

**Final Terms dated 27 April 2012**



**BPCE**

Euro 40,000,000,000  
Euro Medium Term Note Programme  
for the issue of Notes  
Due from one month from the date of original issue

**SERIES NO: 2010-26**

**TRANCHE NO: 5**

**Euro 250,000,000 3.750 per cent. Notes due 21 July 2017  
to be assimilated (*assimilées*) and form a single series with the existing  
Euro 1,370,000,000 3.750 per cent. Notes due 21 July 2017 issued by BPCE (the "Issuer")**

**Lead Manager**

**NATIXIS**

**Co-Lead Managers**

**CAIXABANK**

**SEB**

## PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the “**Conditions**”) set forth in the Base Prospectus dated 6 November 2009 and the Base Prospectus Supplement dated 9 March 2010. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (the “**Prospectus Directive**”) as amended (which includes the amendments made by Directive 2010/73/EU (the “**2010 PD Amending Prospectus Directive**”) to the extent that such amendments have been implemented in a Member State of the European Economic Area) and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus dated 17 November 2011 which received visa n°11-536 from the *Autorité des marchés financiers* (the “**AMF**”) on 17 November 2011 and the Base Prospectus Supplements dated 25 January 2012, 24 February 2012 and 3 April 2012 which respectively received visa n° 12-033, visa n° 12-09 0 and visa n° 12-142 on 25 January 2012, 24 February 2012 and 3 April 2012, which together constitute a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive, save in respect of the Conditions which are extracted from the Base Prospectus dated 6 November 2009 and the Base Prospectus Supplement dated 9 March 2010 and are attached hereto. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus dated 6 November 2009 and the Base Prospectus Supplement dated 9 March 2010 and the Base Prospectus dated 17 November 2011 and the Base Prospectus Supplements dated 25 January 2012, 24 February 2012 and 3 April 2012. The Base Prospectuses and the Base Prospectus Supplements are available for viewing at the office of the Fiscal Agent or each of the Paying Agents and copies may be obtained from BPCE, 50 avenue Pierre Mendès-France, 75013 Paris, France. The Base Prospectus dated 17 November 2011 and the Base Prospectus Supplements dated 25 January 2012, 24 February 2012 and 3 April 2012 are available for viewing on the website of the AMF ([www.amf-france.org](http://www.amf-france.org)) and the Base Prospectus dated 6 November 2009 and the Base Prospectus Supplement dated 9 March 2010 are available for viewing on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)).

<b>1</b>	Issuer:	BPCE
<b>2</b>	(i) Series Number:	2010-26
	(ii) Tranche Number:	5
		The Notes will be assimilated ( <i>assimilées</i> ) and form a single series with the existing Euro 1,370,000,000 3.750 per cent. Notes due 21 July 2017 (the “ <b>Existing Notes</b> ”) as from the date of exchange which is expected to be on or around the date which is 40 days after the Issue Date (the “ <b>Assimilation Date</b> ”)
<b>3</b>	Specified Currency or Currencies:	Euro
<b>4</b>	Aggregate Nominal Amount of Notes admitted to trading:	
	(i) Series:	Euro 1,620,000,000

	(ii) Tranche:	Euro 250,000,000
<b>5</b>	Issue Price:	103.174 per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount of the Tranche plus an amount of Euro 7,351,434.43 corresponding to accrued interest for the period from, and including, 21 July 2011 to, but excluding, 3 May 2012
<b>6</b>	Specified Denomination(s):	Euro 50,000
<b>7</b>	(i) Issue Date:	3 May 2012
	(ii) Interest Commencement Date:	21 July 2011
<b>8</b>	Interest Basis:	3.750 per cent. Fixed Rate
<b>9</b>	Maturity Date:	21 July 2017
<b>10</b>	Redemption/Payment Basis:	Redemption at par
<b>11</b>	Change of Interest or Redemption/Payment Basis:	Not Applicable
<b>12</b>	Put/Call Options:	Not Applicable
<b>13</b>	(i) Status of the Notes:	Unsubordinated Notes
	(ii) Dates of the corporate authorisations for issuance of Notes obtained:	Decisions of the <i>Directoire</i> of the Issuer dated 27 June 2011 and of M. Roland Charbonnel, Director Group Funding and Investor relations, dated 18 April 2012
<b>14</b>	Method of distribution:	Syndicated
<b>PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE</b>		
<b>15</b>	Fixed Rate Note Provisions	Applicable
	(i) Rate of Interest:	3.750 per cent. per annum payable annually in arrear
	(ii) Interest Payment Date(s):	21 July in each year commencing on 21 July 2012
	(iii) Fixed Coupon Amount:	Euro 1,875 per Euro 50,000 in Nominal Amount
	(iv) Broken Amount(s):	Not Applicable
	(v) Day Count Fraction (Condition 5(a)):	Actual/Actual ICMA
	(vi) Determination Dates:	21 July in each year
	(vii) Other terms relating to the method of calculating interest for Fixed Rate Notes:	Not Applicable

<b>16</b>	Floating Rate Note Provisions	Not Applicable
<b>17</b>	Zero Coupon Note Provisions	Not Applicable
<b>18</b>	Index-Linked Interest Note/other variable-linked interest Note Provisions	Not Applicable
<b>19</b>	Dual Currency Note Provisions	Not Applicable
<b>PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION</b>		
<b>20</b>	Call Option	Not Applicable
<b>21</b>	Put Option	Not Applicable
<b>22</b>	Final Redemption Amount of each Note	Euro 50,000 per Note of Euro 50,000 Specified Denomination
<b>23</b>	Early Redemption Amount	
	(i) Early Redemption Amount(s) of each Note payable on redemption for taxation reasons (Condition 6(f)), for illegality (Condition 6(j)) or on event of default (Condition 9) or other early redemption and/or the method of calculating the same (if required or if different from that set out in the Conditions):	As set out in the Conditions
	(ii) Redemption for taxation reasons permitted on days others than Interest Payment Dates (Condition 6(f)):	No
	(iii) Unmatured Coupons to become void upon early redemption (Materialised Bearer Notes only) (Condition 7(f)):	Not Applicable
<b>GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES</b>		
<b>24</b>	Form of Notes:	Dematerialised Notes
	(i) Form of Dematerialised Notes:	Bearer form ( <i>au porteur</i> )
	(ii) Registration Agent:	Not Applicable
	(iii) Temporary Global Certificate:	Not Applicable
	(iv) Applicable TEFRA exemption:	Not Applicable
<b>25</b>	Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to Payment Dates:	TARGET2
<b>26</b>	Talons for future Coupons or Receipts to be attached to Definitive Notes (and dates on which such Talons mature):	Not Applicable
<b>27</b>	Details relating to Partly Paid Notes: amount of each payment comprising the Issue Price and	

	date on which each payment is to be made and consequences (if any) of failure to pay:	Not Applicable
<b>28</b>	Details relating to Instalment Notes: amount of each instalment, date on which each payment is to be made:	Not Applicable
<b>29</b>	Redenomination, renominatisation and reconventioning provisions:	Not Applicable
<b>30</b>	Consolidation provisions:	Not Applicable
<b>31</b>	<i>Masse</i> :	Applicable The initial Representative will be: BNP Paribas Securities Services Global Corporate Trust Les Grands Moulins de Pantin 9 rue du Débarcadère 93500 PANTIN France represented by M Sylvain THOMAZO The alternate Representative will be: Sandrine D'HAUSSY 69 avenue Gambetta 94100 Saint Maur des Fosses France
<b>32</b>	Other final terms:	Not Applicable
	<b>DISTRIBUTION</b>	
<b>33</b>	(i) If syndicated, names of Managers:	<b>Lead Manager</b> NATIXIS <b>Co-Lead Managers</b> CaixaBank, S.A. Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ)
	(ii) Stabilising Manager(s) (if any):	Not Applicable
	(iii) Date of Subscription Agreement:	27 April 2012
<b>34</b>	If non-syndicated, name and address of Dealer:	Not Applicable
<b>35</b>	Additional selling restrictions:	Not Applicable
<b>36</b>	Commission and concession:	0.20 per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount of the Tranche
	<b>GENERAL</b>	
<b>37</b>	The aggregate principal amount of Notes issued has been translated into Euro at the rate of [●] producing a sum of:	Not Applicable

**PURPOSE OF FINAL TERMS**

These Final Terms comprise the final terms required for issue and admission to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange of the Notes described herein pursuant to the Euro 40,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme of BPCE.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in these Final Terms.

Signed on behalf of BPCE:

Duly represented by: Roland CHARBONNEL, Director Group Funding and Investor Relations

## PART B – OTHER INFORMATION

### 1 RISK FACTORS

Not Applicable

### 2 LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING

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| (i)   | Listing:  | Official list of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange  |
| (ii)  | Admission to trading:                                       | Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange with effect from 3 May 2012.<br><br>The Existing Notes are already listed and admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. |
| (iii) | Estimate of total expenses related to admission to trading: | Euro 400  |

### 3 RATINGS

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| Ratings: | The Notes to be issued are expected to be rated:<br><br>S & P: A<br><br>Moody's: Aa3<br><br>Fitch: A+<br><br>Each of S & P, Moody's and Fitch is established in the European Union and is registered under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 (" <b>CRA Regulation</b> ") as amended by Regulation (EU) No 513/2011.<br><br>As such, each of S & P, Moody's and Fitch is included in the list of credit rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority on its website in accordance with the CRA Regulation. |
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#### 4 NOTIFICATION

The *Autorité des marchés financiers* in France has provided the *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier* with certificates of approval attesting that the Base Prospectus dated 17 November 2011 and the Base Prospectus Supplements dated 25 January 2012, 24 February 2012 and 3 April 2012 have been drawn up in accordance with the Prospectus Directive.

#### 5 INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE

So far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the offer of the Notes has an interest material to the offer.

#### 6 YIELD

Indication of yield: 3.08 per cent. per annum of the Aggregate Nominal Amount of the Tranche

The yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price. It is not an indication of future yield.

#### 7 OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

ISIN Code: FR0011241447 and after the Assimilation Date FR0010921544

Common Code: 077581391 and after the Assimilation Date 052590647

Depositories:

(i) Euroclear France to act as Central Depository: Yes

(ii) Common Depository for Euroclear and Clearstream Luxembourg: No

Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and the relevant identification number(s): Not Applicable

Delivery: Delivery free of payment

Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any): Not Applicable



## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

The following is the text of the terms and conditions that, subject to completion and amendments as supplemented or varied in accordance with the relevant provisions of Part A of the relevant Final Terms, shall be applicable to the Notes. In the case of Dematerialised Notes, the text of the terms and conditions will not be endorsed on physical documents of title but will be constituted by the following text as completed, amended or varied by the relevant provisions of Part A of the Final Terms. In the case of Materialised Notes, either (i) the full text of these terms and conditions together with the relevant provisions of Part A of the Final Terms or (ii) these terms and conditions as so completed, amended, supplemented or varied (and subject to simplification by the deletion of non-applicable provisions), shall be endorsed on Definitive Materialised Bearer Notes. All capitalised terms that are not defined in these Conditions will have the meanings given to them in the relevant provisions of Part A of the Final Terms. References in the Conditions to "Notes" are to the Notes of one Series only, not to all Notes that may be issued under the Programme.

The Notes are issued by BPCE S.A. (the "Issuer" or "BPCE S.A.") with the benefit of an agency agreement dated 6 November 2009 between the Issuer, BGL BNP Paribas S.A., as fiscal agent and French paying agent (the "Agency Agreement"). The fiscal agent, the paying agents, the redenomination agent, the consolidation agent and the calculation agent(s) for the time being (if any) are referred to below respectively as the "Fiscal Agent", the "Paying Agents" (which expression shall include the Fiscal Agent), the "Redenomination Agent", the "Consolidation Agent" and the "Calculation Agent(s)". The holders of Dematerialised Notes and Materialised Notes, the holders of the interest coupons (the "Coupons") relating to interest bearing Materialised Notes and, where applicable in the case of such Notes, talons (the "Talons") for further Coupons (the "Couponholders") and the holders of the receipts (the "Receipts") for the payment of instalments of principal (the "Receiptholders") relating to Materialised Notes of which the principal is payable in instalments are deemed to have notice of all of the provisions of the Agency Agreement applicable to them.

For the purpose of these Terms and Conditions, "Regulated Market" means any regulated market situated in a Member State of the European Economic Area ("EEA") as defined in the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive 2004/39/EEC.

References below to "Conditions" are, unless the context requires otherwise, to the numbered paragraphs below.

As used in these Conditions, "Tranche" means Notes which are identical in all respects.

Unless otherwise provided in the relevant Final Terms, Notes shall constitute obligations within the meaning of Article L.213-5 of the French Code monétaire et financier (the "Code").

Copies of the Agency Agreement are available for inspection during normal business hours at the specified offices of each of the Paying Agents.

### 1 Form, Denomination(s), Title, Redenomination and Method of Issue

- (a) **Form:** Notes may be issued either in dematerialised form ("Dematerialised Notes") or in materialised form ("Materialised Notes").
  - (i) Title to Dematerialised Notes will be evidenced in accordance with Articles L.211-3 and R.211-1 of the Code by book entries (*inscriptions en compte*). No physical document of title (including *certificats représentatifs* pursuant to Article R.211-7 of the Code) will be issued in respect of the Dematerialised Notes.

Dematerialised Notes are issued, at the option of the Issuer, in either bearer form (*au porteur*), which will be inscribed in the books of Euroclear France (acting as central depository) ("**Euroclear France**") which shall credit the accounts of Account Holders, or in registered form (*au nominatif*) and, in such latter case, at the option of the relevant Noteholder in either administered registered form (*au nominatif administré*) inscribed in the books of an Account Holder designated by the relevant Noteholder or in fully registered form (*au nominatif pur*) inscribed in an account in the books of Euroclear France maintained by the Issuer or the registration agent (designated in the relevant Final Terms) acting on behalf of the Issuer (the "**Registration Agent**").

For the purpose of these Conditions, "**Account Holder**" means any intermediary institution entitled to hold, directly or indirectly, accounts on behalf of its customers with Euroclear France, and includes Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ("**Euroclear**") and the depository bank for Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme* ("**Clearstream, Luxembourg**").

- (ii) Materialised Notes are issued in bearer form only ("Materialised Bearer Notes"). Materialised Bearer Notes are serially numbered and are issued with Coupons (and, where appropriate, a Talon) attached, save in the case of Zero Coupon Notes in which case references to interest (other than in relation to interest due after the Maturity Date), Coupons and Talons in these Conditions are not applicable. Instalment Notes are issued with one or more Receipts attached.

*In accordance with Articles L.211-3 and R.211-1 of the Code, securities (such as the Notes) which are governed by French law and are in materialised form must be issued outside the French territory.*

- (b) **Denomination(s):** Notes shall be issued in the specified denomination(s) as set out in the relevant Final Terms (the "**Specified Denomination(s)**") save that the minimum denomination of each Note admitted to trading on a Regulated Market in circumstances which require the publication of a prospectus under the Prospectus Directive will be at least €50,000 (or, if the Notes are denominated in a currency other than euro, the equivalent amount in such currency at the issue date) or such other higher amount as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant Specified Currency. Dematerialised Notes shall be issued in one Specified Denomination only.

(c) **Title:**

- (i) Title to Dematerialised Notes in bearer form (*au porteur*) and in administered registered form (*au nominatif administré*) shall pass upon, and transfer of such Notes may only be effected through, registration of the transfer in the accounts of Account Holders. Title to Dematerialised Notes in fully registered form (*au nominatif pur*) shall pass upon, and transfer of such Notes may only be effected through, registration of the transfer in the accounts of the Issuer or the Registration Agent.

- (ii) Title to Materialised Bearer Notes in definitive form having, where appropriate, Coupons, Receipt(s) and/or a Talon attached thereto on issue ("**Definitive Materialised Bearer Notes**"), shall pass by delivery.
- (iii) Except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law, the holder (as defined below) of any Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon shall be deemed to be and may be treated as its absolute owner for all purposes, whether or not it is overdue and regardless of any notice of ownership, or an interest in it, any writing on it or its theft or loss and no person shall be liable for so treating the holder.
- (iv) In these Conditions, "**holder of Notes**", "**holder of any Note**" or "**Noteholder**" means (i) in the case of Dematerialised Notes, the person whose name appears in the account of the relevant Account Holder or the Issuer or the Registration Agent (as the case may be) as being entitled to such Notes and (ii) in the case of Materialised Notes, the bearer of any Definitive Materialised Bearer Note and the Receipts, Coupons, or Talon relating to it, and capitalised terms have the meanings given to them in the relevant Final Terms, the absence of any such meaning indicating that such term is not applicable to the Notes.

**(d) Redenomination:**

- (i) The Issuer may (if so specified in the relevant Final Terms), on any Interest Payment Date, without the consent of the holder of any Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon, by giving at least 30 days' notice in accordance with Condition 15 and on or after the date on which the European Member State in whose national currency the Notes are denominated has become a participating Member State in the single currency of the European Economic and Monetary Union (as provided in the Treaty establishing the European Community (the "**EC**"), as amended from time to time (the "**Treaty**") or events have occurred which have substantially the same effects (in either case, "**EMU**"), redenominate all, but not some only, of the Notes of any Series into Euro and adjust the aggregate principal amount and the Specified Denomination(s) set out in the relevant Final Terms accordingly, as described below. The date on which such redenomination becomes effective shall be referred to in these Conditions as the "**Redenomination Date**".
- (ii) Unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms, the redenomination of the Notes pursuant to Condition 1(d)(i) shall be made by converting the principal amount of each Note from the relevant national currency into Euro using the fixed relevant national currency Euro conversion rate established by the Council of the European Union pursuant to applicable regulations and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest Euro 0.01 (with Euro 0.005 being rounded upwards). If the Issuer so elects, the figure resulting from conversion of the principal amount of each Note using the fixed relevant national currency Euro conversion rate shall be rounded down to the nearest Euro. The Euro denominations of the Notes so determined shall be notified to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15. Any balance remaining from the redenomination with a denomination higher than Euro 0.01 shall be paid by way of cash adjustment rounded to the nearest Euro

0.01 (with Euro 0.005 being rounded upwards). Such cash adjustment will be payable in Euro on the Redenomination Date in the manner notified to Noteholders by the Issuer.

- (iii) Upon redenomination of the Notes, any reference in the relevant Final Terms to the relevant national currency shall be construed as a reference to Euro.
  - (iv) Unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Issuer may, with the prior approval of the Redenomination Agent and the Consolidation Agent, in connection with any redenomination pursuant to this Condition or any consolidation pursuant to Condition 14, without the consent of the holder of any Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon, make any changes or additions to these Conditions or Condition 14 (including, without limitation, any change to any applicable business day definition, business day convention, principal financial centre of the country of the Specified Currency, interest accrual basis or benchmark), taking into account market practice in respect of redenominated euromarket debt obligations and which it believes are not prejudicial to the interests of such holders. Any such changes or additions shall, in the absence of manifest error, be binding on the holders of Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons and shall be notified to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15 as soon as practicable thereafter.
  - (v) Neither the Issuer nor any Paying Agent shall be liable to the holder of any Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon or other person for any commissions, costs, losses or expenses in relation to or resulting from the credit or transfer of Euro or any currency conversion or rounding effected in connection therewith.
- (e) **Method of Issue:** The Notes will be issued on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis. The Notes will be issued in series (each a “**Series**”) having one or more issue dates and on terms otherwise identical (or identical other than in respect of the first payment of interest), the Notes of each Series being intended to be interchangeable with all other Notes of that Series. Each Series may be issued in tranches (each a “**Tranche**”) on the same or different issue dates. The specific terms of each Tranche (which will be supplemented, where necessary, with supplemental terms and conditions and, save in respect of the issue date, issue price, first payment of interest and nominal amount of the Tranche, will be identical to the terms of other Tranches of the same Series) will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.

## 2 Conversion and Exchanges of Notes

### (a) Dematerialised Notes

- (i) Dematerialised Notes issued in bearer form (*au porteur*) may not be converted into Dematerialised Notes in registered form, whether in fully registered form (*au nominatif pur*) or in administered registered form (*au nominatif administré*).
- (ii) Dematerialised Notes issued in registered form (*au nominatif*) may not be converted into Dematerialised Notes in bearer form (*au porteur*).

- (iii) Dematerialised Notes issued in fully registered form (*au nominatif pur*) may, at the option of the Noteholder, be converted into Notes in administered registered form (*au nominatif administré*), and vice versa. The exercise of any such option by such Noteholder shall be made in accordance with Article R.211-4 of the Code. Any such conversion shall be effected at the cost of such Noteholder.

**(b) Materialised Notes**

Materialised Bearer Notes of one Specified Denomination may not be exchanged for Materialised Bearer Notes of another Specified Denomination.

**3 Status**

The obligations of the Issuer under the Notes may be either unsubordinated (“**Unsubordinated Notes**”) or subordinated (“**Subordinated Notes**”).

**(a) Status of Unsubordinated Notes**

The principal and interest on Unsubordinated Notes constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and (subject to the provisions of Condition 4) unsecured obligations of the Issuer and rank and will rank *pari passu* among themselves and (save for certain obligations required to be preferred by French law) equally with all other present or future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer, from time to time outstanding.

**(b) Status of Subordinated Notes**

**(i) General**

Subordinated Notes (“**Subordinated Notes**”) comprise Ordinary Subordinated Notes, Deeply Subordinated Notes, Dated Subordinated Notes and Undated Subordinated Notes (all as defined below).

**(ii) Ordinary Subordinated Notes**

The principal and (if the applicable Final Terms so specify) interest on the ordinary subordinated notes (“**Ordinary Subordinated Notes**”) constitute direct, unconditional, unsecured and subordinated obligations of the Issuer and rank and will rank *pari passu* among themselves and *pari passu* with all other present and future Ordinary Subordinated Notes, but in priority to the *prêts participatifs* granted to, *titres participatifs* issued by, the Issuer and Deeply Subordinated Notes.

**(iii) Deeply Subordinated Notes**

The principal and (if the applicable Final Terms so specify) interest on deeply subordinated notes (“**Deeply Subordinated Notes**”) constitute direct, unconditional, unsecured and subordinated obligations of the Issuer and rank and will rank *pari passu* among themselves and *pari passu* with all other present and future Deeply Subordinated Notes, but behind the *prêts participatifs* granted to, *titres participatifs* issued by, the Issuer and Ordinary Subordinated Notes.

(iv) Dated Subordinated Notes

Subordinated Notes (which terms, for the avoidance of doubt, include both Ordinary Subordinated Notes and Deeply Subordinated Notes) may have a specified maturity date (“**Dated Subordinated Notes**”). Unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms, payments of interest relating to Dated Subordinated Notes constitute obligations which rank equally with the obligations of the Issuer in respect of Unsubordinated Notes issued by the Issuer in accordance with Condition 3(a).

(v) Undated Subordinated Notes

Subordinated Notes (which terms, for the avoidance of doubt, include both Ordinary Subordinated Notes and Deeply Subordinated Notes) may not have a specified maturity date (“**Undated Subordinated Notes**”). Unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms, payments of interest relating to Undated Subordinated Notes will be deferred in accordance with the provisions of Condition 5(h).

(vi) Payment of Subordinated Notes in the event of the liquidation of the Issuer

If any judgement is rendered by any competent court declaring the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*) of the Issuer or if the Issuer is liquidated for any other reason, the payments of the creditors of the Issuer shall be made in the following order of priority (in each case subject to the payment in full of priority creditors):

- (a) unsubordinated creditors of the Issuer;
- (b) holders of Ordinary Subordinated Notes;
- (c) lenders in relation to *prêts participatifs* granted to the Issuer;
- (d) holders of *titres participatifs* issued by the Issuer; and
- (e) holders of Deeply Subordinated Notes.

In the event of incomplete payment of unsubordinated creditors the obligations of the Issuer in connection with Ordinary Subordinated Notes shall be terminated (then subsequently the lenders in relation to *prêts participatifs*, holders of *titres participatifs* and holders of Deeply Subordinated Notes). The Representative (as defined in Condition 11) of the holders of Subordinated Notes shall take all steps necessary for the orderly accomplishment of any collective proceedings or voluntary liquidation.

(vii) Capital Adequacy

The relevant Final Terms may provide for additions or variations to the Conditions applicable to the Subordinated Notes for the purposes inter alia of enabling the proceeds of the issue of such Subordinated Notes to count as (i) *fonds propres* de base within the meaning of Article 2 of *Règlement* no. 90-02 dated 23 February 1990, as amended, of the *Comité de la Réglementation Bancaire et Financière* (“**CRBF**”), (in which case such Subordinated Notes will need to be Deeply Subordinated Notes) (“**Tier 1 Capital**”) or (ii) *fonds propres complémentaires* within the meaning of

Article 4 (c) of the CRBF *Règlement* no. 90-02 dated 23 February 1990, as amended (“**Upper Tier 2 Capital**”) or (iii) *fonds propres complémentaires* within the meaning of Article 4 (d) of the CRBF *Règlement* no. 90-02 dated 23 February 1990, as amended (“**Lower Tier 2 Capital**”, together with Upper Tier 2 Capital “**Tier 2 Capital**”).

*Article 2 of the CRBF Règlement no. 90-02 dated 23 February 1990 should be read in conjunction with the press release of the Bank for International Settlements dated 27 October 1998 concerning instruments eligible for inclusion in Tier 1 Capital (the “BIS Press Release”). The English language version of the BIS Press Release is attached to the document of the Commission Bancaire entitled “Methods for calculating the capital ratio”. The French language version of the BIS Press Release is attached to the document of the Commission Bancaire entitled “Modalités de calcul du ratio de solvabilité.”*

(viii) Use of net proceeds

The net proceeds of Upper Tier 2 Capital or Tier 1 Capital may be used in certain circumstances to absorb losses. In the event of the Issuer incurring losses, such losses will be charged first against accumulated profits (“report à nouveau”), then against reserve, and capital, and finally, to the extent necessary, against the subordinated loans (including interest thereon) of the Issuer, in reverse order of seniority (i.e., from the most junior to the most senior), in order to allow the Issuer to comply with the regulatory requirements applicable to banks in France, especially those relating to solvency ratios, and in order to allow the Issuer to continue its activities.

#### 4 Negative Pledge

So long as any of the Unsubordinated Notes and, if applicable, any Receipts or Coupons relating to them, remains outstanding (as defined in the Agency Agreement), the Issuer will not create or permit to subsist any mortgage, charge, pledge or other security interest upon any of its assets or revenues, present or future, to secure any relevant indebtedness (as defined below) incurred or guaranteed by the Issuer (whether before or after the issue of the Unsubordinated Notes) unless the Unsubordinated Notes are equally and rateably secured so as to rank *pari passu* with such relevant indebtedness or the guarantee thereof.

For the purposes of this Condition, “**relevant indebtedness**” means any indebtedness for borrowed money, whether or not represented by notes or other securities (including securities initially privately placed) which are for the time being, or are capable of being quoted, listed or ordinarily dealt in on any stock exchange, over-the-counter-market or other securities market.

This Condition 4 shall not apply to Subordinated Notes.

#### 5 Interest and other Calculations

(a) Definitions: In these Conditions, unless the context otherwise requires, the following defined terms shall have the meanings set out below:

“**Business Day**” means:

- (i) in the case of Euro, a day on which the TARGET System is operating (a “**TARGET Business Day**”) and/or

- (ii) in the case of a Specified Currency other than Euro, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the principal financial centre for that currency and/or
- (iii) in the case of a Specified Currency and/or one or more business centre(s) specified in the relevant Final Terms (the “**Business Centre(s)**”), a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in such currency in the Business Centre(s) or, if no currency is indicated, generally in each of the Business Centres

“**Day Count Fraction**” means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest on any Note for any period of time (from and including the first day of such period to but excluding the last) (whether or not constituting an Interest Period or Interest Accrual Period, the “**Calculation Period**”):

- (i) if “**Actual/Actual**” or “**Actual/Actual - ISDA**” is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Calculation Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365)
- (ii) if “**Actual/365 - FBF**” is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the fraction whose numerator is the actual number of days elapsed during the Calculation Period and whose denominator is 365. If part of that Calculation Period falls in a leap year, Actual/365 - FBF shall mean the sum of (i) the fraction whose numerator is the actual number of days elapsed during the non-leap year and whose denominator is 365 and (ii) the fraction whose numerator is the number of actual days elapsed during the leap year and whose denominator is 366
- (iii) if “**Actual/Actual - FBF**” is specified in the relevant Final Terms in respect of each calculation, the fraction whose numerator is the actual number of days elapsed during such period and whose denominator is 365 (or 366 if 29 February falls within the Calculation Period)
- (iv) if “**Actual/Actual - ICMA**” is specified in the relevant Final Terms:
  - (a) if the Calculation Period is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period during which it falls, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Periods normally ending in any year; and
  - (b) if the Calculation Period is longer than one Determination Period, the sum of:
    - the number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the Determination Period in which it begins divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination



Period and (2) the number of Determination Periods normally ending in any year; and

- the number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Periods normally ending in any year

in each case where:

“**Determination Period**” means the period from and including a Determination Date in any year to but excluding the next Determination Date; and

“**Determination Date**” means the date specified in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is so specified, the Interest Payment Date

- (v) if “**Actual/365 (Fixed)**” is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365
- (vi) if “**Actual/360**” is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360
- (vii) when “**2000 ISDA Definitions**” is specified in the relevant Final Terms, and if “**30/360**”, “**360/360**” or “**Bond Basis**” is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the number of days in the Calculation 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 (a) the last day of the Calculation Period is the 31st day of a month but the first day of the Calculation 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 (b) the last day of the Calculation 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)) and
- (viii) when “**2006 ISDA Definitions**” is specified in the relevant Final Terms, and if “**30/360**”, “**360/360**” or “**Bond Basis**” is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

where:

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

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

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

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

“D<sub>1</sub>” is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D1 will be 30; and

“D<sub>2</sub>” is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31 and D1 is greater than 29, in which case D2 will be 30

- (ix) when “**2000 ISDA Definitions**” is specified in the relevant Final Terms, and if “**30E/360**” or “**Eurobond Basis**” is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the number of days in the Calculation 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, without regard to the date of the first day or last day of the Calculation Period unless, in the case of a Calculation Period ending on the Maturity Date, the Maturity Date 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)
- (x) when “**2006 ISDA Definitions**” is specified in the relevant Final Terms, and if “**30E/360**” or “**Eurobond Basis**” is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

where:

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

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

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

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

“D<sub>1</sub>” is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D1 will be 30; and

“D<sub>2</sub>” is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February but not the Maturity Date or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D2 will be 30

- (xi) when “**2006 ISDA Definitions**” is specified in the relevant Final Terms and if “**30E/360 (ISDA)**” is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

where:

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

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

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

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

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

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

“**Euro-zone**” means the region comprised of member states of the European Union that adopt the single currency in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended

“**FBF**” means *Fédération Bancaire Française*

“**FBF Definitions**” means the definitions set out in the 2007 *Fédération Bancaire Française* (“**FBF**”) Master Agreement relating to transactions on forward financial instruments (formerly 2001 Master Agreement relating to transactions on forward financial instruments as supplemented by the Technical Schedules published by the FBF, as the case may be) (together the “**FBF Master Agreement**”), unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms

“**Interest Accrual Period**” means the period beginning on (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and ending on (but excluding) the first Interest Period Date and each successive period beginning on (and including) an Interest Period Date and ending on (but excluding) the next succeeding Interest Period Date

“**Interest Amount**” means the amount of interest payable, and in the case of Fixed Rate Notes, means the Fixed Coupon Amount or Broken Amount, as the case may be

“**Interest Commencement Date**” means the Issue Date or such other date as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms

“**Interest Determination Date**” means, with respect to a Rate of Interest and Interest Accrual Period, the date specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is so specified, (i) the day falling two TARGET Business Days prior to the first day of such Interest Accrual Period if the Specified Currency is Euro or (ii) the first

day of such Interest Accrual Period if the Specified Currency is Sterling or (iii) the day falling two Business Days in the city specified in the Final Terms for the Specified Currency prior to the first day of such Interest Accrual Period if the Specified Currency is neither Sterling nor Euro

**“Interest Payment Date”** means the date(s) specified in the relevant Final Terms

**“Interest Period”** means the period beginning on (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and ending on (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each successive period beginning on (and including) an Interest Payment Date and ending on (but excluding) the next succeeding Interest Payment Date

**“Interest Period Date”** means each Interest Payment Date unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms

**“ISDA Definitions”** means the 2006 ISDA Definitions or the 2000 ISDA Definitions as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms, as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms

**“Rate of Interest”** means the rate of interest payable from time to time in respect of the Notes and that is either specified or calculated in accordance with the provisions in the relevant Final Terms

**“Reference Banks”** means, in the case of a determination of LIBOR, the principal London office of four major banks in the London inter-bank market and, in the case of a determination of EURIBOR, the principal Euro-zone office of four major banks in the Euro-zone inter-bank market, in each case selected by the Calculation Agent or as specified in the relevant Final Terms

**“Reference Rate”** means the rate specified as such in the relevant Final Terms

**“Relevant Screen Page”** means such page, section, caption, column or other part of a particular information service as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms

**“Specified Currency”** means the currency specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is specified, the currency in which the Notes are denominated and

**“TARGET System”** means the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (known as TARGET2) System which was launched on 19 November 2007 or any successor thereto.

- (b) Interest on Fixed Rate Notes:** Each Fixed Rate Note bears interest on its outstanding nominal amount from the Interest Commencement Date at the rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Rate of Interest, such interest being payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date except as otherwise provided in the relevant Final Terms.

If a Fixed Coupon Amount or a Broken Amount is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the amount of interest payable on each Interest Payment Date will amount to the Fixed Coupon Amount or, if applicable, the Broken Amount so specified and in the case of the Broken Amount will be payable on the particular Interest Payment Date(s) specified in the relevant Final Terms.

(c) **Interest on Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes:**

- (i) *Interest Payment Dates:* Each Floating Rate Note and Index Linked Interest Note bears interest on its outstanding nominal amount from the Interest Commencement Date at the rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Rate of Interest, such interest being payable in arrear (except as otherwise provided in the relevant Final Terms) on each Interest Payment Date. The amount of interest payable shall be determined in accordance with Condition 5(k). Such Interest Payment Date(s) is/are either shown in the relevant Final Terms as Specified Interest Payment Dates or, if no Specified Interest Payment Date(s) is/are shown in the relevant Final Terms, Interest Payment Date shall mean each date which falls the number of months or other period shown in the relevant Final Terms as the Interest Period after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.
- (ii) *Business Day Convention:* If any date referred to in these Conditions that is specified to be subject to adjustment in accordance with a Business Day Convention would otherwise fall on a day that is not a Business Day, then, if the Business Day Convention specified is (A) the Floating Rate Business Day Convention, such date shall be postponed to the next day that is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (x) such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day and (y) each subsequent such date shall be the last Business Day of the month in which such date would have fallen had it not been subject to adjustment, (B) the Following Business Day Convention, such date shall be postponed to the next day that is a Business Day, (C) the Modified Following Business Day Convention, such date shall be postponed to the next day that is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day or (D) the Preceding Business Day Convention, such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.
- (iii) *Rate of Interest for Floating Rate Notes:* The Rate of Interest in respect of Floating Rate Notes for each Interest Accrual Period shall be determined in the manner specified in the relevant Final Terms and the provisions below relating to either FBF Determination, ISDA Determination or Screen Rate Determination shall apply, depending upon which is specified in the relevant Final Terms.

(A) **FBF Determination for Floating Rate Notes**

Where FBF Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Accrual Period shall be determined by the Calculation Agent as a rate equal to the relevant FBF Rate. For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), “**FBF Rate**” for an Interest Accrual Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the Calculation Agent under a Transaction

under the terms of an agreement incorporating the FBF Definitions and under which:

- (a) the Floating Rate is as specified in the relevant Final Terms and
- (b) the relevant Floating Rate Determination Date (*Date de Détermination du Taux Variable*) is the first day of that Interest Accrual Period unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), **“Floating Rate”**, **“Calculation Agent”**, **“Floating Rate Determination Date (*Date de Détermination du Taux Variable*)”** and **“Transaction”** have the meanings given to those terms in the FBF Definitions, provided that **“Euribor”** means the rate calculated for deposits in Euro which appears on the Reuters screen page EURIBOR01, as more fully described in the relevant Final Terms.

(B) ISDA Determination for Floating Rate Notes

Where ISDA Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Accrual Period shall be determined by the Calculation Agent as a rate equal to the relevant ISDA Rate. For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (B), **“ISDA Rate”** for an Interest Accrual Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the Calculation Agent under a Swap Transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the ISDA Definitions and under which:

- (a) the Floating Rate Option is as specified in the relevant Final Terms
- (b) the Designated Maturity is a period specified in the relevant Final Terms and
- (c) the relevant Reset Date is the first day of that Interest Accrual Period unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (B), **“Floating Rate”**, **“Calculation Agent”**, **“Floating Rate Option”**, **“Designated Maturity”**, **“Reset Date”** and **“Swap Transaction”** have the meanings given to those terms in the ISDA Definitions.

(C) Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes

- (a) Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Accrual Period will, subject as provided below, be either:
  - (i) the offered quotation; or
  - (ii) the arithmetic mean of the offered quotations,

(expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate which appears or appear, as the case may be, on the Relevant Screen Page as at either 11.00 a.m. (London time in the case of LIBOR or Brussels time in the case of EURIBOR) on the Interest Determination Date in question as determined by the Calculation Agent. If five or more of such offered quotations are available on the Relevant Screen Page, the highest (or, if there is more than one such highest quotation, one only of such quotations) and the lowest (or, if there is more than one such lowest quotation, one only of such quotations) shall be disregarded by the Calculation Agent for the purpose of determining the arithmetic mean of such offered quotations.

If the Reference Rate from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being other than LIBOR or EURIBOR, the Rate of Interest in respect of such Notes will be determined as provided in the relevant Final Terms.

- (b) If the Relevant Screen Page is not available or, if subparagraph (a)(i) applies and no such offered quotation appears on the Relevant Screen Page or, if subparagraph (a)(ii) applies and fewer than three such offered quotations appear on the Relevant Screen Page, in each case as at the time specified above, subject as provided below, the Calculation Agent shall request, if the Reference Rate is LIBOR, the principal London office of each of the Reference Banks or, if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR, the principal Euro-zone office of each of the Reference Banks, to provide the Calculation Agent with its offered quotation (expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate if the Reference Rate is LIBOR, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (London time), or if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (Brussels time) on the Interest Determination Date in question. If two or more of the Reference Banks provide the Calculation Agent with such offered quotations, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Accrual Period shall be the arithmetic mean of such offered quotations as determined by the Calculation Agent; and
- (c) If paragraph (b) above applies and the Calculation Agent determines that fewer than two Reference Banks are providing offered quotations, subject as provided below, the Rate of Interest shall be the arithmetic mean of the rates per annum (expressed as a percentage) as communicated to (and at the request of) the Calculation Agent by the Reference Banks or any two or more of them, at which such banks were offered, if the Reference Rate is LIBOR, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (London time) or, if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (Brussels

time) on the relevant Interest Determination Date, deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate by leading banks in, if the Reference Rate is LIBOR, the London inter-bank market or, if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR, the Euro-zone inter-bank market, as the case may be, or, if fewer than two of the Reference Banks provide the Calculation Agent with such offered rates, the offered rate for deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate, or the arithmetic mean of the offered rates for deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate, at which, if the Reference Rate is LIBOR, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (London time) or, if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (Brussels time), on the relevant Interest Determination Date, any one or more banks (which bank or banks is or are in the opinion of the Issuer suitable for such purpose) informs the Calculation Agent it is quoting to leading banks in, if the Reference Rate is LIBOR, the London inter-bank market or, if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR, the Euro zone inter-bank market, as the case may be, provided that, if the Rate of Interest cannot be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the Rate of Interest shall be determined as at the last preceding Interest Determination Date (though substituting, where a different Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest is to be applied to the relevant Interest Accrual Period from that which applied to the last preceding Interest Accrual Period, the Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest relating to the relevant Interest Accrual Period, in place of the Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest relating to that last preceding Interest Accrual Period).

- (iv) *Rate of Interest for Index Linked Interest Notes:* The Rate of Interest in respect of Index Linked Interest Notes for each Interest Accrual Period shall be determined in the manner specified in the relevant Final Terms and interest will accrue by reference to an Index or Formula as specified in the relevant Final Terms.
- (d) **Zero Coupon Notes:** Where a Note the Interest Basis of which is specified to be Zero Coupon is repayable prior to the Maturity Date is not paid when due, the amount due and payable prior to the Maturity Date shall be the Early Redemption Amount of such Note. As from the Maturity Date, the Rate of Interest for any overdue principal of such a Note shall be a rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Amortisation Yield (as described in Condition 6(e)(i)).
- (e) **Dual Currency Notes:** In the case of Dual Currency Notes, if the rate or amount of interest falls to be determined by reference to a Rate of Exchange or a method of calculating, a Rate of Exchange, the rate or amount of interest payable shall be determined in the manner specified in the relevant Final Terms.



- (f) **Partly Paid Notes:** In the case of Partly Paid Notes (other than Partly Paid Notes which are Zero Coupon Notes), interest will accrue as aforesaid on the paid-up nominal amount of such Notes and otherwise as specified in the relevant Final Terms.
- (g) **Accrual of Interest:** Interest shall cease to accrue on each Note on the due date for redemption unless (i) in the case of Dematerialised Notes, on such due date or (ii) in the case of Materialised Notes, upon due presentation, payment is improperly withheld or refused, in which event interest shall continue to accrue (as well after as before judgment) at the Rate of Interest in the manner provided in this Condition 5 to the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 8).
- (h) **Deferral of interest:** In the case of Undated Subordinated Notes, interest shall be payable on each Compulsory Interest Payment Date (as defined below) in respect of the interest accrued in the Interest Period ending on the day immediately preceding such date. On any Optional Interest Payment Date (as defined below) there may be paid (if the Issuer so elects) the interest accrued in the Interest Period ending on the day immediately preceding such date but the Issuer shall not have any obligation to make such payment and any such failure to pay shall not constitute a default under the Notes or for any other purpose. Notice of any Optional Interest Payment Date shall (for so long as the rules of, or applicable to, any Regulated Market so require) be given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15 and to the relevant Regulated Market. Such notice shall be given at least seven days prior to the relevant Optional Interest Payment Date(s). The relevant Final Terms will state whether any interest not paid on an Optional Interest Payment Date shall be lost or shall, so long as the same remains unpaid, constitute “**Arrears of Interest**” (which term shall include interest on such unpaid interest as referred to below). Arrears of Interest may, at the option of the Issuer, be paid in whole or in part at any time upon the expiration of not less than seven days’ notice to such effect given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15 but all Arrears of Interest on all Undated Subordinated Notes outstanding shall become due in full on whichever is the earliest of:
- (i) the Interest Payment Date immediately following the date upon which the *Assemblée Générale* of the shareholders of the Issuer passed a resolution to pay a dividend on the ordinary share capital of the Issuer; and
  - (ii) a judgement rendered by any competent court declaring (a) the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*) of the Issuer or (b) the liquidation of the Issuer for any other reason.

If notice is given by the Issuer of its intention to pay the whole or part of Arrears of Interest, the Issuer shall be obliged to do so upon the expiration of such notice. When Arrears of Interest are paid in part, each such payment shall be applied in or towards satisfaction of the full amount of the Arrears of Interest accrued in respect of the earliest Interest Period in respect of which Arrears of Interest have accrued and have not been paid in full. Arrears of Interest shall (to the extent permitted by law) bear interest accruing (but only, in accordance with Article 1154 of the French *Code civil*, after such interest has accrued for a period of one year) and compounding on the basis of the exact number of days which have elapsed at the prevailing rate of interest on the Subordinated Notes in respect of each relevant

Interest Period. For these purposes the following expressions have the following meanings:

**“Compulsory Interest Payment Date”** means any Interest Payment Date unless at the *Assemblée Générale* of the shareholders of the Issuer immediately preceding such date which was required to approve the annual accounts of the Issuer for the fiscal year ended prior to such *Assemblée Générale*, no resolution was passed to pay a dividend on the ordinary share capital of the Issuer in respect of such previous fiscal year and

**“Optional Interest Payment Date”** means any Interest Payment Date, as the case may be, other than a Compulsory Interest Payment Date.

*It is expected that, in the case of Undated Subordinated Notes the proceeds of which count as Tier 1 Capital, interest not paid on an Optional Interest Payment Date shall be lost. It is also expected that, in the case of Undated Subordinated Notes the proceeds of which count as Tier 2 Capital, interest not paid on an Optional Payment Date shall constitute Arrears of Interest.*

**(i) Margin, Maximum/Minimum Rates of Interest, Instalment Amounts and Redemption Amounts and Rounding:**

(i) If any Margin is specified in the relevant Final Terms (either (x) generally, or (y) in relation to one or more Interest Accrual Periods), an adjustment shall be made to all Rates of Interest, in the case of (x), or the Rates of Interest for the specified Interest Accrual Periods, in the case of (y), calculated in accordance with (c) above by adding (if a positive number) or subtracting the absolute value (if a negative number) of such Margin subject always to the next paragraph

(ii) If any Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest, Instalment Amount or Redemption Amount is specified in the relevant Final Terms, then any Rate of Interest, Instalment Amount or Redemption Amount shall be subject to such maximum or minimum, as the case may be

(iii) For the purposes of any calculations required pursuant to these Conditions (unless otherwise specified), (x) all percentages resulting from such calculations shall be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point (with halves being rounded up), (y) all figures shall be rounded to seven significant figures (with halves being rounded up) and (z) all currency amounts that fall due and payable shall be rounded to the nearest unit of such currency (with halves being rounded up), save in the case of yen, which shall be rounded down to the nearest yen. For these purposes “unit” means the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country(ies) of such currency.

**(j) Interest on Undated Subordinated Notes:** Payment of interest on Undated Subordinated Notes may be postponed in accordance with applicable French banking laws and regulations and, in particular, Article 4 (c) of Regulation no. 90-02 dated 23 February 1990 of the CRBF in France, as amended from time to time.

**(k) Calculations:** The amount of interest payable in respect of any Note for any period shall be calculated by multiplying the product of the Rate of Interest and the outstanding nominal amount of such Note by the Day Count Fraction, unless an

Interest Amount (or a formula for its calculation) is specified in respect of such period, in which case the amount of interest payable in respect of such Note for such period shall equal such Interest Amount (or be calculated in accordance with such formula). Where any Interest Period comprises two or more Interest Accrual Periods, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Interest Period shall be the sum of the amounts of interest payable in respect of each of those Interest Accrual Periods. In respect of any other period for which interest is required to be calculated, the provisions above shall apply save that the Day Count Fraction shall be for the period for which interest is required to be calculated.

- (l) **Determination and Publication of Rates of Interest, Interest Amounts, Final Redemption Amounts, Optional Redemption Amounts, Early Redemption Amounts and Instalment Amounts:** The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable on such date as the Calculation Agent may be required to calculate any rate or amount, obtain any quotation or make any determination or calculation, determine such rate and calculate the Interest Amounts for the relevant Interest Accrual Period, calculate the Final Redemption Amount, Optional Redemption Amount, Early Redemption Amount or Instalment Amount, obtain such quotation or make such determination or calculation, as the case may be, and cause the Rate of Interest and the Interest Amounts for each Interest Accrual Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date and, if required to be calculated, the Final Redemption Amount, Optional Redemption Amount, Early Redemption Amount or any Instalment Amount to be notified to the Fiscal Agent, the Issuer, each of the Paying Agents, the Noteholders, any other Calculation Agent appointed in respect of the Notes that is to make a further calculation upon receipt of such information and, if the Notes are admitted to trading on a Regulated Market and the rules of, or applicable to, such Regulated Market so require, such Regulated Market as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than (i) the commencement of the relevant Interest Period, if determined prior to such time, in the case of notification to such exchange of a Rate of Interest and Interest Amount, or (ii) in all other cases, the fourth Business Day after such determination. Where any Interest Payment Date or Interest Period Date is subject to adjustment pursuant to Condition 5(c)(ii), the Interest Amounts and the Interest Payment Date so published may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. The determination of any rate or amount, the obtaining of each quotation and the making of each determination or calculation by the Calculation Agent(s) shall (in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding upon all parties.
- (m) **Calculation Agent:** The Issuer shall procure that there shall at all times be one or more Calculation Agents if provision is made for them in the relevant Final Terms and for so long as any Note is outstanding (as defined in the Agency Agreement). Where more than one Calculation Agent is appointed in respect of the Notes, references in these Conditions to the Calculation Agent shall be construed as each Calculation Agent performing its respective duties under the Conditions. If the Calculation Agent is unable or unwilling to act as such or if the Calculation Agent fails duly to establish the Rate of Interest for an Interest Accrual Period or to calculate any Interest Amount, Instalment Amount, Final Redemption Amount, Early Redemption Amount or Optional Redemption Amount, as the case may be, or to

comply with any other requirement, the Issuer shall appoint a leading bank or investment banking firm engaged in the interbank market (or, if appropriate, money, swap or over-the-counter index options market) that is most closely connected with the calculation or determination to be made by the Calculation Agent (acting through its principal London office or any other office actively involved in such market) to act as such in its place. The Calculation Agent may not resign its duties without a successor having been appointed as aforesaid but, for the avoidance of doubt, the Calculation Agent can be removed by the Issuer before a successor is appointed in cases where it is unable to act. Notwithstanding the option of the Issuer to remove the Calculation Agent as aforesaid, the Issuer shall use its best efforts to appoint as soon as practicable a new Calculation Agent able to act. So long as the Notes are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market and the rules of, or applicable to, the Regulated Market so require, notice of any change of the Calculation Agent shall be given in accordance with Condition 15.

- (n) **Interest on credit linked Notes:** In the case of credit linked Notes, their interest will be specified in the relevant Final Terms.

## 6 Redemption, Purchase and Options

- (a) **Final Redemption:** Unless previously redeemed, purchased and cancelled as provided below, each Note shall be finally redeemed on the Maturity Date specified in the relevant Final Terms at its Final Redemption Amount (which, unless otherwise provided, is its nominal amount) or, in the case of a Note falling within Condition 6(b) below, its final Instalment Amount. Subordinated Notes, the proceeds of which constitute Tier 1 Capital or Upper Tier 2 Capital shall be Undated Subordinated Notes. The Maturity Date, in relation to Subordinated Notes the proceeds of which constitute Lower Tier 2 Capital, will not be less than five years from the Issue Date. In the case of credit linked Notes, the redemption details will be specified in the Final Terms.
- (b) **Redemption by Instalments:** Unless previously redeemed, purchased and cancelled as provided in this Condition 6, each Note that provides for Instalment Dates and Instalment Amounts shall be partially redeemed on each Instalment Date at the related Instalment Amount specified in the relevant Final Terms. The outstanding nominal amount of each such Note shall be reduced by the Instalment Amount (or, if such Instalment Amount is calculated by reference to a proportion of the nominal amount of such Note, such proportion) for all purposes with effect from the related Instalment Date, unless payment of the Instalment Amount is improperly withheld or refused (i) in the case of Dematerialised Notes, on the due date for such payment or (ii) in the case of Materialised Notes, on presentation of the related Receipt, in which case, such amount shall remain outstanding until the Relevant Date relating to such Instalment Amount.
- (c) **Redemption at the Option of the Issuer and Partial Redemption:** If a Call Option is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Issuer may, subject to the prior approval of the *Secrétariat Général* of the *Commission Bancaire* in the case of Subordinated Notes the proceeds of which constitute Tier 1 Capital or Tier 2 Capital and to compliance by the Issuer with all the relevant laws, regulations and directives and on giving not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' irrevocable notice in accordance with Condition 15 to the Noteholders (or such other notice period as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms) redeem, all or, if so provided, some,

of the Notes on any Optional Redemption Date. Any such redemption of Notes shall be at their Optional Redemption Amount together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption (including, where applicable, Arrears of Interest), if any. Any such redemption of Notes must relate to Notes of a nominal amount at least equal to the Minimum Redemption Amount to be redeemed as specified in the relevant Final Terms and no greater than the Maximum Redemption Amount to be redeemed specified in the relevant Final Terms. The redemption date, in relation to Subordinated Notes the proceeds of which constitute Lower Tier 2 Capital, will not be less than five years from the Issue Date.

All Notes in respect of which any such notice is given shall be redeemed on the date specified in such notice in accordance with this Condition.

In the case of a partial redemption the notice to holders of such Materialised Notes shall also contain the number of the Definitive Materialised Bearer Notes to be redeemed which shall have been drawn in such place and in such manner as may be fair and reasonable in the circumstances, taking account of prevailing market practices, subject to compliance with any applicable laws and requirements of the Regulated Market on which the Notes are admitted to trading.

In the case of a partial redemption of Dematerialised Notes, the redemption may be effected, at the option of the Issuer, either (i) by reducing the nominal amount of all such Dematerialised Notes in a Series in proportion to the aggregate nominal amount redeemed or (ii) by redeeming in full some only of such Dematerialised Notes and, in such latter case, the choice between those Dematerialised Notes that will be fully redeemed and those Dematerialised Notes of any Series that will not be redeemed shall be made in accordance with Article R.213-16 of the Code and the provisions of the relevant Final Terms, subject to compliance with any other applicable laws and requirements of the Regulated Market on which the Notes are admitted to trading.

- (d) **Redemption at the Option of Noteholders and Exercise of Noteholders' Options:** If a Put Option is specified in the relevant Final Terms and provided that the relevant Note is not a Subordinated Note the proceeds of which constitute Tier 1 Capital, Tier 2 Capital, the Issuer shall, at the option of the Noteholder, upon the Noteholder giving not less than 10 nor more than 30 days' notice to the Issuer (the "**Election Period**") (or such other notice period as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms) redeem such Note on the Optional Redemption Date(s) at its Optional Redemption Amount together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption including, where applicable, any Arrears of Interest.

To exercise such option, the Noteholder must send to any Paying agent by electronic communication or fax a duly completed option exercise notice (the "**Put Option Notice**") in the form delivered by the Paying Agent, the Registration Agent or Euroclear France and/or any relevant clearing systems, as the case may be, within the Election Period. In the case of Materialised Bearer Notes shall have attached to it such Note (together with all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and unexchanged Talons) with any Paying Agent at its specified office. In the case of Dematerialised Notes, the Noteholder shall transfer, or cause to be transferred, the Dematerialised Notes to be redeemed to the account of the Paying Agent specified in the Put Option Notice. No option so exercised and, where applicable, no Note so deposited or transferred may be withdrawn without the prior consent of the Issuer.

**(e) Early Redemption:**

**(i) Zero Coupon Notes:**

- (A) The Early Redemption Amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Note, the Early Redemption Amount of which is not linked to an index and/or a formula, upon redemption of such Note pursuant to Condition 6(f) or upon it becoming due and payable as provided in Condition 9 shall be the Amortised Nominal Amount (calculated as provided below) of such Note unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms.
- (B) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (C) below, the Amortised Nominal Amount of any such Note shall be the scheduled Final Redemption Amount of such Note on the Maturity Date discounted at a rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Amortisation Yield (which, if none is shown in the relevant Final Terms, shall be such rate as would produce an Amortised Nominal Amount equal to the issue price of the Notes if they were discounted back to their issue price on the Issue Date) compounded annually.
- (C) If the Early Redemption Amount payable in respect of any such Note upon its redemption pursuant to Condition 6(f) or upon it becoming due and payable as provided in Condition 9 is not paid when due, the Early Redemption Amount due and payable in respect of such Note shall be the Amortised Nominal Amount of such Note as defined in sub-paragraph (B) above, except that such sub-paragraph shall have effect as though the date on which the Amortised Nominal Amount becomes due and payable were the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 8(c) below). The calculation of the Amortised Nominal Amount in accordance with this sub-paragraph shall continue to be made (both before and after judgment) until the Relevant Date, unless the Relevant Date falls on or after the Maturity Date, in which case the amount due and payable shall be the scheduled Final Redemption Amount of such Note on the Maturity Date together with any interest that may accrue in accordance with Condition 5(d).

Where such calculation is to be made for a period of less than one year, it shall be made on the basis of the Day Count Fraction shown in the relevant Final Terms.

- (ii) *Other Notes:* The Early Redemption Amount payable in respect of any Note (other than Notes described in (i) above), upon redemption of such Note pursuant to Condition 6(f) or upon it becoming due and payable as provided in Condition 9 shall be the Final Redemption Amount together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption (including, where applicable, any Arrears of Interest) unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**(f) Redemption for Taxation Reasons:**

- (i) If, by reason of any change in French law, or any change in the official application or interpretation of such law, becoming effective after the Issue

Date, the Issuer would on the occasion of the next payment of principal or interest due in respect of the Notes, not be able to make such payment without having to pay additional amounts as specified under Condition 8 below, the Issuer may, at its option, on any Interest Payment Date or, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, at any time, subject to having given not more than 45 nor less than 30 days' notice to the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), in accordance with Condition 15 and, in the case of Subordinated Notes, the proceeds of which constitute Tier 1 Capital, Tier 2 Capital, subject to the prior approval of the *Secrétariat Général* of the *Commission Bancaire*, redeem all, but not some only, of the Notes at their Early Redemption Amount together with, unless otherwise specified in the Final Terms, any interest accrued to the date set for redemption (including, where applicable, any Arrears of Interest) provided that the due date for redemption of which notice hereunder may be given shall be no earlier than the latest practicable date on which the Issuer could make payment of principal and interest without withholding for French taxes.

- (ii) If the Issuer would on the next payment of principal or interest in respect of the Notes be prevented by French law from making payment to the Noteholders or, if applicable, Couponholders of the full amounts then due and payable, notwithstanding the undertaking to pay additional amounts contained in Condition 8 below, then the Issuer shall forthwith give notice of such fact to the Fiscal Agent and the Issuer shall upon giving not less than seven days' prior notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15 and, in the case of Subordinated Notes, the proceeds of which constitute Tier 1 Capital, Tier 2 Capital, subject to the prior approval of the *Secrétariat Général* of the *Commission Bancaire*, redeem all, but not some only, of the Notes then outstanding at their Redemption Amount together with, unless otherwise specified in the Final Terms, any interest accrued to the date set for redemption (including, where applicable, any Arrears of Interest) on (A) the latest practicable Interest Payment Date on which the Issuer could make payment of the full amount then due and payable in respect of the Notes, provided that if such notice would expire after such Interest Payment Date the date for redemption pursuant to such notice of Noteholders shall be the later of (i) the latest practicable date on which the Issuer could make payment of the full amount then due and payable in respect of the Notes and (ii) 14 days after giving notice to the Fiscal Agent as aforesaid or (B) if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, at any time, provided that the due date for redemption of which notice hereunder shall be given shall be the latest practicable date at which the Issuer could make payment of the full amount payable in respect of the Notes, or, if applicable, Receipts or Coupons or, if that date is passed, as soon as practicable thereafter.
- (g) **Partly Paid Notes:** Partly Paid Notes will be redeemed, whether at maturity, early redemption or otherwise, in accordance with the provisions of this Condition and the provisions specified in the relevant Final Terms.
- (h) **Purchases:** The Issuer shall have the right at all times to purchase Notes (provided that, in the case of Materialised Notes, all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and unexchanged Talons relating thereto are attached thereto or

surrendered therewith) in the open market or otherwise at any price. In the case of Subordinated Notes the proceeds of which constitute Tier 2 Capital, any such purchase will be subject to the prior approval of the *Secrétariat Général* of the *Commission Bancaire* if it relates (individually or when aggregated with any previous purchase) to 10% or more of the principal amount of the Notes. In the case of Subordinated Notes the proceeds of which constitute Tier 1 Capital, any such purchase will be subject to the prior approval of the *Secrétariat Général* of the *Commission Bancaire*.

- (i) **Cancellation:** All Notes purchased by or on behalf of the Issuer must be cancelled, in the case of Dematerialised Notes, by transfer to an account in accordance with the rules and procedures of Euroclear France and, in the case of Materialised Bearer Notes, by surrendering the Temporary Global Certificate and the Definitive Materialised Bearer Notes in question together with all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and all unexchanged Talons to the Fiscal Agent and, in each case, if so transferred or surrendered, shall, together with all Notes redeemed by the Issuer, be cancelled forthwith (together with, in the case of Dematerialised Notes, all rights relating to payment of interest and other amounts relating to such Dematerialised Notes and, in the case of Materialised Notes, all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and unexchanged Talons attached thereto or surrendered therewith). Any Notes so cancelled or, where applicable, transferred or surrendered for cancellation may not be reissued or resold and the obligations of the Issuer in respect of any such Notes shall be discharged. For so long as the Notes are admitted to trading on the regulated market of and listed on the official list of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, the Issuer will forthwith inform the Luxembourg Stock Exchange of any such cancellation.
- (j) **Illegality:** If, by reason of any change in French law, or any change in the official application of such law, becoming effective after the Issue Date, it will become unlawful for the Issuer to perform or comply with one or more of its obligations under the Notes, the Issuer will, subject to having given not more than 45 nor less than 30 days' notice to the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), in accordance with Condition 15, redeem all, but not some only, of the Notes at their Early Redemption Amount together with any interest accrued to the date set for redemption (including, where applicable, any Arrears of Interest).

## 7 Payments and Talons

- (a) **Dematerialised Notes:** Payments of principal and interest (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Arrears of Interest, where applicable) in respect of Dematerialised Notes shall (in the case of Dematerialised Notes in bearer form or administered registered form) be made by transfer to the account denominated in the relevant currency of the relevant Account Holders for the benefit of the Noteholders and, (in the case of Dematerialised Notes in fully registered form), to an account denominated in the relevant currency with a Bank (as defined below) designated by the Noteholders. All payments validly made to such Account Holders will be an effective discharge of the Issuer in respect of such payments.
- (b) **Materialised Bearer Notes:** Payments of principal and interest (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Arrears of Interest, where applicable) in respect of Materialised Bearer Notes shall, subject as mentioned below, be made against presentation and surrender of the relevant Receipts (in the case of payments of



Instalment Amounts other than on the due date for redemption and provided that the Receipt is presented for payment together with its relative Note), Materialised Bearer Notes (in the case of all other payments of principal and, in the case of interest, as specified in Condition 7(f)(vi)) or Coupons (in the case of interest, save as specified in Condition 7(f)(vi)), as the case may be, at the specified office of any Paying Agent during normal business hours outside the United States by a cheque payable in the relevant currency drawn on, or, at the option of the Noteholder, by transfer to an account denominated in such currency with, a Bank.

“**Bank**” means a bank in the principal financial centre of such currency or, in the case of Euro, in a city in which banks have access to the TARGET System.

- (c) **Payments in the United States:** Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any Materialised Bearer Notes are denominated in U.S. Dollars, payments in respect thereof may be made at the specified office of any Paying Agent in New York City in the same manner as aforesaid if (i) the Issuer shall have appointed Paying Agents with specified offices outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents would be able to make payment of the amounts on the Notes in the manner provided above when due, (ii) payment in full of such amounts at all such offices is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions on payment or receipt of such amounts and (iii) such payment is then permitted by United States law, without involving, in the opinion of the Issuer, any adverse tax consequence to the Issuer.
- (d) **Payments subject to Fiscal Laws:** All payments are subject in all cases to any applicable fiscal or other laws, regulations and directives in the place of payment but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 8. No commission or expenses shall be charged to the Noteholders or Couponholders in respect of such payments.
- (e) **Appointment of Agents:** The Fiscal Agent, the Paying Agents, the Calculation Agent, the Redenomination Agent and the Consolidation Agent initially appointed by the Issuer and their respective specified offices are listed below. The Fiscal Agent, the Paying Agents, the Redenomination Agent, the Consolidation Agent and the Registration Agent act solely as agents of the Issuer and the Calculation Agent(s) act(s) as independent expert(s) and, in each such case, do not assume any obligation or relationship of agency for any Noteholder or Couponholder. The Issuer reserves the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of the Fiscal Agent, any other Paying Agent, the Redenomination Agent, the Consolidation Agent and the Registration Agent or the Calculation Agent(s) and to appoint additional or other Paying Agents, provided that the Issuer shall at all times maintain (i) a Fiscal Agent, (ii) one or more Calculation Agent(s) where the Conditions so require, (iii) a Redenomination Agent and a Consolidation Agent where the Conditions so require, (iv) Paying Agents having specified offices in at least two major European cities, (v) in the case of Dematerialised Notes, in fully registered form, a Registration Agent, (vi) such other agents as may be required by the applicable rules of any Regulated Market on which the Notes may be listed and admitted to trading and (vii) in the case of Materialised Notes, a Paying Agent with a specified office in a European Union Member State that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any Directive implementing the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council meeting of 26-27 November

2000 on the taxation of savings income or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive.

In addition, the Issuer shall forthwith appoint a Paying Agent in New York City in respect of any Materialised Bearer Notes denominated in U.S. Dollars in the circumstances described in paragraph (c) above.

On a redenomination of the Notes of any Series pursuant to Condition 1(d) with a view to consolidating such Notes with one or more other Series of Notes, in accordance with Condition 14, the Issuer shall ensure that the same entity shall be appointed as both Redenomination Agent and Consolidation Agent in respect of both such Notes and such other Series of Notes to be so consolidated with such Notes.

Notice of any such change or any change of any specified office shall promptly be given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15.

**(f) Unmatured Coupons and Receipts and unexchanged Talons:**

- (i) Upon the due date for redemption of Materialised Bearer Notes which comprise Fixed Rate Notes (other than Dual Currency Notes or Index Linked Notes), such Materialised Bearer Notes should be surrendered for payment together with all unexpired Coupons (if any) relating thereto, failing which an amount equal to the face value of each missing unexpired Coupon (together, where applicable, with the amount of any Arrears of Interest corresponding to such Coupon) (or, in the case of payment not being made in full, that proportion of the amount of such missing unexpired Coupon (together, where applicable, with the amount of any Arrears of Interest corresponding to such Coupon) that the sum of principal so paid bears to the total principal due) shall be deducted from the Final Redemption Amount, Amortised Nominal Amount, Early Redemption Amount or Optional Redemption Amount, as the case may be, due for payment. Any amount so deducted shall be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of such missing Coupon within a period of 10 years from the Relevant Date for the payment of such principal (whether or not such Coupon has become void pursuant to Condition 10).
- (ii) Upon the due date for redemption of any Materialised Bearer Note comprising a Floating Rate Note, Dual Currency Note or Index Linked Note, unexpired Coupons relating to such Note (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect of them.
- (iii) Upon the due date for redemption of any Materialised Bearer Note, any unexpired Talon relating to such Note (whether or not attached) shall become void and no Coupon shall be delivered in respect of such Talon.
- (iv) Upon the due date for redemption of any Materialised Bearer Note that is redeemable in instalments, all Receipts relating to such Materialised Bearer Note having an Instalment Date falling on or after such due date (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect of them.

- (v) Where any Materialised Bearer Note that provides that the relative unmatured Coupons are to become void upon the due date for redemption of those Notes is presented for redemption without all unmatured Coupons, and where any Bearer Note is presented for redemption without any unexchanged Talon relating to it, redemption shall be made only against the provision of such indemnity as the Issuer may require.
  - (vi) If the due date for redemption of any Materialised Bearer Note is not a due date for payment of interest, interest accrued from the preceding due date for payment of interest or the Interest Commencement Date, as the case may be, (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Arrears of Interest if applicable) shall only be payable against presentation (and surrender if appropriate) of the relevant Definitive Materialised Bearer Note. Interest accrued on a Materialised Bearer Note that only bears interest after its Maturity Date shall be payable on redemption of such Note against presentation of the relevant Materialised Bearer Notes.
- (g) **Talons:** On or after the Interest Payment Date for the final Coupon forming part of a Coupon sheet issued in respect of any Materialised Bearer Note, the Talon forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of the Fiscal Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet (and if necessary another Talon for a further Coupon sheet) (but excluding any Coupons that may have become void pursuant to Condition 10).
- (h) **Non-Business Days:** If any date for payment in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon is not a business day, the Noteholder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following business day nor to any interest or other sum in respect of such postponed payment, unless otherwise provided in the relevant Final Terms. In this paragraph, “**business day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) which is a business day in Luxembourg and (A) (i) in the case of Dematerialised Notes, on which Euroclear France is open for business or (ii) in the case of Materialised Notes, on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business in the relevant place of presentation, (B) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business in such jurisdictions as shall be specified as “Financial Centres” in the relevant Final Terms and (C) (i) (in the case of a payment in a currency other than Euro), where payment is to be made by transfer to an account maintained with a bank in the relevant currency, on which foreign exchange transactions may be carried on in the relevant currency in the principal financial centre of the country of such currency or (ii) (in the case of a payment in Euro), which is a TARGET Business Day.

## 8 Taxation

- (a) All payments of principal, interest and other revenues by or on behalf of the Issuer in respect of the Notes shall be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for, any taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed by or within France or any authority therein or thereof having power to tax, unless such withholding or deduction is required by law.
- (b) **Additional Amounts:** If French law should require that payments of principal or interest (including for the avoidance of doubt, Arrears of Interest) in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon be subject to deduction or withholding in respect of any

present or future taxes or duties whatsoever levied by or on behalf of the Republic of France, the Issuer will, to the fullest extent then permitted by law, pay such additional amounts as shall result in receipt by the Noteholders or, if applicable, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders, as the case may be, of such amounts as would have been received by them had no such withholding or deduction been required, except that no such additional amounts shall be payable with respect to any Note, Receipt or Coupon, as the case may be:

- (i) **Other connection:** to, or to a third party on behalf of, a Noteholder or, if applicable, a Receiptholder or a Couponholder, as the case may be, who is liable to such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges in respect of such Note, Receipt or Coupon by reason of his having some connection with the Republic of France other than the mere holding of the Note, Receipt or Coupon; or
  - (ii) **Presentation more than 30 days after the Relevant Date:** in the case of Materialised Notes, more than 30 days after the Relevant Date except to the extent that the Noteholder, or, if applicable, a Receiptholder or a Couponholder, as the case may be, would have been entitled to such additional amounts on presenting it for payment on the thirtieth such day; or
  - (iii) **Payments to individuals:** where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment to an individual and is required to be made pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any other Directive implementing the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council Meeting of 26 27 November 2000 on the taxation of savings income, or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive; or
  - (iv) **Payment by another Paying Agent:** in respect of Definitive Materialised Bearer Notes, presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder of any Note, Receipt or Coupon, as the case may be, who would be able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Note, Receipt or Coupon to another Paying Agent in a Member State of the EU.
- (c) As used in these Conditions, “**Relevant Date**” in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon means the date on which payment in respect of it first becomes due (and, for the avoidance of doubt, in the case of Arrears of Interest, references to “becomes due” shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of Condition 5(h)) or (if any amount of the money payable is improperly withheld or refused) the date on which payment in full of the amount outstanding is made or, in the case of Materialised Notes (if earlier) the date seven days after that on which notice is duly given to the Noteholders that, upon further presentation of the Note, Receipt or Coupon being made in accordance with the Conditions, such payment will be made, provided that payment is in fact made upon such presentation.

References in these Conditions to (i) “**principal**” shall be deemed to include any premium payable in respect of the Notes, all Instalment Amounts, Final Redemption Amounts, Early Redemption Amounts, Optional Redemption Amounts, Amortised Nominal Amounts and all other amounts in the nature of principal payable pursuant to Condition 6 or any amendment or supplement to it, (ii) “**interest**” shall be deemed to include all Interest Amounts and all other amounts

(including, for the avoidance of doubt, all Arrears of Interest) payable pursuant to Condition 5 or any amendment or supplement to it and (iii) “**principal**” and/or “**interest**” shall be deemed to include any additional amounts that may be payable under this Condition.

- (d) **Supply of Information:** Each Noteholder shall be responsible for supplying, in a timely manner, any information as may be required in order to comply with the identification and reporting obligations imposed on it by the European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any other Directive implementing the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council Meeting dated 26-27 November 2000 on the taxation of savings income or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive.

## 9 Events of Default

Any Noteholder may, upon written notice to the Issuer and the Fiscal Agent, request the immediate reimbursement of the Notes held by such Noteholder at their principal amount, plus accrued interest to the date of payment and, where applicable, any Arrears of Interest, without any other formality, if any of the following events (each an “**Event of Default**”) occurs:

- (a) **Unsubordinated Notes:** In the case of Unsubordinated Notes
- (i) the Issuer is in default for more than thirty (30) days for the payment of principal of, or interest on, any Note (including the payment of any additional amounts mentioned in Condition 8 “**Taxation**” pursuant to the terms thereof), when the same shall become due and payable; or
  - (ii) the Issuer is in default in the performance of any of its other obligations under the Notes and such default has not been cured within forty-five (45) days after the receipt by the Fiscal Agent and the Issuer of written notice of default given by the Noteholder; or
  - (iii) any indebtedness of the Issuer in excess of Euro 50,000,000 or any guarantee by the Issuer of any such indebtedness shall become due and is not paid on the date which is the later of (i) its stated maturity, and (ii) the expiry of applicable grace periods (the term “**indebtedness**” as used herein shall mean any note or other debt instrument issued by the Issuer or any credit facility granted to the Issuer by banks); or
  - (iv) the Issuer sells, transfers or otherwise disposes of, directly or indirectly, the whole or a substantial part of its assets, or the Issuer enters into, or commences any proceedings in furtherance of, forced or voluntary liquidation or dissolution, except in the case of a disposal, dissolution, liquidation, merger or other reorganisation in which all of or substantially all of the Issuer’s assets are transferred to a legal entity which simultaneously assumes all of the Issuer’s debt and liabilities including the Notes and whose main purpose is the continuation of, and which effectively continues, the Issuer’s activities; or
  - (v) the performance of any obligation of the Issuer under the Notes contravenes any legal provisions entered into force after the date hereof or contravenes any provision entered into force after the date hereof or

contravenes any provision in effect at the date hereof due to a change of interpretation of such provisions by any competent authority; or

- (vi) the Issuer applies for or is subject to the appointment of a *mandataire ad hoc* under French bankruptcy law or enters into a conciliation procedure (*procédure de conciliation*) with its creditors or a judgment is rendered for its judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*) or for a transfer of the whole of the business (*cession totale de l'entreprise*) or makes any conveyance for the benefit of, or enters into any agreement with, its creditors or cannot meet its current liabilities out of its current assets.

- (b) **Subordinated Notes:** In the case of Subordinated Notes and in accordance with Condition 3(b), if any judgment shall be issued for the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*) of the Issuer or if the Issuer is liquidated for any other reason then the Subordinated Notes shall become immediately due and payable, in accordance with Condition 3(b).

## 10 Prescription

Claims against the Issuer for payment in respect of the Notes, Receipts and Coupons (which for this purpose shall not include Talons) shall be prescribed and become void unless made within 10 years (in the case of principal) or 5 years (in the case of interest) from the appropriate Relevant Date in respect of them.

## 11 Representation of Noteholders

Except as otherwise provided by the relevant Final Terms, Noteholders will, in respect of all Tranches in any Series, be grouped automatically for the defence of their common interests in a *masse* (in each case, the "**Masse**").

The *Masse* will be governed by the provisions of the French *Code de commerce* with the exception of Articles L.228-48, L.228-59, R.228-63, R.228-67, R.228-69 and R.228-72 subject to the following provisions:

### (a) Legal Personality

The *Masse* will be a separate legal entity and will act in part through a representative (the "**Representative**") and in part through a general meeting of the Noteholders (the "**General Meeting**").

The *Masse* alone, to the exclusion of all individual Noteholders, shall exercise the common rights, actions and benefits which now or in the future may accrue respectively with respect to the Notes.

### (b) Representative

The office of Representative may be conferred on a person of any nationality. However, the following persons may not be chosen as Representatives:

- (i) the Issuer, the members of its Executive Board (*Directoire*), its Supervisory Board (*Conseil de Surveillance*), its general managers (*directeurs généraux*), its statutory auditors, or its employees as well as their ascendants, descendants and spouse; or
- (ii) companies guaranteeing all or part of the obligations of the Issuer, their respective managers (*gérants*), general managers (*directeurs généraux*), members of their Board of Directors, Executive Board (*Directoire*), or

- Supervisory Board (*Conseil de Surveillance*), their statutory auditors, or employees as well as their ascendants, descendants and spouse; or
- (iii) companies holding 10 per cent. or more of the share capital of the Issuer or companies having 10 per cent. or more of their share capital held by the Issuer; or
  - (iv) persons to whom the practice of banker is forbidden or who have been deprived of the right of directing, administering or managing an enterprise in whatever capacity.

The names and addresses of the initial Representative of the *Masse* and its alternate will be set out in the relevant Final Terms. The Representative appointed in respect of the first Tranche of any Series of Notes will be the Representative of the single *Masse* of all Tranches in such Series.

The Representative will be entitled to such remuneration in connection with its functions or duties as set out in the relevant Final Terms.

In the event of death, retirement or revocation of appointment of the Representative, such Representative will be replaced by another Representative. In the event of the death, retirement or revocation of appointment of the alternate Representative, an alternate Representative will be elected by the General Meeting.

All interested parties will at all times have the right to obtain the names and addresses of the initial Representative and the alternate Representative at the head office of the Issuer and the specified offices of any of the Paying Agents.

**(c) Powers of Representative**

The Representative shall (in the absence of any decision to the contrary of the General Meeting) have the power to take all acts of management necessary in order to defend the common interests of the Noteholders.

All legal proceedings against the Noteholders or initiated by them, must be brought by or against the Representative.

The Representative may not interfere in the management of the affairs of the Issuer.

**(d) General Meeting**

A General Meeting may be held at any time, on convocation either by the Issuer or by the Representative. One or more Noteholders, holding together at least one-thirtieth of the principal amount of the Notes outstanding, may address to the Issuer and the Representative a demand for convocation of the General Meeting. If such General Meeting has not been convened within two months after such demand, the Noteholders may commission one of their members to petition a competent court in Paris to appoint an agent (*mandataire*) who will call the General Meeting.

Notice of the date, hour, place and agenda of any General Meeting will be published as provided under Condition 15.

Each Noteholder has the right to participate in a General Meeting in person, by proxy, correspondence, or, if the *statuts* of the Issuer so specify, videoconference

or any other means of telecommunication allowing the identification of the participating Noteholders. Each Note carries the right to one vote or, in the case of Notes issued with more than one Specified Denomination, one vote in respect of each multiple of the lowest Specified Denomination comprised in the principal amount of the Specified Denomination of such Note.

**(e) Powers of the General Meetings**

The General Meeting is empowered to deliberate on the dismissal and replacement of the Representative and the alternate Representative and also may act with respect to any other matter that relates to the common rights, actions and benefits which now or in the future may accrue with respect to the Notes, including authorising the Representative to act at law as plaintiff or defendant.

The General Meeting may further deliberate on any proposal relating to the modification of the Conditions including any proposal, whether for arbitration or settlement, relating to rights in controversy or which were the subject of judicial decisions, it being specified, however, that the General Meeting may not increase the liabilities (*charges*) of Noteholders, nor establish any unequal treatment between the Noteholders, nor decide to convert the Notes into shares and that no amendment to the status of Subordinated Notes the proceeds of which constitute Tier 2 Capital may be approved until the consent of the *Secrétariat Général* of the *Commission Bancaire* has been obtained in relation to such amendment.

General Meetings may deliberate validly on first convocation only if Noteholders present or represented hold at least one fifth of the Notes then outstanding. On second convocation, no quorum shall be required. Decisions at meetings shall be taken by a simple majority of votes cast by the Noteholders attending such General Meetings or represented thereat.

In accordance with Article R.228-71 of the French *Code de commerce*, the right of each Noteholder to participate in General Meetings will be evidenced by the entries in the books of the relevant Account Holder of the name of such Noteholder as of 0:00, Paris time, on the third business day in Paris preceding the date set for the meeting of the relevant general assembly.

Decisions of General Meetings must be published in accordance with the provisions set forth in Condition 15.

**(f) Information to Noteholders**

Each Noteholder or Representative thereof will have the right, during the 15-day period preceding the holding of each General Meeting, to consult or make a copy of the text of the resolutions which will be proposed and of the reports which will be presented at the General Meeting, all of which will be available for inspection by the relevant Noteholders at the registered office of the Issuer, at the specified offices of any of the Paying Agents during normal business hours and at any other place specified in the notice of the General Meeting.

**(g) Expenses**

The Issuer will only pay all reasonable expenses relating to the operation of the *Masse*, including expenses relating to the calling and holding of General Meetings, expenses of the Representative of the *Masse* in the performance of its duties and,



more generally, all administrative expenses resolved upon by the General Meeting, it being expressly stipulated that no expenses may be imputed against interest payable under the Notes.

**(h) Single Masse**

The holders of Notes of the same Series, and the holders of Notes of any other Series which have been assimilated with the Notes of such first mentioned Series in accordance with Condition 14, shall, for the defence of their respective common interests, be grouped in a single *Masse*. The Representative appointed in respect of the first Tranche of any Series of Notes will be the Representative of the single *Masse* of all such Series.

**12 Modifications**

These Conditions may be amended, modified, varied or completed in relation to any Series of Notes by the terms of the relevant Final Terms in relation to such Series and/or in a supplement to this Base Prospectus.

The Agency Agreement will be capable of amendment or waiver by the parties thereto, without the consent of Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders, for the purpose of curing any ambiguity or of curing, correcting or supplementing any defective provision contained therein or in any manner which the parties to the Agency Agreement mutually deem necessary or desirable and which does not, in the reasonable opinion of such parties, adversely affect the interests of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders.

**13 Replacement of definitive Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons**

If, in the case of any Materialised Bearer Notes, a Definitive Materialised Bearer Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon is lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced, subject to applicable laws, regulations and regulations of the Regulated Market on which the Notes are admitted to trading, at the specified office of the Fiscal Agent or such other Paying Agent as may from time to time be designated by the Issuer for the purpose and notice of whose designation is given to Noteholders, in each case on payment by the claimant of the fees and costs incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence, security and indemnity (which may provide, *inter alia*, that if the allegedly lost, stolen or destroyed Definitive Materialised Bearer Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon is subsequently presented for payment or, as the case may be, for exchange for further Coupons, there shall be paid to the Issuer on demand the amount payable by the Issuer in respect of such Definitive Materialised Bearer Notes, Receipts, Coupons or further Coupons) and otherwise as the Issuer may require. Mutilated or defaced Materialised Bearer Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

**14 Further Issues and Consolidation**

**(a) Further Issues:** Unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Issuer may from time to time without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders create and issue further notes to be assimilated (*assimilées*) with the Notes provided such Notes and the further notes carry rights identical in all respects (or in all respects save for the principal amount thereof and the first payment of interest in the relevant Final Terms) and that the terms of such further notes provide for such assimilation and references in these Conditions to “Notes” shall be construed accordingly.

- (b) **Consolidation:** The Issuer may from time to time on any Interest Payment Date occurring on or after the Redenomination Date on giving not less than 30 days' prior notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15, without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders, consolidate the Notes of one Series with the Notes of one or more other Series issued by it, whether or not originally issued in one of the European national currencies or in Euro, provided such other Notes have been redenominated in Euro (if not originally denominated in Euro) and which otherwise have, in respect of all periods subsequent to such consolidation, the same terms and conditions as the Notes.

## 15 Notices

- (a) Notices to the holders of Dematerialised Notes in registered form (*au nominatif*) shall be valid if either, (i) they are mailed to them at their respective addresses, in which case they will be deemed to have been given on the fourth weekday (being a day other than a Saturday or a Sunday) after the mailing, or (ii) at the option of the Issuer, they are published (a) so long as such Notes are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market and the rules of such Regulated Market so permit, on the website of the Regulated Market where the admission is sought, which in the case of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange is expected to be the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)) or (b) in a leading daily newspaper of general circulation in Europe (which is expected to be the Financial Times) and so long as such Notes are admitted to trading on Regulated Market(s), notices shall be valid if published in a daily newspaper with general circulation in the city/ies where the Regulated Market(s) on which such Notes is/are admitted to trading which in the case of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, is expected to be the *Luxemburger Wort*.
- (b) Notices to the holders of Materialised Bearer Notes and Dematerialised Notes in bearer form (*au porteur*) shall be valid if, at the option of the Issuer, they are published (i) so long as such Notes are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market and the rules of such Regulated Market so permit, on the website of the Regulated Market where the admission is sought, which in the case of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange is expected to be the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)), or (ii) in a daily leading newspaper of general circulation in Europe (which is expected to be the Financial Times) and so long as such Notes are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market, in a leading daily newspaper with general circulation in the city/ies where the Regulated Market(s), on which such Notes is/are admitted to trading is located, which in the case of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, is expected to be the *Luxemburger Wort*.
- (c) If any such publication is not practicable, notice shall be validly given if published in another leading daily English language newspaper with general circulation in Europe. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the date of such publication or, if published more than once or on different dates, on the date of the first publication as provided above. Couponholders shall be deemed for all purposes to have notice of the contents of any notice given to the holders of Materialised Bearer Notes in accordance with this Condition.
- (d) Notices required to be given to the holders of Dematerialised Notes (whether in registered or in bearer form) pursuant to these Conditions may be given by delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear France, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg

and any other clearing system through which the Notes are for the time being cleared in substitution for the mailing and publication as required by Conditions 15 (a), (b), (c), above; except that notices will be published (i) (a) so long as such Notes are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market and the rules of such Regulated Market so permit, on the website of the Regulated Market where the admission is sought, which in the case of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange is expected to be the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)), or (b) so long as such Notes are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market(s), notices shall also be published in a daily newspaper with general circulation in the city/ies where the Regulated Market(s) on which such Notes is/are admitted to trading are/is situated which, in the case of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, is expected to be the *Luxemburger Wort*, and (ii) notices relating to the convocation and decision(s) of the General Meetings pursuant to Condition 11 shall also be published (a) so long as such Notes are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market and the rules of such Regulated Market so permit, on the website of the Regulated Market where the admission is sought, which in the case of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange is expected to be the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)), or (b) in a leading newspaper of general circulation in Europe.

**16 Governing Law and Jurisdiction**

- (a) Governing Law:** The Notes and, where applicable, the Receipts, the Coupons and the Talons, and all non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with them, are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, French law.
- (b) Jurisdiction:** Any claim against the Issuer in connection with any Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons may be brought before any competent court in Paris.