Interest Amount: [[EUR] x Interest Rate x Interest Rate Day Count Fraction] [*specify other*]

Interest Payment Dates: [[] [and []] in each year up to and including the [Settlement Date][Redemption Date], with the first Interest Payment Date being []] [Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Interest Period: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Interest Rate: [In respect of the [specify] Interest Period[s], [] per cent. per annum]
 [In respect of the [specify] Interest Period[s], the rate determined in accordance with the following formula:
 [*specify*]]
 [Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Interest Rate Day Count Fraction: [The actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 365 save that for a portion which any such period falls in a leap year, the number of days in such portion shall be divided by 366]
 [The number of days in the relevant period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months (unless (i) the last day of the Interest Period is the 31st day of a month but the first day of the Interest Period is a day other than the 30th or 31st day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-day month, or (ii) the last day of the Interest Period is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30 day month)))]
 [Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Issuer Call: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Issuer Call Cash Amount: [Not Applicable] [*specify*]

Issuer Call Commencement Date: [Not Applicable] [*specify*]

Issuer Call Notice Period: [Not Applicable] [one calendar month] [*specify*]

Launch Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Pricing Date(s): []

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Relevant Number of Months: [2] [*specify other*]

Relevant Number of Trading Days: For the purposes of:
 Early Termination Date:[8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
 Valuation Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
 Issuer Call Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Settlement Currency: []

Settlement Date: [Second Business Day following the Early Termination Date] if an Early Termination Event has occurred, the second Business Day following the Issuer Call Date if an Issuer Call has occurred or] [the Valuation Date] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Redemption Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Underlying Currency: []

Valuation Date(s): [The Exercise Date] [*specify other*]

Valuation Month(s): []

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions: [Additional Condition 2.1: Applicable] [Additional Condition 4.1: Applicable] [Not Applicable]
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[Website: []]

Italian Newspaper: []]

[Secondary Market: (i) Under normal market conditions, the Issuer intends (but is not obliged) to provide a secondary market throughout the term of the Securities with an indicative spread of [specify].[specify other]] (only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB); or
(ii) The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (“**RBS**”) will use reasonable

endeavours, under normal market conditions and at its discretion, to provide Holders with a bid/offer price for the Securities with a maximum spread of *[specify]*% on a daily basis and will indicate at the time of providing the quotation how long such quotation will remain actionable, or, in any event, not longer than what the Issuer considers a commercially reasonable time. RBS will not be required to provide a bid/offer price if an event or series of events occurs outside RBS's control (whether or not affecting the market generally) results in (i) the unscheduled closing, (ii) any suspension or (iii) the disruption of any (a) physical or electronic trading system or market affecting the Securities or (b) computer, communications or other service system used by RBS to generate a quotation in respect of the Securities. RBS may determine a bid/offer price in a different manner than other market participants and prices can vary. Sometimes this variance may be substantial. The bid/offer spread will be subject to RBS's discretion. *[specify other]* (only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB)

Series: *[Index and Inflation Index] Express Certificates Series []*

[repeat as above for each new Series]

EQUITY CERTIFICATES

Series:	<i>[Share] Certificates due [] Series []</i>
Issue Price:	[]
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] <i>[specify]</i>
Business Day:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Cash Amount:	[Participation x Final Reference Price x Entitlement] <i>[specify other]</i>
Cash Settled Securities:	[Applicable][Not Applicable]
Dividend Amount Days:	[five][three] <i>[specify other]</i> Business Days
Early Termination Amount:	<i>[an amount equal to the proceeds (if any) received by the Issuer under its Hedge Positions (if any), less any expenses incurred by the Issuer in unwinding or enforcing its Hedge Positions (if any)]</i> <i>[specify other]</i>
Early Termination Event:	<i>[The Issuer's Hedge Position (if any) has become unenforceable (in whole or in part) or any Hedge Provider has in the determination of the Calculation Agent, become insolvent or any other events which would result in the Issuer not receiving in full its entitlement under the Hedge Position]</i> <i>[specify other]</i>
Entitlement:	[]
Exchange:	[]
Exercise Date:	[] [Not Applicable]
Exercise Date Extension Option:	[Applicable: [10 Business Days' notice][notice prior to the Exercise Date] [Not Applicable] <i>[specify other]</i>] [Not Applicable]
Expiration Date:	[The date falling 3 months after the [Settlement Date][Redemption Date]] <i>[specify other]</i>
Final Reference Price:	[As stated in Product Condition 1 applies] <i>[specify other]</i>
Final Reference Price Period:	[a period of twenty four continuous months commencing from and including the Valuation Date] <i>[specify other]</i>
Force Majeure Event Period:	[either (i) a period of twelve continuous months from and including the day by which the sale of all Shares comprising the Parcel has been completed or (ii) in the event that the sale of all Shares comprising the Parcel has not been completed by the last day of a twenty four

continuous month period commencing from and including the Valuation Date, for a period of twelve continuous months from but excluding the last day of such twenty four continuous month period] [*specify other*]

Form: [Global Registered]
[Global Bearer]

FX Market Disruption Event: [Any of the following:

[(A) it becomes impossible to obtain the prevailing Exchange Rate on the Valuation Date; or (B) the occurrence of any event which (i) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Settlement Currency or Underlying Currency or (ii) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Settlement Currency or Underlying Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Settlement Currency or Underlying Currency, respectively, to accounts outside such jurisdiction or between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or (C) any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities]

Any determination by the Calculation Agent that at any time a FX Market Disruption Event has occurred shall be final and binding on the Issuer and the Holder [*specify other*]

[Not Applicable]³

Issuer Call: [*Applicable*][*Not Applicable*]

Issuer Call Cash Amount: [*specify amount or provide formula*]

Issuer Call Commencement Date: [*specify*]

Issuer Call Date: [*specify*]

Issuer Call Notice Period: [*specify*]

Selling Restrictions: The text set out in the Base Prospectus applies[, subject to [*specify any relevant amendments*] [India] [Saudi Arabia] [*specify other*]]

Participation: [] per cent.

Payment Day Period: [a period of twelve continuous months from and including the day on which the Final Reference Price is

³ insert Not Applicable if not Taiwan, Chinese or Indian underlying
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determined] [*specify other*]

Physical Delivery Securities: [Applicable][Not Applicable] Equity certificates may only be physically settled by non-U.S. persons.

Relevant Number of Trading Days: [*specify*]

Settlement Currency: [US dollars][*specify other*]

Settlement Date: [second][tenth][eleventh][*specify other*] Business Day following the Valuation Date, save that in the event that a Market Disruption Event [or a FX Market Disruption Event]⁴ causes the Final Reference Price to be computed later than the Valuation Date as provided in the definition of Final Reference Price, the Settlement Date shall be the [*specify*] Business Day after the Final Reference Price is determined [Not Applicable]

Redemption Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Share: The [ordinary][*specify other*] share of the Share Company (ISIN: [])

Share Company: []

[Potential investors in the Securities are referred to the Indian selling restriction contained in the Base Prospectus [and the amendments to such selling restriction detailed under “Indian Selling Restriction” above]]⁵

Underlying Currency: []

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions [Additional Condition 2.1: Applicable] [Additional Condition 4.1: Applicable] [Not Applicable]

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⁴ insert if Taiwan, Chinese or Indian underlying

⁵ insert if Indian Share Company

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Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: []

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Common Code: []

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Other Securities Code: [] *[Symbol:]*

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INFORMATION ON THE UNDERLYING

Performance of Underlying/formula/ other variable, explanation of effect on value of investment and associated risks and other [Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the Underlying/formula/other variable can be obtained.]

information concerning the Underlying: [Need to include a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value of the investment is affected by the Underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most evident.]

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Page where information about the past and future performance of the Underlying and its volatility can be obtained:

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(Insert the following where the Securities are sold to Italian investors)

[Website: []]

Italian Newspaper: []]

[Secondary Market:

(i) Under normal market conditions, the Issuer intends (but is not obliged) to provide a secondary market throughout the term of the Securities with an indicative spread of [specify].[specify other]] *(only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB); or*

(ii) The Royal Bank of Scotland plc ("**RBS**") will use reasonable endeavours, under normal market conditions and at its discretion, to provide Holders with a bid/offer price for the Securities with a maximum spread of [specify]% on a daily basis and will indicate at the time of providing the quotation how long such quotation will remain actionable, or, in any event, not longer than what the Issuer considers a commercially reasonable time. RBS will not be required to provide a bid/offer price if an event or series of events occurs outside RBS's control (whether or not affecting the market generally) results in (i) the unscheduled closing, (ii) any suspension or (iii) the disruption of any (a) physical or electronic trading system or market affecting the Securities or (b) computer, communications or other service system used by RBS to generate a quotation in respect of the Securities. RBS may determine a bid/offer price in a different manner than other market participants and prices can vary. Sometimes this variance may be substantial. The bid/offer spread will be subject to RBS's discretion. [specify other]] *(only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB)]*

Series:

[Share] Certificates due [] Series []

[repeat as above for each new Series]

MULTI-ASSET BASKET LINKED CERTIFICATES

Series: *Multi-Asset Basket Linked Certificates due [] [Specify other]*

Issue Price: []

Additional Fund Events: [None] *[Specify other]*

Additional Market Disruption Events: [None] *[Specify other]*

Events:

Basket:

[“Basket Constituent”	“Weight”	“Share Company”	“Exchange”	“Basket Constituent Currency”
<i>[specify each Basket Constituent and Bloomberg Code]</i>	<i>[Specify % Weight]</i>	<i>[Specify]</i>	<i>[Specify]</i>	<i>[Specify]</i>
	[Not Applicable]	[Not Applicable]	[Not Applicable]	[Not Applicable]

[first rate]
 Screen Page: *[specify]*
[repeat as appropriate for other rates] [“FX Rate1”] [“FX Rate2”] [“FX Rate3”] [“FX Rate4”] [“FX Rate5”] [“FX Rate6”]

[“Certificate1”] [“Certificate2”]

[“Commodity1”]

[“Commodity2”]

[“Commodity3”]

[“Commodity4”]

[“[Commodity]Index1”]

[“[Commodity]Index2”]

[“[Commodity]Index3”]

[“[Commodity]Index4”]

[“Index5”]

["Share1"] ["Share2"]

["Share3"]

["Fund1"] ["Fund2"]

["Fund3"] [Where the Fund is
an exchange traded fund,
include details of the Reference
Asset]

Basket Return: [20% x Index Return + 20% x Certificate Return + 20% x
Commodity Return + 20% x FX Rate Return + 20% x Fund Return]

[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Business Day: [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]

[Specify other]

Cash Amount: (90% + 100% x Max [0; Basket Return – 0.9] + 100% x Max [0;
Basket Return – 1])

[Specify other]

Certificate Final Reference [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]

Price (CertFRP): [Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Certificate Initial Reference [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]

Price (CertIRP): [Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Certificate Reference Price: [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]

[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Certificate Return: $50\% \times \frac{\text{CertFRP of Commodity1}}{\text{CertIRP of Commodity1}} + 50\% \times \frac{\text{CertFRP of Commodity2}}{\text{CertIRP of Commodity2}}$

[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Commodity Final Reference [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]

Price (CFRP): [Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Commodity Initial Reference [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]

Price (CIRP): [Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Commodity Reference Price: [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]

[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Commodity Return: $25\% \times \frac{\text{CFRP of Commodity1}}{\text{CIRP of Commodity1}} + 25\% \times \frac{\text{CFRP of Commodity2}}{\text{CIRP of Commodity2}} + 25\% \times \frac{\text{CFRP}}{\text{CIRP}}$
 $+ 25\% \times \frac{\text{CFRP of Commodity4}}{\text{CIRP of Commodity4}}$

[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Early Termination Amount: [] [Not Applicable]

Early Termination Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Early Termination Event: [The Final Reference Price [of the [Certificate] [Commodity] [Fund] [FX Rate] [Index] [Share] Basket Constituent]] on the Early Termination Date is equal to or higher than [its/the] [Certificate] [Commodity] [Fund] [FX Rate] [Index] [Share] Initial Reference Price] [specify other] [Not Applicable]

Emerging Market Disruption Events: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]

Entitlement: [Specify] [Not Applicable]

Exercise Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Fund Final Reference Price (FFRP): [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]
[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Fund Initial Reference Price (FIRP): [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]
[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Fund Reference Price: [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]
[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Fund Return: [Specify] [Not Applicable]

FX Rate Final Reference Price (FXFRP): [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]
[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

FX Rate Initial Reference Price (FXIRP): [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]
[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

FX Rate Reference Price: [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]
[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

FX Rate Return: $25\% \times \frac{\text{FXFRP of FX Rate1}}{\text{FXIRP of FX Rate1}} + 25\% \times \frac{\text{FXFRP of FX Rate2}}{\text{FXIRP of FX Rate2}} + 16.67\% \times \frac{\text{FXFRP of FX R}}{\text{FXIRP of FX R}}$
 $+ 16.67\% \times \frac{\text{FXFRP of FX Rate4}}{\text{FXIRP of FX Rate4}} + 16.66\% \times \frac{\text{FXFRP of FX Rate5}}{\text{FXIRP of FX Rate5}}$

[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Index Final Reference Price [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]

(IFRP): *[Specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Index Initial Reference Price [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]

(IIRP): *[Specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Index Reference Price: [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]
[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Index Return: $25\% \times \frac{\text{IFRP of Index1}}{\text{IIRP of Index1}} + 25\% \times \frac{\text{IFRP of Index2}}{\text{IIRP of Index2}} + 25\% \times \frac{\text{IFRP of Index3}}{\text{IIRP of Index3}} + 25\%$

Interest: *[Specify other]* [Not Applicable]
 [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Interest Amount *[Specify]* [Not Applicable]

Interest Payment Dates: [Not Applicable]
 [] [and []] in each year up to and including the [Settlement Date][Redemption Date], with the first Interest Payment Date being [] [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]
[Specify other]

Interest Period: [As stated in Product Condition 1][*specify other*][Not Applicable]

Interest Rate: [Not Applicable]
 [[] per cent.] [per annum]
 [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]
[Specify other]

Interest Rate Day Count [Not Applicable]

Fraction: [The actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 365 save that for a portion which any such period falls in a leap year, the number of days in such portion shall be divided by 366]
 [The number of days in the relevant period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months (unless (i) the last day of the Interest Period is the 31st day of a month but the first day of the Interest Period is a day other than the 30th or 31st day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-day month, or (ii) the last day of the Interest Period is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30 day month))]
[Specify other]

Issuer Call: [Not Applicable] [Applicable]

Issuer Call Cash Amount: [Not Applicable] [Cash Amount] *[Specify other]*

Issuer Call Commencement Date: [Not Applicable] [*Specify other*]

Issuer Call Date: [Not Applicable] [*Specify other*] [See Issuer notice of call]

Issuer Call Notice Period: [Not Applicable] [*Specify other*]

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Relevant Number of Trading Days: For the purpose of:

Early Termination Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Issuer Call Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Valuation Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

[Not Applicable]

Settlement Currency: []

Settlement Date: [The fifth Business Day following (i) the Issuer Call Date following an Issuer Call, (ii) the Early Termination Date if an Early Termination Event has occurred or (iii) the Valuation Date]]

[*Specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Redemption Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Share Final Reference Price (SFRP): [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] [*Specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Share Initial Reference Price (SIRP): [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] [*Specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Share Reference Price: [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] [*Specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Share Return: [*Specify*] [Not Applicable]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Trading Day: [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] [*Specify other*]

Valuation Date(s): []

Valuation Time: [(i) in respect of each Index, Fund, Certificate and Share the definition in Product Condition 1 applies, (ii) in respect of each Commodity [The time of the London [morning] [daily] fixing currently [10:30am] [12:15pm] London time] [The time at which the Exchange publishes the daily closing price] and (iii) in respect of each FX Rate [11.00 hours Central European Time]]

[Specify other]

ISIN: []

Common Code: []

Fondscore: [Not Applicable]

[Specify other]

Other Securities Code: [Not Applicable]

[Specify other]

[Symbol:]

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Amendments to the Offering []

Procedure for the Securities: *(When making any such amendments consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)*

INFORMATION ON THE BASKET CONSTITUENT

Performance of Underlying/formula/ other variable, explanation of effect on value of investment and associated risks and other information concerning the Underlying: [Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the Underlying/formula/other variable can be obtained.]

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Page where information about the past and future performance of a Basket Constituent and its volatility can be obtained:

[Bloomberg][Reuters][specify other]

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[Website: []

Italian Newspaper: []]

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Index disclaimer(s):

SINGLE CERTIFICATE-LINKED DISCOUNT CERTIFICATES (CASH OR PHYSICAL)

Series:	<i>[Certificate-Linked] Discount Certificates Series</i>
Issue Price:	[]
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] <i>[specify]</i>
Business Day:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Capped Price:	[]
Cash Amount:	[Final Reference Price x Entitlement] <i>[specify other]</i>
Certificate:	<i>[specify]</i>
Certificate Amount:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Emerging Market Disruption Event:	[As stated in the Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Entitlement:	[]
Exchange:	[]
Final Reference Price:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Initial Reference Price:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Pricing Date:	[]
Relevant Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Relevant Number of Trading Days:	[8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
Settlement:	[Either[, at the sole option of the Issuer]: (1) the Cash Amount [if the Final Reference Price is greater than or equal to the Capped Price]; or (2) the Certificate Amount [if the Final Reference Price is less than the Capped Price] <i>[specify other]</i>]
Settlement Currency:	[]
Settlement Date:	[The [fifth] Business Day following the Valuation Date] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]
Redemption Date:	[] [Not Applicable]
Standard Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Strike Currency:	[]
Valuation Date(s):	[]
Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions:	[Additional Condition 2.1: Applicable] [Additional Condition 4.1: Applicable] [Not Applicable] [Amendments to the General Conditions and/or Product Conditions as required by applicable consumer protection and other laws and/or clearing system and exchange rules. Such amendments may be (i) deletion of one or more General Conditions and/or Product Conditions in part or in its entirety; (ii) addition of disclosure and/or

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Amendments to the Offering []

Procedure for the Securities: *(When making any such amendments consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)*

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Series:

[Certificate-Linked] Discount Certificates Series

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[repeat as above for each new Series]

**WORST OF KNOCK-IN BASKET REVERSE EXCHANGEABLE DEFERRED PURCHASE
AGREEMENT CERTIFICATES**

Series: *Worst of Knock-in Basket Reverse Exchangeable Deferred
Purchase Agreement Securities Series []*

Issue Price: []

Additional Market Disruption Events: [None] [*specify*]

Basket:

Share	Share	Exchange	Underlying
	Company		Currency
[]	[]	[]	[]
(ISIN: [])			
[]	[]	[]	[]
(ISIN: [])			

Beneficial Interest in Nominee Securities: [Applicable]/ [Non-applicable]

Business Day: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Coupon Payment Dates: [] [and []] in each year up to and including the [Exercise] Date, with the first Coupon Payment Date being []

Coupon Rate: []

Coupon Rate Day Count Fraction: [The actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 365 save that for a portion which any such period falls in a leap year, the number of days in such portion shall be divided by 366]/[The number of days in the relevant period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months (unless (i) the last day of the Coupon Period is the 31st day of a month but the first day of the Coupon Period is a day other than the 30th or 31st day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-day month, or (ii) the last day of the Coupon Period is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened

to a 30 day month))) [*specify other*][Not Applicable]

Delivery Parcel: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Delivery Parcel Value: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Delivery Shares:

Delivery Share	Delivery Share	Delivery Share
	Company	Exchange
[]	[]	[]
(ISIN:		
[]		
[]	[]	[]
(ISIN:		
[]		

(If the Delivery Shares are able to be traded on the financial market operated by ASX Limited, the Delivery Shares will be ordinary shares in an ASX listed company on the ASX 200 Index.)

Delivery Share Final Reference Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Delivery Share Weighting:

Delivery Share	Weight
[]	
(ISIN:	[]
	[]
[]	
(ISIN:	[]
	[]
	Total: 100%

Emerging Market Disruption Events: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Exercise Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Final Reference Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Initial Reference Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Issue Date: []

Knock-in Event: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

(Consideration should be given to whether the Knock-in Event will occur subject to the continuous monitoring of Shares, and if not, such other monitoring method should be specified here)

Knock-in Level: [[] per cent. of the Initial Reference Price in respect of each

Share] *[specify other]*

New Delivery Share Request Notice: [As stated in Product Condition 3(s)] *[specify other]*

New Delivery Share Request Consent: [As stated in Product Condition 3(s)] *[specify other]*

Nominee: *[Insert name of Nominee]*

Nominee Deed: *[Insert description of Nominee Deed, including date of execution]*

Nominee Share Company: *[Insert legal name of the company which is the issuer of Nominee Securities]*

Observation Period: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Physical Settlement: Applicable

Pricing Date: []

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Relevant Number of Trading Days: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Settlement Currency: []

Settlement Date: [The Exercise Date or, if later, [] Business Days following the Valuation Date] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Redemption Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Strike Price : [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Strike Price Percentage: [%]

Valuation Date: *[[Insert number] Trading Days prior to the [Exercise] Date]/[specify date]*

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[] [Symbol:]

Indication of yield:

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The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("**Securities Act**") and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.

[The Base Prospectus and the offer of Securities is only made available in Australia to persons to whom a disclosure document such as a prospectus or product disclosure statement is not required to be given under either Chapter 6D

or Chapter 7.9 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth). The Base Prospectus (as amended or supplemented from time to time) and the Final Terms are not a prospectus, product disclosure statement or any other form of formal "disclosure document" for the purposes of Australian law, and are not required to, and do not, contain all the information which would be required in a product disclosure statement or prospectus under Australian law. It is a term of the issue of the Securities that an investor may not transfer, or offer to transfer, the Securities to any person located in, or a resident of Australia, unless the person is not required to be given a prospectus or product disclosure statement under either Chapter 6D or Chapter 7.9 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth). The Base Prospectus (as amended or supplemented from time to time) and the Final Terms are only provided on the condition that the information in and accompanying the relevant document is strictly for the use of prospective investors and their advisers only and must not be provided to any other person in Australia without the written consent of the Issuer, which the Issuer may withhold in its absolute discretion. The Base Prospectus (as amended or supplemented from time to time) and the Final Terms have not been and will not be lodged or registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. No cooling off regime applies to an acquisition of the Securities.]

INFORMATION ON THE UNDERLYING

Performance of Underlying/formula/
other variable, explanation of effect
on value of investment and associated
risks and other information
concerning the Underlying:

[Need to include details of where past and future
performance and volatility of the Underlying/formula/other
variable can be obtained.]

[Need to include a clear and comprehensive explanation of
how the value of the investment is affected by the
Underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most
evident.]

*(When completing this paragraph, consideration should be
given as to whether such matters described constitute
“significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need
for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the
Prospectus Directive.)*

Page where information about the past []
and future performance of the
Underlying and its volatility can be
obtained:

[*Insert the following where the Securities are sold to Italian
investors*]
[Website: []
Italian Newspaper: []
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[Secondary Market:

(i) Under normal market conditions, the Issuer intends (but is
not obliged) to provide a secondary market throughout the
term of the Securities with an indicative spread of
[specify].[specify other]] *(only applicable for Securities
clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB);*
or

(ii) The Royal Bank of Scotland plc ("**RBS**") will use
reasonable endeavours, under normal market conditions and
at its discretion, to provide Holders with a bid/offer price for
the Securities with a maximum spread of [specify]% on a
daily basis and will indicate at the time of providing the
quotation how long such quotation will remain actionable,
or, in any event, not longer than what the Issuer considers a
commercially reasonable time. RBS will not be required to
provide a bid/offer price if an event or series of events occurs
outside RBS's control (whether or not affecting the market

Series:

generally) results in (i) the unscheduled closing, (ii) any suspension or (iii) the disruption of any (a) physical or electronic trading system or market affecting the Securities or (b) computer, communications or other service system used by RBS to generate a quotation in respect of the Securities. RBS may determine a bid/offer price in a different manner than other market participants and prices can vary. Sometimes this variance may be substantial. The bid/offer spread will be subject to RBS's discretion. [*specify other*] (*only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB*)

Worst of Knock-in Basket Reverse Exchangeable Deferred Purchase Agreement Securities Series []
[repeat as above for each new Series]

CERTIFICATE-LINKED CERTIFICATES

Series:	<i>[Exercisable] Certificate-linked [Redeemable] Certificates due</i> <i>[][Specify other]</i>
Issue Price:	[]
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] <i>[Specify other]</i>
Business Day:	[The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] <i>[Specify other]</i>
Cash Amount:	[Final Reference Price/Initial Reference Price] <i>[Specify other]</i>
Certificate:	[The Exercisable Certificate with][ISIN: []] <i>[Specify other]</i> <i>(NB need to specify other where the Certificate is not issued by RBS plc)</i>
Early Termination Amount:	[Early Termination Reference Price/Initial Reference Price] <i>[Specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]
Early Termination Date:	[] [Not Applicable]
Early Termination Event:	[Occurs if in relation to the Certificate an Early Termination Event, as further specified in the Conditions of the Certificate, occurs on a Valuation Date] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]
Early Termination Reference Price:	[The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] <i>[Specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]
Emerging Market Disruption Events:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Entitlement:	<i>[Specify]</i> [Not Applicable]
Exercise Date:	[] [Not Applicable]
Final Reference Price:	[The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] <i>[Specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]
Initial Reference Price:	[The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] <i>[Specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]
Interest:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]
Interest Amount	<i>[Specify]</i> [Not Applicable]
Interest Payment Dates:	[Not Applicable] [] [and []] in each year up to and including the [Settlement Date][Redemption Date], with the first Interest Payment Date being [] [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] <i>[Specify other]</i>

Interest Period: [As stated in Product Condition 1][*specify other*][Not Applicable]

Interest Rate: [Not Applicable]
 [[] per cent.] [per annum]
 [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]
 [*Specify other*]

Interest Rate Day Count [Not Applicable]

Fraction: [The actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 365 save that for a portion which any such period falls in a leap year, the number of days in such portion shall be divided by 366]
 [The number of days in the relevant period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months (unless (i) the last day of the Interest Period is the 31st day of a month but the first day of the Interest Period is a day other than the 30th or 31st day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-day month, or (ii) the last day of the Interest Period is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30 day month)))]
 [*Specify other*]

Issuer Call: [Not Applicable] [Applicable]

Issuer Call Cash Amount: [Not Applicable] [Cash Amount][*Specify other*]

Issuer Call Commencement Date: [Not Applicable][*Specify other*]

Issuer Call Date: [Not Applicable] [*Specify other*] [See Issuer notice of call]

Issuer Call Notice Period: [Not Applicable] [*Specify other*]

Reference Price: [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]
 [*Specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Relevant Number of Trading Days: For the purpose of:
 Early Termination Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only,180]
 Issuer Call Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only,180]
 Valuation Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only,180]

[Not Applicable]

Settlement Currency: []

Settlement Date: [The fifth Business Day following (i) the Issuer Call Date following an Issuer Call, (ii) the Early Termination Date if an Early Termination Event has occurred or (iii) the Valuation Date]]
 [Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Redemption Date: [] [Not Applicable]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]

Trading Day: [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]
 [Specify other]

Underlying Currency: []

Valuation Date(s): []

Valuation Time: [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] [Specify other]

ISIN: []

Common Code: []

Fondscore: [Not Applicable]
 [Specify other]

Other Securities Code: [Not Applicable]
 [Specify other]
 [Symbol:]

Sales Restriction: The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("**Securities Act**") and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.

Amendments to General Conditions or Product Conditions: [Additional Condition 2.1: Applicable] [Additional Condition 4.1: Applicable][Not Applicable]
 [Amendments to the General Conditions and/or Product Conditions as required by applicable consumer protection and other laws and/or clearing system and exchange rules. Such amendments may

be (i) deletion of one or more General Conditions and/or Product Conditions in part or in its entirety; (ii) addition of disclosure and/or publication requirements; (iii) changes to pay off and other formulae; (iv) addition of clearing system details and applicable clearing rules and arrangements agreed between the Issuer and the relevant clearing system; (v) disclosure of fees applicable in connection with any exercise rights the Holders of Securities may have and (vi) other changes which are not materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of Securities.]

(When making any such amendments consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)

Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: []

(When making any such amendments consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)

INFORMATION ON THE CERTIFICATE

Performance of Underlying/formula/ other variable, explanation of effect on value of investment and associated risks and other information concerning the Underlying:

[Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the Underlying/formula/other variable can be obtained.]

[Need to include a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value of the investment is affected by the Underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most evident.]

(When completing this paragraph, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)

Page where information about the past and future performance of a Certificate and its volatility can be obtained:

[Bloomberg][Reuters][specify other]

(Insert the following where the Securities are sold to Italian investors)

[Website: []]

Italian Newspaper: []]

[Secondary Market:

(i) Under normal market conditions, the Issuer intends (but is not obliged) to provide a secondary market throughout the term of the Securities with an indicative spread of *[specify]*.*[specify other]* (only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB); or

(ii) The Royal Bank of Scotland plc ("**RBS**") will use reasonable endeavours, under normal market conditions and at its discretion, to provide Holders with a bid/offer price for the Securities with a maximum spread of *[specify]*% on a daily basis and will indicate at the time of providing the quotation how long such quotation will remain actionable, or, in any event, not longer than what the Issuer considers a commercially reasonable time. RBS will not be required to provide a bid/offer price if an event or series of events occurs outside RBS's control (whether or not affecting the market generally) results in (i) the unscheduled closing, (ii) any suspension or (iii) the disruption of any (a) physical or electronic trading system or market affecting the Securities or (b) computer, communications or other service system used by RBS to generate a quotation in respect of the Securities. RBS may determine a bid/offer price in a different manner than other market participants and prices can vary. Sometimes this variance may be substantial. The bid/offer spread will be subject to RBS's discretion. *[specify other]* (only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB)]

Index disclaimer(s):

(Insert the following where the Securities are sold to Italian investors)

[ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The statements herein regarding taxation are based on the laws in force in Italy as at the date of this Final Terms and are subject to any changes in law occurring after such date, which changes could be made on a retroactive basis. The following summary does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all the tax considerations which may be relevant to a decision to subscribe for, purchase, own or dispose of the Securities and does not purport to deal with the tax consequences applicable to all categories of investors, some of which (such as dealers in securities or commodities) may be subject to special rules. Prospective investors are advised to consult their own tax advisers concerning the overall tax consequences of their interest in the Securities.

With regard to certain innovative or structured financial instruments there is currently neither case law nor comments of the Italian tax authorities as to the tax treatment of such financial instruments. Accordingly, it cannot be excluded that the Italian tax authorities and courts or Italian intermediaries may adopt a view different from that outlined below.

[This summary does not describe the tax consequences for an investor with respect to Securities that will be redeemed by physical delivery. Prospective investors are advised to consult their own tax advisers concerning the overall tax consequences under Italian tax law, under the tax laws of the country in which they are resident for tax purposes and of any other potentially relevant jurisdiction of acquiring, holding and disposing of Securities and receiving payments of yield, principal and/or other amounts under the Securities, including in particular the effect of any state, regional or local tax laws.]⁶

Pursuant to Article 67 of Presidential Decree No. 917 of 22 December 1986 and Legislative Decree No. 461 of 21 November 1997, as subsequently amended, where the Italian resident Holder is (i) an individual not engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the Securities are connected, (ii) a non commercial partnership with the exception of general partnership, limited partnership and similar entities, (iii) a non-commercial private or public institution, or (iv) an investor exempt from Italian corporate income taxation, capital gains realised under the sale or the exercise of the Securities are subject to a 20 per cent. substitute tax.

Particular provisions apply to Securities held or managed by a qualified intermediary; the recipient

⁶ Include for physically settled Securities only
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may opt for two different tax regime: (1) under the "risparmio amministrato" regime, Italian resident individuals holding the Securities not in connection with an entrepreneurial activity may elect to pay the imposta sostitutiva separately on each capital gains realised on the Securities; (2) under the "risparmio gestito" regime any capital gains realised or accrued by the Italian resident individuals holding the Securities not in connection with an entrepreneurial activity who have entrusted the management of their financial assets, including the Securities, will be included in the computation of the annual increase in value of the managed assets accrued, even if not realised, at year end, subject to a 20 per cent. substitute tax, to be paid by the managing authorised intermediary. Under some conditions and limitations, Holders may set off capital losses (decrease in value for the risparmio gestito regime) with capital gains (increase in value for the risparmio gestito regime). Capital losses realised (decrease in value accrued for the risparmio gestito regime) before 1 January 2012 may be carried forward to be offset against subsequent capital gains (increase in value accrued for the risparmio gestito regime) of the same nature for an overall sum of 62.5 per cent. of the relevant amount.

Where an Italian resident Holder is a company or similar commercial entity, or the Italian permanent establishment of a foreign commercial entity to which the Securities are effectively connected, capital gains arising from the Securities will not be subject to imposta sostitutiva, but must be included in the relevant Holder's income tax return and are therefore subject to Italian corporate tax.

Capital gains realised by non-Italian resident Holders are not subject to Italian taxation, provided that the Securities (i) are transferred on regulated markets, or (ii) if not transferred on regulated markets, are held outside of Italy.

It is worth noting that, in accordance with a different interpretation of current tax law, there is a remote possibility that the Securities would be considered as 'atypical' securities pursuant to Article 8 of Law Decree No. 512 of 30 September 1983 as implemented by Law No. 649 of 25 November 1983. In this event, payments relating to Securities may be subject to an Italian withholding tax, levied at the rate of 20 per cent. The withholding tax mentioned above does not apply to payments made to a non-Italian resident Holder and to an Italian resident Holder which is (i) a company or similar commercial entity (including the Italian permanent establishment of foreign entities), (ii) a commercial partnership, or (iii) a commercial private or public institution.

Stamp duty

Pursuant to Article 19(1) of Decree No. 201 of 6 December 2011 ("**Decree 201**"), a proportional stamp duty applies on an annual basis to the periodic reporting communications sent by financial intermediaries to their clients for the Securities deposited therewith. The stamp duty applies at a rate of 0.1 per cent. for year 2012 and at 0.15 per cent. for subsequent years; this stamp duty is determined on the basis of the market value or – if no market value figure is available – the nominal value or

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redemption amount of the Securities held. The stamp duty can be no lower than €34.20 and, for the year 2012 only, it cannot exceed €1,200. Although the stamp duty is already applicable, certain aspects of the relevant discipline should be clarified and implemented by a Decree of the Ministry of Economy and Finance. Under a preliminary interpretation of the law, it may be understood that the stamp duty applies both to Italian resident and non-Italian resident Holders, to the extent that the Securities are held with an Italian-based financial intermediary.

Wealth Tax on securities deposited abroad

Pursuant to Article 19(18) of Decree 201, Italian resident individuals holding the Securities outside the Italian territory are required to pay an additional tax at a rate of 0.1 per cent. for 2011 and 2012, and at 0.15 per cent. for subsequent years. This tax is calculated on the market value of the Securities at the end of the relevant year or – if no market value figure is available – the nominal value or the redemption value of such financial assets held outside the Italian territory. Taxpayers are entitled to an Italian tax credit equivalent to the amount of wealth taxes paid in the State where the financial assets are held (up to an amount equal to the Italian wealth tax due). Although the wealth tax is already applicable, certain aspects of the relevant discipline should be clarified and implemented by a Decree of the Ministry of Economy and Finance.]

[The following shall be applicable to all Final Terms.]

NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE AND NO MATERIAL ADVERSE CHANGE

There has been no significant change in the trading or financial position of the Issuer Group taken as a whole since 31 December 2011 (the end of the last financial period for which audited financial information of the Issuer Group has been published).

There has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the Issuer Group taken as a whole since 31 December 2011 (the date of the last published audited financial information of the Issuer Group).

RESPONSIBILITY

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in the Base Prospectus, as completed and/or amended by these Final Terms. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Issuer (which has taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Base Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. Material changes since the date of the Base Prospectus will trigger the need for a supplement under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC which will be filed with both the AFM and the SIX Swiss Exchange.

[The information relating to the Underlying has been extracted from external sources. The Issuer confirms that such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware, and is
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able to ascertain from information published by the external sources, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.]

(Insert the following where the Securities are sold to Italian investors)

[FURTHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION]

- (i) Name of relevant third party distributor/s: The Securities shall be placed/offered in Italy through [insert distributor name] on behalf of The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (the "Responsabile del Collocamento") and through any other bank which The Royal Bank of Scotland plc might appoint and indicate on the website www.rbsbank.it/markets.
- (ii) Pursuant to applicable laws and regulations, any potential conflict of interest of the third party distributor shall be immediately brought to the attention of prospective purchasers by the third party distributor referred to above.
- (iii) Minimum trading size: [1 Security][*specify other*].
- (iv) The Issue Price may be subdivided, from a financial viewpoint, in the component shown here below, as referred to at [insert relevant date]. [During the Subscription Period] [Before the Issue Date] the value of such components might change as a consequence of variations in the market conditions, save that (i) the Issue Price will in all cases be equal to [*insert issue price*] including the fees shown here below and (ii) the below placement fee will in all cases be fixed up to a maximum value of [*insert percentage*] of the Issue Price:
Issue Price: [*insert issue price*]
Value of the derivative component: [*insert percentage of issue price*]
Structuring fees: [*insert percentage of issue price*]
Placement fees: [*insert percentage of issue price*]

(Insert the following where the Securities are listed on SeDeX)

[Annex

Modulo - Dichiarazione di rinuncia all'esercizio

(Facsimile)

“ [INSERIRE LA DENOMINAZIONE DEL SECURITY IN RELAZIONE AL QUALE SI INTENDE RINUNCIARE ALL'ESERCIZIO]”

I termini in lettere maiuscole avranno il significato a loro attribuito nelle General Conditions e nelle Product Conditions relative ai securities in oggetto

La presente dichiarazione deve essere compilata a cura del portatore dei securities in oggetto.

A [Intermediario presso cui il portatore detiene il proprio conto]

Nome e Ragione/denominazione sociale dell'Intermediario

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“ [INSERIRE LA DENOMINAZIONE DEL SECURITY IN RELAZIONE AL QUALE SI INTENDE RINUNCIARE ALL'ESERCIZIO]” (di seguito, **Securities**)

Il sottoscritto portatore (di seguito, il "Portatore") con la presente dichiara:

A. di rinunciare in modo irrevocabile all'esercizio dei Securities con le caratteristiche di seguito descritte;

B. di essere consapevole che la presente Dichiarazione di Rinuncia non sarà ritenuta valida laddove non vengano rispettate le condizioni delle General Conditions e delle pertinenti Product Conditions, in particolare laddove la presente Dichiarazione di Rinuncia non pervenga nei termini

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indicati alla voce [*Insert the title of the section where the following wording shall be contained in the BP: 'Renunciation of payment of the Cash Amount [and Issuer Call Cash Amount]*] dei Final Terms relativi ai Securities. Inoltre, la presente Dichiarazione di Rinuncia non é da considerarsi valida nel caso in cui non siano identificati correttamente i Securities, di cui il Portatore intende rinunciare all'esercizio.

(Il Portatore dei Securities)

(Cognome e nome o ragione/denominazione sociale)

(Via e numero civico)

(Comune, provincia)

(Telefono)

Serie dei Securities

Codice ISIN dei Securities

Numero dei Securities, di cui si rinuncia all'esercizio.

Il Portatore dei Securities accetta che la presente dichiarazione venga presentata ad enti ed altri uffici pubblici (anche fuori dalla Repubblica Italiana).

Luogo e data

Sottoscrizione (sottoscrizioni) del Portatore dei Securities