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PART C – WARRANTS

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE WARRANTS

*The following are the terms and conditions of the Warrants (the "**Conditions of the Warrants**") which (subject to completion and minor amendment) will be applicable to each Series of Warrants, **provided that** the relevant Final Terms in relation to any Warrants may supplement these terms and conditions and/or may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the following terms and conditions, replace the following terms and conditions for the purposes of such Warrants.*

This Warrant is one of a series (each, a "**Series**") of warrants (the "**Warrants**") issued by HSBC Bank plc in its capacity as issuer (the "**Issuer**") pursuant to a warrant agency agreement 24 February 1999 as modified, supplemented and/or restated on 3 March 2000, 10 April 2001, 18 June 2002, 1 August 2005, 2 August 2007, 31 July 2008, 30 July 2009, 27 August 2009, 27 April 2010, 27 July 2011 and 19 June 2012 (as further modified and/or amended from time to time, the "**Warrant Agency Agreement**") made between the Issuer, HSBC Bank plc and HSBC France as calculation agents (HSBC Bank plc or, as the case may be, HSBC France being the "**Calculation Agent**" with respect to the Warrants if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, which expression shall include any successor or other Calculation Agent specified in the relevant Final Terms or appointed pursuant to the Warrant Agency Agreement), HSBC Bank plc as principal warrant agent (HSBC Bank plc being the "**Principal Warrant Agent**", which expression includes any successor or substitute principal warrant agent appointed in accordance with the Warrant Agency Agreement, and together with any additional warrant agent specified in the relevant Final Terms or appointed pursuant to the Warrant Agency Agreement or the Computershare Agency Agreement (as defined below), the "**Warrant Agents**") and HSBC Bank plc as authentication agent (HSBC Bank plc being the "**Authentication Agent**", which expression includes any successor or substitute authentication agent appointed in accordance with the Warrant Agency Agreement) and HSBC Bank USA, N.A. as warrant transfer agent (the "**Warrant Transfer Agent**", which expression includes any successor or substitute warrant transfer agent appointed in accordance with the Warrant Agency Agreement) and HSBC Bank USA, N.A. as warrant registrar (the "**Warrant Registrar**", which expression includes any additional or successor or substitute or other warrant registrar specified in the relevant Final Terms appointed in accordance with the Warrant Agency Agreement).

In addition, the Issuer has entered into an agreement with Computershare Investor Services plc dated 23 April 2010 (such agreement, as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the "**Computershare Agency Agreement**") appointing the latter as registrar and paying agent (the "**CREST Registrar**", which expression shall include any successor registrar and paying agent) with respect to Uncertificated Registered Warrants (as defined below) and has entered into a deed of covenant dated 27 July 2011 (such deed, as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the "**Warrant Deed of Covenant**") for the purposes of constituting Uncertificated Registered Warrants.

As used herein, the expression "**Warrant Agents**" shall include the Principal Warrant Agent and any other warrant agents appointed in accordance with the Warrant Agency Agreement or the Computershare Agency Agreement. The Warrants also have the benefit of a master warrant issuance agreement dated 24 February 1999 as modified, supplemented and/or restated on 3 March 2000, 10 April 2001, 18 June 2002, 1 August 2005, 2 August 2007, 31 July 2008, 30 July 2009, 27 August 2009, 27 April 2010, 27 July 2011 and 19 June 2012 (as further modified and/or amended from time to time, the "**Master Warrant Issuance Agreement**") and made between the Issuer and HSBC Bank plc as manager (the "**Manager**", which expression shall include any successor Manager specified in the relevant Final Terms). The following terms and conditions (the "**Conditions**") include brief summaries of, and are subject to, certain provisions of the Warrant Agency Agreement, the Computershare Agency Agreement and the Warrant Deed of Covenant, copies of which will be available for inspection at the specified offices of the Principal Warrant Agent and the CREST Registrar, respectively. The Warrantholders (as defined in Condition 1 (*Form and Transfer*)) are entitled to the benefit of, are bound by, and are deemed to have notice of, all the provisions (including the form of Exercise Notice referred to in Condition 4 (*Exercise Procedure*)) of the Warrant Agency Agreement, the Computershare Agency Agreement and the Warrant Deed of Covenant.

Each Series of Warrants may comprise one or more tranches ("**Tranches**" and each, the "**Tranche**") of Warrants. Each Tranche will be the subject of Final Terms hereto (each, the "**Final Terms**"), a copy of which will, in the case of a Tranche in relation to which application has been made to admit to listing on the Official List of the UK Listing Authority (the "**UKLA**") and to trading on the Regulated Market of the

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London Stock Exchange plc (the "**London Stock Exchange**"), be lodged with the UKLA and with the London Stock Exchange and will be available at the specified office of each of the Warrant Agents or, in the case of Warrants in the form of Uncertificated Registered Warrants, the CREST Registrar. In the case of a Tranche of Warrants in relation to which application has not been made to admit to trading on the London Stock Exchange or for admission to listing, trading and/or quotation by any other listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system, copies of the relevant Final Terms will only be available to a Holder (as defined in Condition 1 (*Form and Transfer*)) of such Warrants.

References in the Conditions to Warrants are to the Warrants of the relevant Series and references to the Issuer, a Warrant Agent, the Calculation Agent, any Holder or the Warrantheolders are to those persons in relation to the Warrants of the relevant Series. Capitalised terms used but not defined in these Conditions will 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 Warrants of the relevant Series.

As used in these Conditions and in relation to any Series of Warrants, subject as otherwise provided herein:

"**Bloomberg**" means Bloomberg L.P.;

"**Business Day**" means, unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks are open for business and carrying on foreign exchange transactions in London and the principal financial centre of the Settlement Currency and on which the relevant Clearing System is open for business;

"**Call Warrant**" means a Warrant entitling, but not obligating, the Warrantheolder upon exercise (i) to receive the relevant Cash Settlement Amount or (ii) to purchase the relevant Securities, in each case subject to and in accordance with these Conditions;

"**Cash Settlement**" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 3 (*Rights on Exercise*);

"**Cash Settlement Amount**" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 3 (*Rights on Exercise*);

"**Cash Settlement Payment Date**" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the relevant Final Terms;

"**CEA**" means the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended;

"**Clearing System**" means Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, DTC, CREST and/or any other clearing system specified in the relevant Final Terms in which Warrants of the relevant Series are held, or in relation to an individual Warrant, that Warrant is held, for the time being;

"**Clearstream, Luxembourg**" means Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme*, Luxembourg;

"**Conversion**" means, in respect of any Securities, any irreversible conversion by the Issuer of such Securities into other securities;

"**CREST**" means CRESTCo. Limited;

"**Determination Date**" means a day on which the Issuer notifies the Clearing System that it has elected for Physical Settlement or Cash Settlement in accordance with Condition 3(f) (*Optional Physical Settlement*) or 3(g) (*Optional Cash Settlement*) as specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"**Euroclear**" means Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V.;

"**Euro**", "**euro**" "**EUR**", "**€**" each mean the lawful currency of the member states of the European Union that have adopted or adopt the single currency in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Communities, as amended by the Treaty on European Union (the "**Treaty**");

"**Exercise Date**" means, in respect of any Warrant, the day on which an Exercise Notice relating to that Warrant is delivered in accordance with the provisions of Condition 4(a) (*Exercise Procedure – Exercise Notice*) **provided that:**

- (i) if the Exercise Notice is delivered (A) on any day which is not a Business Day or (B) after 10.00 a.m. (local time in the place where the Clearing System through which such Warrants are

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exercised is located) on any Business Day, then, in either such case, the Exercise Date shall be the next succeeding day which is a Business Day; and

(ii) the Exercise Date may not be later than the Expiry Date;

"Exercise Notice" means any notice in the form scheduled to the Warrant Agency Agreement or such other form as may from time to time be agreed by the Issuer and the Principal Warrant Agent which is delivered by a Warrantholder in accordance with Condition 4(a) (*Exercise Procedure – Exercise Notice*);

"Exercise Period" means the period beginning on (and including) such date as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms and ending on (and including) the Expiry Date;

"Expiry Business Day" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the relevant Final Terms;

"Expiry Date" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the relevant Final Terms;

"Final Price" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the relevant Final Terms;

"Government Bonds" means, in relation to a Series of Warrants, bonds or any other debt securities issued by a government, government agency or subdivision or a transnational or supranational organisation as specified in the relevant Final Terms and **"Government Bond"** shall be construed accordingly;

"Holder" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 1 (*Form and Transfer*);

"Issue Date" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 1 (*Form and Transfer*);

"Minimum Exercise Number" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 5 (*Minimum Number of Warrants Exercisable*);

"New Issuer" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 14 (*Substitution*);

"Permitted Multiple" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 5 (*Minimum Number of Warrants Exercisable*);

"Physical Settlement" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 3 (*Rights on Exercise*);

"Put Warrant" means a Warrant entitling, but not obligating, the Warrantholder upon exercise to receive the relevant Cash Settlement Amount subject to and in accordance with these Conditions;

"Securities" means, in relation to a Series of Warrants or in relation to an Index, the equity securities, debt securities (including without limitation Government Bonds), depositary receipts or other securities or property to which such Warrants or Index, as the case may be, relate, as specified in the relevant Final Terms and **"Security"** shall be construed accordingly;

"Securities Act" means the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended;

"Settlement Currency" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 3 (*Rights on Exercise*);

"Settlement Date" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the relevant Final Terms;

"Settlement Disruption Event" means, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, an event beyond the control of the Issuer as a result of which the Issuer cannot reasonably make delivery of the relevant Securities using the method specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"Strike Price" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the relevant Final Terms;

"Strike Price Payment Date" has the meaning ascribed thereto in the relevant Final Terms;

"Taxes" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4(a)(vii);

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"**Transfer Expenses**" means with respect to any Warrants, all stamp, transfer, registration and similar duties and all expenses, scrip fees, levies and registration charges payable on or in respect of or arising on, or in connection with, the purchase or transfer, delivery or other disposition by the transferor to the order of the relevant Warrantholders of any Securities; and

"**Warrantholder**" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 1 (*Form and Transfer*).

1. **Form and Transfer**

(a) **Form; Certifications**

Each Tranche of Warrants will be (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) either (i) if not offered in reliance on Rule 144A, in (a) book-entry form ("**Book-Entry Form Warrants**") and be represented by a global warrant (the "**Global Warrant**") or (b) in uncertificated registered form ("**Uncertificated Registered Warrants**") or (ii) in registered form ("**Registered Warrants**") offered in reliance on (A) Regulation S under the Securities Act ("**Regulation S**") and represented by an unrestricted global registered warrant (the "**Unrestricted Global Registered Warrant**"), and/or (B) Rule 144A under the Securities Act ("**Rule 144A**") and represented by a restricted global registered warrant (the "**Restricted Global Registered Warrant**") or a Rule 144A global registered warrant (the "**Rule 144A Global Registered Warrant**") and/or (C) Regulation S and/or Rule 144A and represented by a combined global registered warrant (the "**Combined Global Registered Warrant**", and together with the Restricted Global Registered Warrant, the Rule 144A Global Registered Warrant and the Unrestricted Global Registered Warrant, the "**Global Registered Warrants**").

The Warrants have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act, as amended, the state securities laws of any state of the United States or the securities laws of any other jurisdiction, and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, "US persons" (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act ("**Regulation S**")) except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

Transfers of the Warrants may be conditional upon delivery of certain certifications and are subject to significant restrictions, including the right of the Issuer to refuse the recognition of transfers of the Warrants. Exercise of a Warrant offered in reliance on Regulation S will be conditional upon delivery of certain certifications. Details of such certifications may be obtained from any of the Warrant Agents.

(b) **Book-Entry Form Warrants**

(i) **General; Title**

In the case of each Tranche of Book-Entry Form Warrants, the Global Warrant relating to such Tranche will be deposited on the issue date (the "**Issue Date**") specified in the relevant Final Terms with a common depositary for the relevant Clearing System(s). Warrants in definitive form will not be issued in respect of Book-Entry Form Warrants. In the case of the Book-Entry Form Warrants, the person for the time being appearing in the books of the relevant Clearing System(s) as the holder of a Warrant shall be treated by the Issuer, the Warrant Agent, the relevant Clearing System(s) and all other persons dealing with such person as the holder thereof (a "**Warrantholder**" or a "**Holder**") and as the person entitled to exercise the rights represented thereby, for all purposes other than with respect to the payment of any settlement amount in respect of any Warrant, in which case the common depositary for the relevant Clearing System(s) or, as the case may be, its nominee, shall be treated by the Issuer and the Warrant Agent as the holder of such Warrant in accordance with and subject to the terms of the Global Warrant, unless there is a default in payment of any such amount for more than fourteen days (in which case the persons appearing in the books of the relevant Clearing System(s) as described above shall be treated as the persons entitled to exercise such rights in place of the common depositary or its nominee) and "**Warrantholder**" and "**Holder**" shall be construed accordingly, notwithstanding any notice to the contrary, except that (i) Euroclear shall not be treated as the Holder of any Warrant held in an account with

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Clearstream, Luxembourg on behalf of Euroclear's accountholders and (ii) Clearstream, Luxembourg shall not be treated as the Holder of any Warrant held in an account with Euroclear on behalf of Clearstream Luxembourg's accountholders.

(ii) *Transfer of Book-Entry Form Warrants*

All transactions in (including transfers of) Book-Entry Form Warrants, in the open market or otherwise, shall be effected only through the Clearing System(s) in which the Book-Entry Form Warrants to be transferred are held or are to be held. Title to the Book-Entry Form Warrants shall pass upon registration of the transfer in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of the relevant Clearing System(s).

(c) **Registered Warrants**

(i) *General; Title*

In the case of Registered Warrants, a certificate will be issued to each Warrantholder in respect of its registered holding. Each such certificate will be numbered serially with an identifying number which will be recorded in the register (the "**Register**") maintained by the Warrant Registrar in respect of the Registered Warrants. No single Tranche or Series of Warrants offered in reliance on Rule 144A may include Book-Entry Form Warrants. In the case of the Registered Warrants, the person for the time being in whose name such Registered Warrant is so registered in the Register shall be the "**Warrantholder**" or "**Holder**" of the Warrants represented thereby and shall be treated by the Issuer, the Warrant Agent, the relevant Clearing System(s) and all other persons dealing with such person as the holder thereof, **provided however that**, for all purposes other than payment, the persons for the time being appearing in the books of the relevant Clearing System shall be treated as the Warrantholders and these Conditions shall be construed accordingly.

(ii) *Transfer of Registered Warrants*

Title to Registered Warrants passes by registration in the Register.

(iii) *Regulations concerning transfer and registration of Registered Warrants*

All transfers of Registered Warrants and entries on the Register will be made subject to the detailed regulations (the "**Regulations**") concerning exchange and transfer of Registered Warrants scheduled to the Warrant Agency Agreement. The Regulations may be amended, supplemented or replaced by the Issuer with the prior written approval of the Warrant Registrar but without the consent of the Holders of any Warrants. A copy of the current Regulations are available for inspection during usual business hours at the specified office of the Warrant Registrar and the Warrant Transfer Agents.

(iv) *Rule 144A Legends*

Upon the transfer, exchange or replacement of Registered Warrants bearing either (A) a private placement legend for the purpose of Rule 144A in the case of Restricted Global Registered Warrants and Rule 144A Global Registered Warrants or (B) a private placement legend for the purpose of Rule 144A and Regulation S in the case of Combined Global Registered Warrants (each, the "**Rule 144A Legend**"), each as set forth in the form of the relevant Registered Warrant, the Registrar shall deliver only Registered Warrants that also bear the relevant legend unless there is delivered to the Issuer and to the Registrar such satisfactory evidence, which may include an opinion, reasonably satisfactory to the Issuer, of counsel experienced in giving opinions with respect to questions arising under the securities laws of the United States, that neither the Rule 144A Legend nor the restrictions on transfer set forth therein are required to ensure that transfers thereof comply with the provisions of Rule 144A, Rule 144 or Regulation S under the Securities Act or that such Registered Warrants are not "restricted securities" within the meaning of Rule 144 under the Securities Act.

(d) *Uncertificated Registered Warrants*

The Uncertificated Registered Warrants shall be issued in uncertificated registered form in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001, including any modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force (the "**Regulations**"). The Uncertificated Registered Warrants are participating securities for the purposes of the Regulations. Title to the Uncertificated Registered Warrants is recorded on the relevant Operator (as defined below) register of corporate securities. The CREST Registrar on behalf of the Issuer shall maintain a record of uncertificated corporate securities (the "**Record**") in relation to the Uncertificated Registered Warrants and shall procure that the Record is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules of the Operator. Subject to this requirement, (i) each person who is for the time being shown in the Record as the holder of a particular number of Uncertificated Registered Warrants shall be treated by the Issuer and the CREST Registrar as the holder of such number of Uncertificated Registered Warrants for all purposes (and the expressions "**Warrantholder**" and "**Holder**" and related expressions shall be construed accordingly), and (ii) none of the Issuer and the CREST Registrar shall be liable in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done by it or on its behalf in reliance upon the assumption that the particulars entered in the Record which the CREST Registrar maintains are in accordance with particulars entered in the Operator register of corporate securities relating to the Uncertificated Registered Warrants.

Title to Uncertificated Registered Warrants will pass upon registration of the transfer in the Operator register of corporate securities. All transactions in relation to Uncertificated Registered Warrants (including transfers of Uncertificated Registered Warrants) in the open market or otherwise must be effected through an account at the Operator subject to and in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of the Operator.

No provision of these Conditions as amended in accordance with the applicable Final Terms shall (notwithstanding anything contained therein) apply or have effect to the extent that it is in any respect inconsistent with (I) the holding of title to Uncertificated Registered Warrants in uncertificated form, (II) the transfer of title to Uncertificated Registered Warrants by means of a relevant system or (III) the Regulations. Without prejudice to the generality of the preceding sentence and notwithstanding anything contained in these Conditions or the applicable Final Terms, so long as the Uncertificated Registered Warrants are participating securities, (A) the Operator register of corporate securities relating to the Uncertificated Registered Warrants shall be maintained at all times in the United Kingdom, (B) the Uncertificated Registered Warrants may be issued in uncertificated form in accordance with and subject as provided in the Regulations, and (C) for the avoidance of doubt, the Conditions and the applicable Final Terms in relation to any Uncertificated Registered Warrant shall remain applicable notwithstanding that they are not endorsed on any certificate for such Uncertificated Registered Warrant.

As used herein each of "**Operator register of corporate securities**", "**participating securities**", "**record of uncertificated corporate securities**" and "**relevant system**" is as defined in the Regulations and the relevant Operator (as such term is used in the Regulations) is CRESTCo. Limited or any additional or alternative operator from time to time approved by the Issuer and the CREST Registrar in relation to the Uncertificated Registered Warrants and in accordance with the Regulations. Any reference herein to the "**Operator**" shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any such additional or alternative Operator from time to time and notified to the holders of the Uncertificated Registered Warrants in accordance with Condition 10.

If at any time:

- (i) a Warrantholder ceases for any reason to be a member of CREST; or
- (ii) the Uncertificated Registered Warrants cease for any reason to be participating securities capable of being held in CREST,

then the Issuer shall, in accordance with the rules and procedures governing CREST, ensure that Registered Warrants are issued in exchange for the Uncertificated Registered Warrants and that such Registered Warrants are registered in such names as the Operator shall notify to the Issuer.

2. **Status of the Warrants**

The Warrants of each Series constitute direct unsubordinated, unconditional and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and rank *pari passu* and without any preference among themselves and, at their date of issue, with all other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer (other than any such obligations preferred by law).

3. **Rights on Exercise**

(a) ***"American Style" Exercise***

If the Warrants are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being American Style Warrants, then this Condition 3(a) is applicable and the Warrants are exercisable on any Business Day during the Exercise Period prior to termination of the Warrants as provided in Condition 6 (*Effects on European Economic and Monetary Union*) and Condition 9 (*Illegality*), **provided that** and subject to Condition 3(i) (*Automatic Exercise*) below, any American Style Warrant with respect to which no Exercise Notice has been delivered in the manner set out in Condition 4 (*Exercise Procedure*) shall become void in accordance with Condition 3(h) (*Warrants Void on Expiry*).

(b) ***"European Style" Exercise***

If the Warrants are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being European Style Warrants, then this Condition 3(b) is applicable and the Warrants are exercisable only on the Expiry Date, or if that is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day (unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms) prior to termination of the Warrants as provided in Condition 6 (*Effects on European Economic and Monetary Union*) and Condition 9 (*Illegality*), **provided that** and subject to Condition 3(i) (*Automatic Exercise*) below, any European Style Warrant with respect to which no Exercise Notice has been delivered in the manner set out in Condition 4 (*Exercise Procedure*) shall become void in accordance with Condition 3(h) (*Warrants Void on Expiry*).

(c) ***"Bermudan Style" Exercise***

If the Warrants are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being Bermudan Style Warrants, then this Condition 3(c) is applicable and the Warrants are exercisable on each date as specified in the Final Terms (each a "**Potential Exercise Date**") and on the Expiry Date, or if each such date is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day (unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms) prior to termination of the Warrants as provided in Condition 6 (*Effects on European Economic and Monetary Union*) and Condition 9 (*Illegality*), **provided that** and subject to Condition 3(i) (*Automatic Exercise*) below, any Bermudan Style Warrant with respect to which no Exercise Notice has been delivered in the manner set out in Condition 4 (*Exercise Procedure*) shall become void in accordance with Condition 3(h) (*Warrants Void on Expiry*).

(d) ***Cash Settlement***

If the Warrants are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being Cash Settlement Warrants, then, subject to Condition 3(f) (*Optional Physical Settlement*) if applicable, each such Warrant, upon exercise, entitles the Holder thereof to receive from the Issuer on the Cash Settlement Payment Date (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) an amount ("**Cash Settlement**") calculated in accordance with the relevant Final Terms (the "**Cash Settlement Amount**") in the currency (the "**Settlement Currency**") specified in the relevant Final Terms. The Cash Settlement Amount will be rounded down to the nearest minimum unit of the Settlement Currency, with Warrants exercised at the same time by the same Warrantholder being aggregated for the purpose of determining the aggregate Cash Settlement Amount payable in respect of such Warrants.

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(e) *Physical Settlement*

If the Warrants are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being Physical Settlement Warrants, then, subject to Condition 3(g) (*Optional Cash Settlement*) if applicable, upon the exercise of a Warrant by a Warrantholder:

- (i) in the case of a Call Warrant, the Issuer will, on the Settlement Date in respect of such Warrant, procure the credit of the Securities to which such Warrant relates to the account with the relevant Clearing System specified, or as may otherwise be specified, for that purpose by the Warrantholder in the relevant Exercise Notice, following payment by the Warrantholder to or to the order of the Issuer on or before the Strike Price Payment Date of the Strike Price; and
- (ii) in the case of a Put Warrant, the Issuer will, on the Settlement Date in respect of such Warrant, procure the credit of the Strike Price in respect of the Warrant so exercised to the account with the relevant Clearing System specified, or as may otherwise be specified for that purpose by the Warrantholder in the relevant Exercise Notice, following the debit of the relevant Securities to which such Warrant relates to the account of the Warrantholder with the relevant Clearing System and the credit thereof to the account of the Principal Warrant Agent (in favour of the Issuer) as aforesaid on or before the Settlement Date in respect of such Warrant,

in each case less any applicable Transfer Expenses ("**Physical Settlement**") all as more fully described in Condition 4 (*Exercise Procedure*). In each case, the number of Securities so debited and credited will be rounded down to the nearest whole number of such Securities that may be separately transferred, with Warrants exercised at the same time by the same Warrantholder being aggregated for the purpose of determining the aggregate number of Securities applicable.

(f) *Optional Physical Settlement*

If this Condition 3(f) is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, then, upon the exercise of a Warrant by a Warrantholder, the Issuer may, on the Determination Date, elect Physical Settlement in accordance with Condition 3(e) (*Physical Settlement*) instead of Cash Settlement in accordance with Condition 3(d) (*Cash Settlement*). The Warrants do not confer on the Holder any right to acquire Securities and the Issuer is not obliged to purchase or hold Securities. By exercising a Warrant, the Warrantholder shall be deemed to have agreed to such form of settlement as the Issuer shall elect.

(g) *Optional Cash Settlement*

If this Condition 3(g) is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, then, upon the exercise of a Warrant by a Warrantholder, the Issuer may, on the Determination Date, elect Cash Settlement in accordance with Condition 3(d) (*Cash Settlement*) instead of Physical Settlement in accordance with Condition 3(e) (*Physical Settlement*). By exercising a Warrant, the Warrantholder shall be deemed to have agreed to such form of settlement as the Issuer shall elect.

(h) *Warrants Void on Expiry*

Warrants which are not deemed automatically exercised in accordance with Condition 3(i) (*Automatic Exercise*) below and with respect to which an Exercise Notice has not been duly completed and delivered to the relevant Clearing System and to the Principal Warrant Agent, in the manner set out in Condition 4 (*Exercise Procedure*), before 10.00 a.m. (local time in the place where the Clearing System through which such Warrants are exercised is located) on the Expiry Date, shall become void.

(i) *Automatic Exercise*

Notwithstanding Condition 3(h) (*Warrants Void on Expiry*):

- (i) if the Warrants are Cash Settlement Warrants, unless Automatic Exercise is specified as "**Not applicable**" in the relevant Final Terms, any such Warrant with respect to which no Exercise Notice has been delivered in the manner set out in Condition 4 (*Exercise*

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Procedure) by the Expiry Date shall be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Expiry Date and the provisions of Condition 4(f) (*Exercise Risk*) shall apply; and

- (ii) if the Warrants are Physical Settlement Warrants in respect of which, upon the Expiry Date (i) such Warrant is in the money in favour of the Warrantholder and (ii) no Exercise Notice has been delivered in the manner set out in Condition 4 (*Exercise Procedure*), unless Automatic Exercise is specified as "**Not applicable**" in the relevant Final Terms, such Warrant shall be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Expiry Date, **provided that** such Warrant shall be settled as a Cash Settlement Warrant and the provisions of Condition 3(d) (*Cash Settlement*) and Condition 4(f) (*Exercise Risk*) shall apply,

and in these Conditions the expression "**exercise**" and any related expressions shall be construed to apply to any such Warrants which are deemed to be automatically exercised in accordance with this Condition 3(i).

(j) **Settlement Risk**

If, following the exercise of Physical Settlement Warrants or Cash Settled Warrants as applicable, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, delivery of the Securities or payment of the Cash Settlement Amount, as the case may be, using the method of delivery specified in the applicable Final Terms is not practicable on any Settlement Date by reason of a Settlement Disruption Event having occurred, then such Settlement Date for such Warrants shall be postponed to the first following Business Day in the place where the Clearing System through which such Warrants are exercised is located in respect of which there is no Settlement Disruption Event, **provided that** the Issuer may elect in its sole discretion to satisfy its obligations in respect of the relevant Warrant by delivering the applicable Securities or paying of the Cash Settlement Amount, as the case may be, using such other commercially reasonable manner as it may select and in such event the Settlement Date shall be such day as the Issuer deems appropriate in connection with the delivery of the Securities or payment of the Cash Settlement Amount, as the case may be, in such other commercially reasonable manner. For the avoidance of doubt, in relation to Physical Settled Warrants, where the Settlement Disruption Event affects some but not all of the relevant Securities, the Settlement Date for the Securities not affected by the Settlement Disruption Event will be the originally designated Settlement Date. In the event that a Settlement Disruption Event will result in the delivery on the Settlement Date of some but not all of the relevant Securities, the Calculation Agent shall determine the appropriate *pro rata* portion of the Transfer Expenses and/or Taxes to be paid by the relevant Warrantholder in respect of that partial settlement. In the event of an occurrence of a Settlement Disruption Event, the Calculation Agent shall give notice to the relevant Warrantholders as soon as reasonably practicable in accordance with Condition 10 (*Notices*). No Warrantholder shall be entitled to any payment in respect of the relevant Warrant in the event of any delay in the delivery of the relevant Securities due to the occurrence of a Settlement Disruption Event and no liability in respect thereof shall attach to the Issuer.

(k) **Settlement within the United States**

Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to any Warrants that are Physical Settlement Warrants, no cash, securities or other property shall be delivered in the United States (as this term is defined in Regulation S) in connection with the settlement of such Warrants unless the holder thereof shall have delivered any required certifications (including an Exercise Notice) and other documentation (which may include legal opinions) in conjunction with any Exercise of such Warrants.

4. **Exercise Procedure**

(a) **Exercise Notice**

Subject to prior termination of the Warrants as provided in Condition 9 (*Illegality*), Warrants may be exercised on the Exercise Date by the sending of a fax, confirmed in writing, of a duly completed Exercise Notice (copies of which may be obtained from the relevant Clearing System or the Principal Warrant Agent) to (i) the relevant agent and (ii) the Principal Warrant Agent, not

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later than 10.00 a.m. (local time in the place where the Clearing System through which such Warrants are exercised is located):

- (A) in the case of Warrants specified in the relevant Final Terms as being American Style Warrants, on any Business Day during the Exercise Period;
- (B) in the case of Warrants specified in the relevant Final Terms as being European Style Warrants, on the Expiry Date, subject to Condition 3(b) ("*European Style*" Exercise); or
- (C) in the case of Warrants specified in the relevant Final Terms as being Bermudan Style Warrants, on a Potential Exercise Date, and/or the Expiry Date, subject to Condition 3(c) ("*Bermudan Style*" Exercise).

Subject to Condition 3(h) (*Warrants Void on Expiry*), any Exercise Notice delivered after 10.00 a.m. (local time in the place where the Clearing System through which such Warrants are exercised) shall (a) in the case of European Style Warrants and Bermudan Style Warrants, be null and void and (b) in the case of American Style Warrants, be deemed to have been delivered on the next succeeding Business Day.

Each Exercise Notice shall:

- (i) specify the name, address, telephone and facsimile details of the Warrantholder in respect of the Warrants being exercised;
- (ii) specify the number of Warrants of each Tranche being exercised (which must be not less than the Minimum Exercise Number (as defined in Condition 5) (*Minimum Number of Warrants Exercisable*));
- (iii) specify the number of the Warrantholder's account at the relevant Clearing System to be debited with the Warrants being exercised and irrevocably instruct, or, as the case may be, confirm that the Warrantholder has irrevocably instructed, the relevant Clearing System to debit the Warrantholder's account with the Warrants being exercised and to credit the same to the account of the Principal Warrant Agent;
- (iv) where applicable, specify the number of the Warrantholder's account at the relevant Clearing System to be credited with the Cash Settlement Amount for the Warrants being exercised;
- (v) in the case of Warrants offered and sold in reliance on Regulation S, certify that each person exercising such Warrants is not a US person, that such Warrants are not beneficially owned by or on behalf of US persons or persons within the United States, that such Warrants are not being exercised within the US or by or on behalf of US persons or persons within the United States, and that no cash, securities or other property have been or will be delivered within the United States or to or for the account or benefit of a US person in connection with the exercise of the Warrants and authorise the production of such certification in applicable administrative or legal proceedings (the terms "**United States**" and "**US person**" used in this paragraph having the meaning given to them in Regulation S);
- (vi) in the case of Warrants offered and sold in reliance on Rule 144A, certify that each person exercising such Warrants is a "**qualified institutional buyer**" (as defined in Rule 144A); and
- (vii) include an irrevocable undertaking to pay any applicable stamp duty, stamp duty reserve tax and/or other taxes or duties ("**Taxes**") and/or Transfer Expenses due by reason of the exercise of the Warrants and an authority to the Issuer and the relevant Clearing System to deduct an amount in respect thereof from any Cash Settlement Amount due to such Warrantholder or otherwise (on, or at any time after, the Cash Settlement Payment Date) to debit a specified account of the Warrantholder at the relevant Clearing System with an amount or amounts in respect thereof, all as provided in the Warrant Agency Agreement.

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In addition, if the Warrants are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being Physical Settlement Warrants or if Condition 3(f) (*Optional Physical Settlement*) is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, the Exercise Notice shall also:

- (aa) irrevocably instruct the relevant Clearing System to debit on the Strike Price Payment Date a specified account of the Warrantholder with the aggregate Strike Price in respect of the Warrants being exercised (together with any applicable Taxes) and to transfer such amount to such account as shall have been specified by the Issuer to the relevant Clearing System for that purpose;
- (bb) include an irrevocable undertaking to pay any applicable Taxes due by reason of the transfer (if any) of the Securities to the account at the relevant Clearing System specified, or as otherwise specified, by the Warrantholder and an authority to the Issuer and the relevant Clearing System to debit a specified account of the Warrantholder with an amount in respect thereof; and
- (cc) specify the number of the Warrantholder's account with the relevant Clearing System to be credited with the relevant Securities or, as the case may be, the delivery details for such Securities.

(b) ***Verification of Warrantholder***

To exercise Warrants, the Holder must duly complete an Exercise Notice and must have Warrants in the amount being exercised in its securities account with the relevant Clearing System on the Exercise Date. The relevant Clearing System will, in accordance with its normal operating procedures, verify that each person exercising such Warrants is the Holder thereof according to the records of such Clearing System and that such Holder has an account at the relevant Clearing System which contains an amount equal to the aggregate Strike Price (if any) in respect of the Warrants being exercised. If the Exercise Notice is, in the determination of the relevant Clearing System, improperly completed, or sufficient Warrants or sufficient funds equal to the aggregate Strike Price are not available in the specified account(s) with the relevant Clearing System on the Exercise Date, the Exercise Notice will be treated as null and void and a new duly completed Exercise Notice must be submitted if exercise of the Holder's Warrants is still desired.

On or prior to the Cash Settlement Payment Date or the Settlement Date, as the case may be, the relevant Clearing System will debit the Warrantholder's account with the Warrants being exercised.

(c) ***Notification to Principal Warrant Agent***

The relevant Clearing System shall notify the Principal Warrant Agent in writing (with a copy to the Issuer) not later than 11.00 a.m. (local time in the place where the Clearing System through which such Warrants are exercised is located) on the Business Day immediately following the Exercise Date of the number of the account with such Clearing System to which the Cash Settlement Amount or, in the case of Physical Settlement, the Securities are to be credited for the benefit of the Warrantholder.

(d) ***Debit of Warrantholder's Account***

The relevant Clearing System will on or before the Cash Settlement Payment Date or the Settlement Date, as the case may be, debit the relevant account of the Warrantholder and credit the relevant account of the Principal Warrant Agent (in favour of the Issuer) with the Warrants being exercised and, if the Warrants are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being Physical Settlement Warrants or if the Issuer has elected for optional Physical Settlement in accordance with Condition 3(f) (*Optional Physical Settlement*), with the aggregate Strike Price, in the case of a Call Warrant, or the relevant number of Securities, in the case of a Put Warrant, in respect of the Warrants being exercised together in each case with any applicable Taxes. If the Warrants are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being Physical Settlement Warrants or if the Issuer has elected for optional Physical Settlement in accordance with Condition 3(f) (*Optional Physical Settlement*) and the aggregate Strike Price, in the case of a Call Warrant, or the relevant

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number of Securities, in the case of a Put Warrant, in respect of the Warrants being exercised together in each case with any applicable Taxes is not so credited, then the Issuer shall be under no obligation to transfer Securities or make payment of any nature to the relevant Warrantholder in respect of the Warrants being exercised, and the Exercise Notice delivered in respect of such Warrants shall thereafter be null and void for all purposes.

If Condition 3(f) (*Optional Physical Settlement*) or Condition 3(g) (*Optional Cash Settlement*) is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, the Issuer will, by the close of business (London time) on the Business Day following the relevant Determination Date, notify the relevant Clearing System, the Principal Warrant Agent and the relevant Warrantholder, if it has elected for Cash Settlement or Physical Settlement, as the case may be. Notice to the relevant Warrantholder shall be given by facsimile to the number specified in the relevant Exercise Notice and any notice so sent shall be deemed received by the relevant Warrantholder.

(e) **Payment**

In respect of Warrants which have been exercised, the Calculation Agent shall by close of business or such other time as is specified in the relevant Final Terms on the date specified therefor in the relevant Final Terms determine the Cash Settlement Amount (if any) to be paid on the relevant Cash Settlement Payment Date in respect of the relevant Warrants **provided that** the Calculation Agent has received notification from the relevant Clearing System specifying the number of Warrants which have been exercised in accordance with Condition 4(a) (*Exercise Notice*) and, shall notify the Issuer and the Principal Warrant Agent of such amounts on the Business Day following the date so specified.

Unless the Warrants are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being Physical Settlement Warrants and the Issuer has not elected for optional Cash Settlement in accordance with Condition 3(g) (*Optional Cash Settlement*) or the Issuer has elected for optional Physical Settlement in accordance with Condition 3(f) (*Optional Physical Settlement*), the Issuer will transfer to the Principal Warrant Agent the Cash Settlement Amount in respect of the Warrants being exercised, less any amount in respect of Taxes which the Issuer is authorised to deduct therefrom, for value on the Cash Settlement Payment Date, and the Principal Warrant Agent will cause the Warrantholder's account with the relevant Clearing System to be credited with such amount for value on the Cash Settlement Payment Date.

If, however, the Warrants are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being Physical Settlement Warrants (and the Issuer has not elected for optional Cash Settlement in accordance with Condition 3(d) (*Optional Cash Settlement*)) or if the Issuer elects for optional Physical Settlement in accordance with Condition 3(f) (*Optional Physical Settlement*), then:

- (i) in the case of a Call Warrant, subject to the debit of the relevant account of the Warrantholder with the Strike Price and any applicable Taxes and/or Transfer Expenses and the credit thereof to the relevant account of the Principal Warrant Agent (in favour of the Issuer) as aforesaid, the Issuer will, on the relevant Settlement Date, procure the credit of the relevant Securities to the account specified, or as may otherwise be specified, in the relevant Exercise Notice; and
- (ii) in the case of a Put Warrant, the Issuer will, on the Settlement Date in respect of such Warrant, procure the transfer for value to the Principal Warrant Agent of the Strike Price in respect of the Warrant being exercised, less any amount in respect of Taxes and/or Transfer Expenses which the Issuer is authorised to deduct therefrom, and the Principal Warrant Agent will, on the relevant Settlement Date, procure the credit of the relevant Strike Price to the account specified, or as may otherwise be specified, in the relevant Exercise Notice.

The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid when due payments in respect of Uncertificated Registered Warrants to the relevant Warrantholder's cash memorandum account (as shown in the records of the Operator), such payment to be made in accordance with the rules of the Operator. Each of the persons shown in the Operator register of corporate securities as holder of a particular principal amount of Uncertificated Registered Warrants must look solely to the

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settlement bank or institution at which its cash memorandum account is held for its share of each such payment so made by or on behalf of the Issuer.

(f) ***Exercise Risk***

Exercise of the Warrants, payment by the Issuer and the Principal Warrant Agent and any transfer of Securities by the Issuer or the Principal Warrant Agent, will be subject in all cases to all applicable fiscal and other laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time (including, without limitation, any relevant exchange control laws or regulations and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing System) and neither the Issuer nor the Principal Warrant Agent shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations and practices. Neither the Issuer nor the Principal Warrant Agent shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing System in the performance of its duties in relation to the Warrants.

(g) ***Determinations***

Any determination as to whether an Exercise Notice is duly completed and in proper form shall be made by the relevant Clearing System, in consultation with the Principal Warrant Agent, and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer, the Warrant Agents and the relevant Warrantholder. Any Exercise Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form or which is not copied to the Principal Warrant Agent immediately after being sent to the relevant Clearing System, shall be null and void. If such Exercise Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the relevant Clearing System, it shall be deemed to be a new Exercise Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to the relevant Clearing System.

(h) ***Effect of Exercise Notice***

Delivery of an Exercise Notice shall constitute an irrevocable election and undertaking by the Warrantholder to exercise the Warrants specified therein, **provided that** the person exercising and delivering such Exercise Notice is the person then appearing in the books of the relevant Clearing System as the Holder of the relevant Warrants. If the person exercising and delivering the Exercise Notice is not the person so appearing, such Exercise Notice shall for all purposes become null and void and shall be deemed not to have been so delivered.

After the delivery of an Exercise Notice (other than an Exercise Notice which shall become void pursuant to Condition 4(a) (*Exercise Notice*)), the Warrantholder specified in such Exercise Notice may not otherwise transfer such Warrants. Notwithstanding this, if any Warrantholder does so transfer or attempt to transfer such Warrants, the Warrantholder will be liable to the Issuer for any losses, costs and expenses suffered or incurred by the Issuer including those suffered or incurred as a consequence of it having terminated any related hedging operations in reliance on the relevant Exercise Notice and subsequently (i) entering into replacement hedging operations in respect of such Warrants or (ii) paying any amount on the subsequent exercise of such Warrants without having entered into any replacement hedging operations.

(i) ***Fractions***

No fraction of any Securities will be transferred on exercise of any Warrant pursuant to Conditions 3(d) (*Cash Settlement*) or 3(e) (*Physical Settlement*), **provided that** all Warrants exercised at the same time by the same Warrantholder shall be aggregated for the purpose of determining whether any (and if so what) fraction of any Securities arises. Instead the Issuer shall make a cash refund of the corresponding fraction (rounded down to the nearest minimum unit of the Settlement Currency) of the aggregate Strike Price in respect of the relevant Warrants. Such refund shall be made by transfer by the Issuer to the account of the Principal Warrant Agent whereupon the Principal Warrant Agent shall transfer such amount to the account at the relevant Clearing System specified in the relevant Exercise Notice as the account to be credited with the relevant Cash Settlement Amount or, if none, then to the relevant Clearing System for credit by it to the account of the relevant Warrantholder with that Clearing System from which the Strike Price was originally debited.

5. **Minimum Number of Warrants Exercisable**

The Warrants are exercisable in the minimum number (the "**Minimum Exercise Number**") specified in the relevant Final Terms and integral multiples thereof (or, if a "**Permitted Multiple**" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, integral multiples of the Permitted Multiple) on any particular occasion or such lesser Minimum Exercise Number or other Permitted Multiple as the Issuer may from time to time notify to the Warrantholders in accordance with Condition 10 (*Notices*).

6. **Effects of European Economic and Monetary Union**

- (a) Following the occurrence of an EMU Event (as defined below), the Calculation Agent may make such adjustment (and determine the effective date of such adjustment) as it, in its sole and absolute discretion, determines appropriate, if any, to the Strike Price (if any), the formula for the Cash Settlement Amount, the Final Price, the number of Securities to which each Warrant relates, the number of securities comprised in a Security Basket Warrant, the amount, the number of or type of shares, bonds, other securities or other property which may be delivered in respect of such Warrants and/or any other adjustment and, in any case, any other variable relevant to the exercise, settlement or payment terms of the relevant Warrants which in the sole and absolute discretion of the Calculation Agent have been or may be affected by such EMU Event.
- (b) Following the occurrence of an EMU Event, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Issuer shall be entitled to: (i) make such conversions between amounts denominated in the national currency units (the "**National Currency Units**") of the member states of the European Union that have adopted the single currency in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Communities as amended by the Treaty on European Union and the euro, and the euro and the National Currency Units, in each case, in accordance with the conversation rates and rounding rules established by the council of the European Union pursuant to the Treaty establishing the European Communities as amended by the Treaty a European Union as it, in its sole and absolute discretion, considers appropriate; (ii) make all payments in respect of the Warrants solely in euro as though references in the Warrants to the relevant National Currency Units were to euro and (iii) make such adjustments as it, in its sole and absolute discretion considers necessary to the Strike Price (if any), the formula for the Cash Settlement Amount, Final Price and any other amount as it determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, to be appropriate.
- (c) None of the Issuer, a Warrant Agent or the Calculation Agent will be liable to any Warrantholder or other person for any commissions, costs, losses or expenses in relation to or resulting from any currency conversion or rounding effected in connection therewith.
- (d) For the purposes hereof, "**EMU Event**" means the occurrence of any of the following, as determined by the Calculation Agent, acting in a commercially reasonable manner:
- (i) the withdrawal from legal tender of any currency that, before the introduction of the euro, was lawful currency in one of the member states;
 - (ii) the redenomination of any Security into euro;
 - (iii) any change in the currency of denomination of any index;
 - (iv) any change in the currency in which some or all the securities or other property contained in any Index is denominated;
 - (v) the disappearance or replacement of a relevant rate option or other price source for the national currency of any member state, or the failure of the agreed sponsor (or successor sponsor) to publish or display a relevant rate, index, price, page or screen; or
 - (vi) the change by any organised market, exchange or clearance, payment or settlement system in the unit of account of its operating procedures to the euro.

7. Warrant Agents and Calculation Agent

(a) *Appointment of Agents*

The Issuer reserves the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of the Principal Warrant Agent or the Calculation Agent or the Authentication Agent or the Warrant Registrar or the Warrant Transfer Agent and to appoint another Principal Warrant Agent or a substitute Calculation Agent or a substitute Authentication Agent or a substitute Warrant Registrar or a substitute Warrant Transfer Agent, **provided that** (i) so long as any Warrant is outstanding, the Issuer will maintain a Principal Warrant Agent and a Calculation Agent and an Authentication Agent and (ii) so long as the Warrants have been admitted to the Official List of the UKLA and admitted to trading on the Regulated Market of the London Stock Exchange (or have been admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by any listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system), there will be a Warrant Agent with a specified office in London (or in such other place as may be required by such other listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system) by which the Warrants have then been admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation). Notice of any termination of appointment and of any change in the specified office of the Principal Warrant Agent or a Calculation Agent or an Authentication Agent or a Warrant Registrar or a Warrant Transfer Agent and of any appointment of a Warrant Agent or a Calculation Agent or an Authentication Agent or a Warrant Registrar or a Warrant Transfer Agent will be given to Warranholders in accordance with Condition 10 (*Notices*). In acting under the Warrant Agency Agreement, the Principal Warrant Agent acts solely as agent of the Issuer and does not assume any obligation or duty to, or any relationship of agency or trust for or with, the Warranholders.

(b) *Calculation Agent*

The Calculation Agent shall not act as an agent for the Warranholders but shall be the agent of the Issuer. All calculation functions required of the Calculation Agent under these Conditions may be delegated to any such person as the Calculation Agent, in its absolute discretion, may decide.

Neither the Issuer nor the Calculation Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation and dissemination of any variables used in any calculation made pursuant to these Conditions or in the calculation of any Cash Settlement Amount or of any entitlement to Physical Settlement arising from such errors or omissions.

(c) *Notifications*

All notifications, opinions, determinations, certificates, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of the Warrants by the Principal Warrant Agent or the Calculation Agent shall (in the absence of manifest error or wilful misconduct) be binding on the Issuer and the Warranholders and (subject as aforesaid) no liability to the Warranholders (or any of them) shall attach to the Principal Warrant Agent or the Calculation Agent in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by either of them of their powers, duties and discretions for such purposes.

8. Taxes

A Warranholder subscribing for, purchasing or exercising a Warrant shall pay all Taxes and securities transfer taxes and any other charges, if any, payable in connection with the subscription, purchase or exercise of such Warrant and the delivery of the Cash Settlement Amount and/or any Securities as a result of such exercise. The Issuer shall have the right, but not the duty, to withhold or deduct from any amounts otherwise payable to a Warranholder such amount as is necessary for the payment of any such taxes, duties or charges or for effecting reimbursement in accordance with the next sentence.

In any case where the Issuer is obliged to pay any such tax, duty or charge referred to in the previous paragraph, the relevant Warranholder shall promptly reimburse the Issuer therefor.

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

Notwithstanding any other provision in these Conditions, the Issuer shall be permitted to withhold or deduct any amounts required by the rules of US Internal Revenue Code Sections 1471 through 1474 (or any amended or successor provisions), pursuant to any inter-governmental agreement, or implementing legislation adopted by another jurisdiction in connection with these provisions, or pursuant to any agreement with the US Internal Revenue Service ("**FATCA withholding**"). The Issuer will have no obligation to pay additional amounts or otherwise indemnify a Holder for any FATCA withholding deducted or withheld by the Issuer, a Paying Agent or any other party as a result of any person (other than an agent of the Issuer) not being entitled to receive payments free of FATCA withholding.

9. **Illegality**

Subject to the following sentence, the Issuer shall have the right to terminate its obligations under the Warrants, if the Calculation Agent shall have determined in its absolute discretion, that the performance of such obligations shall have become unlawful or impracticable in whole or in part, in particular as a result of compliance with any applicable present or future law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or directive or with any requirement or request of any governmental, administrative, legislative or judicial authority or power. In such circumstances the Issuer will, however, pay to each Warranthead in respect of each Warrant held by it an amount determined by the Calculation Agent after consultation with a merchant bank of international repute as representing the fair market value of such Warrant immediately after such termination. Payment will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Warrantheads in accordance with Condition 10 (*Notices*).

10. **Notices**

All notices to Warrantheads will, save where another means of communication has been specified in the relevant Final Terms, be deemed to have been duly given (a) in the case of Book-Entry Form Warrants and Registered Warrants if notified to the relevant Clearing System or (b) in the case of Uncertificated Registered Warrants, if sent by first class mail or (if posted to an address overseas) by airmail to the holders at their respective addresses appearing in the Record and will be deemed to have been given on the fourth day after mailing and, in addition, for so long as any Uncertificated Registered Warrants are listed by or on a competent authority or stock exchange and, if the rules of that competent authority or stock exchange so require, such notice will be published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the places or places required by that competent authority or stock exchange and, in the case of Warrants admitted to the Official List of the UKLA and admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange (or which have been admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by any listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system), if copies of such notifications are forwarded in final form to the London Stock Exchange no later than the date of dispatch (or, in the case of Warrants admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by any other listing authority, stock exchange, and/or quotation system published in any publication required by such other listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system). Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the date of such notification or, in the case of any of Warrants listed on any other listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system, the date of such publication or, if notified or published more than once or on different dates, on the date of the first such notification or publication.

11. **Further Issues**

The Issuer shall be at liberty from time to time without the consent of the Warrantheads to create and issue further warrants of any particular Series so as to form a single Series with the Warrants.

12. **Purchase by the Issuer**

The Issuer may at any time purchase Warrants at any price in the open market or by tender or private treaty. Any Warrants so purchased may, at the discretion of the Issuer, be held, resold, reissued or surrendered for cancellation, and Warrants so reissued or resold shall for all purposes be deemed to form part of the original Series of the Warrants.

13. **Modification**

The Issuer may modify the Conditions and the Warrant Agency Agreement (subject in the case of the Warrant Agency Agreement to the agreement of the other parties thereto) without the consent of the Warrantheolders for purposes of curing any ambiguity or correcting or supplementing any provision contained therein in any manner which the Issuer may deem necessary or desirable **provided that** such modification is not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Warrantheolders or to correct an inconsistency between the Final Terms and the relevant termsheet relating to the Warrants. Notice of any such modification will be given to the Warrantheolders but failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of such modification.

14. **Substitution**

The Issuer shall be entitled at any time and from time to time, without the consent of the Warrantheolders, to the substitution of a subsidiary or holding company of the Issuer or any subsidiary of any such holding company (the "**New Issuer**") in place of the Issuer as principal debtor under the Warrants of any Series, **provided that** such Warrants are irrevocably guaranteed by the Issuer. In the event of any such substitution, any reference in these Conditions to the Issuer shall be construed as a reference to the New Issuer. Any such substitution shall be promptly notified to the relevant Warrantheolders in accordance with Condition 10 (*Notices*). In connection with such right of substitution the Issuer shall not be obliged to have regard to the consequences of the exercise of such right for individual Warrantheolders resulting from their being for any purpose domiciled or resident in, or otherwise connected with, or subject to the jurisdiction of, any particular territory, and no Warrantheolder shall be entitled to claim from the Issuer any indemnification or payment in respect of any tax consequence of any such substitution upon such Warrantheolder.

15. **Governing Law**

(a) ***Governing law***

The Warrants and any non contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Warrants are governed by English law.

(b) ***English courts***

The courts of England have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute (a "**Dispute**"), arising from or connected with the Warrants (including any Dispute regarding the existence, validity or termination of the Warrants) or the consequences of their nullity.

16. **Third Party Rights**

No person shall have any right to enforce any term or condition of the Warrants under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

PRO FORMA FINAL TERMS FOR WARRANTS

Set out below is the form of Final Terms which will be completed for each Tranche of Warrants issued under the Programme.

[When completing any final terms, or adding any other final terms or information, consideration should be given as to whether such terms or information constitute "significant new factors" and consequently whether a drawdown prospectus or a new base prospectus would be required in respect of such terms or information.]

[Warrants issued pursuant to these Final Terms are securities to be listed under Listing Rule 19.¹]

Final Terms dated [•]
Series No.: [•]
Tranche No.: [•]

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Programme for the Issuance of Notes and Warrants

Issue of

[Number of Warrants]

[Title of Warrants]

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PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

This document constitutes the Final Terms relating to the issue of the Tranche of Warrants described herein. Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the terms and conditions of the Warrants (the "**Conditions**") set forth in the Base Prospectus dated 19 June 2012 in relation to the above Programme, which [together with the supplemental prospectus[es] dated [•]] constitute[s] a base prospectus ("**Prospectus**") [for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (the "**Prospectus Directive**")]².

[This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Warrants described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with such Prospectus.]³ Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Warrants is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Prospectus. [The Prospectus is available for viewing at [address] [and] [website] and copies may be obtained from [address].]

The following alternative language applies if the first tranche of an issue which is being increased was issued under a Prospectus with an earlier date.

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the [2005/2006/2007/2008/2009/2010/2011] Conditions (the "**Conditions**"), which are defined in, and incorporated by reference into, the Base Prospectus dated 19 June 2012 and which are applicable to the Warrants. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Warrants described herein [for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (the "**Prospectus Directive**")]⁴ and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus dated 19 June 2012 [and the supplemental prospectus[(es)] dated [•]], which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus ("**Prospectus**") [for the

¹ To be included in respect of all Warrants which are to be admitted to listing.

² Only for Warrants which are publicly offered or admitted to trading on a regulated market.

³ Only for Warrants which are publicly offered or admitted to trading on a regulated market.

⁴ Only for Warrants which are publicly offered or admitted to trading on a regulated market.

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purposes of the Prospectus Directive]⁵. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Warrants is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms, the Conditions and the Prospectus. The Prospectus and the Conditions are available for viewing during normal business hours at [address] and copies may be obtained from [address] [and] [website].⁶

(For Warrants offered and sold in the United States of America include:

[IMPORTANT NOTICES

THE WARRANTS HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "**SECURITIES ACT**"), THE STATE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY OTHER JURISDICTION, AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR SOLD WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO US PERSONS EXCEPT PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM, OR IN A TRANSACTION NOT SUBJECT TO, THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT. ACCORDINGLY, THE WARRANTS ARE BEING OFFERED AND SOLD (A) IN THE UNITED STATES ONLY TO "**QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS**" (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT ("**RULE 144A**")) AND (B) TO NON-US PERSONS (AS DEFINED IN REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT ("**REGULATION S**")) IN OFFSHORE TRANSACTIONS IN RELIANCE ON REGULATION S. PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE SELLERS OF WARRANTS PURSUANT TO CLAUSE (A) ABOVE MAY BE RELYING ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A THEREUNDER.

NOTICE TO NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS ONLY

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

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

To permit compliance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act in connection with resales of the Warrants, the Issuer will promptly furnish, upon request of a holder of a Warrant, to such holder and a prospective purchaser designated by such holder the information required to be delivered under Rule 144A(d)(4) if, at the time of such request, the Issuer is neither a reporting company under Section 13 or 15(d) of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor exempt from reporting pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) thereunder.]

It is advisable that prospective investors considering acquiring any Warrants understand the risks of transactions involving the Warrants and it is advisable that they reach an investment decision after carefully considering, with their financial, legal, regulatory, tax, accounting and other advisers, the suitability of the Warrants in light of their particular circumstances (including without limitation their own financial circumstances and investment objectives and the impact the Warrants will have on their overall investment portfolio) and the information contained in the Prospectus and these Final Terms. Prospective investors should consider carefully the risk factors set forth under "*Risk Factors*" in the Prospectus.

⁵ Only for Warrants which are publicly offered or admitted to trading on a regulated market.

⁶ Only for Warrants which are publicly offered or admitted to trading on a regulated market.

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(Include whichever of the following apply or specify as "Not applicable". Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if "Not applicable" is indicated for individual paragraphs or sub-paragraphs. Italics denote guidance for completing the Final Terms.)

1. Issuer: HSBC Bank plc
2. Principal Warrant Agent: HSBC Bank plc
3. Calculation Agent: [HSBC Bank plc] [HSBC France]
4. Warrant Agent: HSBC Bank plc
5. (i) Series number: []
(ii) [Tranche number: []
(If fungible with an existing Series, details of that Series, including the date on which the Warrants become fungible).
6. Currency or currencies: []
7. Aggregate Number of Warrants in the:
[(i) Series:] []
[(ii) Tranche:] []
8. Issue Date: []
9. Issue Price: [currency] [amount] per Warrant
10. Strike Price: [currency] [amount]
11. Listing of Warrants: [Application has been made for the Warrants to be admitted to the Official List of the UK Listing Authority and admitted to trading on the Regulated Market of the London Stock Exchange/other (specify)/ [on or around the Issue Date/ insert date] / None]
12. Date [Board] approval for the issuance of Warrants obtained: [] [and [], respectively] [Not applicable]
(N.B. Only relevant where Board (or similar) authorisation is required for the particular tranche of Warrants)
13. Type of Warrants: []
14. Series represented by: [Global Warrant⁷]/[Global Registered Warrant]/[N/A].
Warrants in definitive form [will/will not] be issued.
[other (specify)]
- 14A. Form of Warrant: [Book-Entry Form Warrants/Registered Warrants/Uncertificated Registered Warrants]

⁷ Warrants will generally be in book-entry form represented by a Global Warrant. If, and only if Warrants are being sold in reliance on Rule 144A, will they be in registered form and represented by a Global Registered Warrant.

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15. Style of Warrants: The Warrants are [American/European/ Bermudan/ *other (specify)*] Style [Call/Put] Warrants. Condition [3(a)/3(b)/3(c)] is applicable.
16. (i) Expiry Date: [Time] [City] time [*specify fallback if Expiry Date is not a business day, if not the Following Business Day Convention*]
- (ii) Exercise Procedure: [Condition 4 is applicable/*other (specify)*]
- (iii) Automatic Exercise: [Applicable/Not applicable]⁸
- (iv) Exercise Period: [*American Style Warrants only*]. [The period beginning from (and including) [] and ending on (and including) the Expiry Date].
- (v) Potential Exercise Date(s): [*Bermudan Style Warrants only*] [*insert date*]
17. (i) Minimum Exercise Number: [] Warrants
- (ii) Permitted Multiple: [] Warrants
18. Cash Settlement: [Applicable. The Warrants are Cash Settlement Warrants. Condition 3(d) (*Cash Settlement*) [and Condition 3(f) (*Optional Physical Settlement*)] [applies/apply]]/[Not applicable].
- (i) Settlement Currency: []
- (ii) Cash Settlement Amount: []
- (iii) Cash Settlement Payment Date: []
19. Physical Settlement: [Applicable. The Warrants are Physical Settlement Warrants. Condition 3(e) (*Physical Settlement*) [and Condition 3(g) (*Optional Cash Settlement*)] [applies/apply]]/[Not applicable].
- (i) Strike Price Payment Date: []
- (ii) Settlement Date: []
- (*Consider treatment of dividends*)
- [Stamp duty [is/ is not] currently payable by the Warranholder on Security delivery. There [are/are no] restrictions on the transferability of the Securities.]
20. Business Day: [As in the Conditions/*other (specify)*]
21. Expiry Business Day: [] / [Not applicable]
22. Determination Date: []⁹ / [Not applicable]

⁸ Refer to Listing Rule 19.2.6. If the Warrants are Retail Securitised Derivatives as defined in Listing Rule 19, then automatic exercise is required.

⁹ Only applicable if Condition 3(f) (*Optional Physical Settlement*) or 3(g) (*Optional Cash Settlement*) is applicable.

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23. Selling Restrictions: In addition to selling restrictions listed in "**Purchase and Sale of the Warrants**" contained in the Base Prospectus:
(Specify any selling restrictions applicable to the Warrants which are additional to, or in substitution for, those contained in the Base Prospectus)
24. Other Final Terms: []¹⁰

¹⁰ *If new term constitutes a "significant new factor", consider whether a Drawdown Prospectus or a new base prospectus is required.*

[LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING APPLICATION]

These Final Terms comprise the final terms required to list and have admitted to trading the issue of Warrants described herein pursuant to the Programme for the Issuance of Notes and Warrants of HSBC Bank plc.]

[In offer of Warrants pursuant to Rule 144A insert:

TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS

Because of the following restrictions, purchasers of Warrants offered in the United States in reliance on Rule 144A are advised to consult legal counsel prior to making any offer, resale, pledge or transfer of such Warrants.

Each prospective purchaser of Warrants offered in reliance on Rule 144A (a "**144A Offeree**"), by accepting delivery of these Final Terms and the accompanying Prospectus, will be deemed to have represented and agreed with respect to such Warrants as follows:

- (a) such 144A Offeree acknowledges that these Final Terms and the accompanying Prospectus is personal to such 144A Offeree and does not constitute an offer to any other person or to the public generally to subscribe for or otherwise acquire Warrants other than pursuant to Rule 144A or in offshore transactions in accordance with Regulation S. Distribution of these Final Terms and the accompanying Prospectus, or disclosure of any of its contents, to any person other than such 144A Offeree and those persons, if any, retained to advise such 144A Offeree with respect thereto and other persons meeting the requirements of Rule 144A or Regulation S is unauthorised, and any disclosure of any of its contents, without the prior written consent of the Issuer, is prohibited; and
- (b) such 144A Offeree agrees to make no photocopies of these Final Terms and the accompanying Prospectus or any documents referred to herein.

Each purchaser of Warrants sold in reliance on Rule 144A ("**Restricted Warrants**") will be deemed to have represented and agreed as follows (terms used in this paragraph that are defined in Rule 144A are used herein as defined therein):

- (1) The purchaser (A) is a qualified institutional buyer within the meaning of Rule 144A, (B) is acquiring the Warrants for its own account or for the account of a qualified institutional buyer, and (C) such person is aware that the sale of the Warrants to it is being made in reliance on Rule 144A.
- (2) The purchaser understands that the Rule 144A Warrants are being offered only in a transaction not involving any public offering in the United States within the meaning of the Securities Act, and the Warrants offered hereby have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be reoffered, resold, pledged or otherwise transferred except in accordance with the legend set forth below.
- (3) The purchaser understands that certificates representing Restricted Warrants will bear a legend to the following effect, unless the Issuer determines otherwise in accordance with applicable law:

"THIS WARRANT [AND THE SECURITIES TO BE DELIVERED UPON EXERCISE HEREOF]¹¹ HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE US SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "**SECURITIES ACT**"), ANY STATE SECURITIES LAWS OR THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY OTHER JURISDICTION. EACH PURCHASER OF THIS WARRANT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE SELLER OF THIS WARRANT MAY BE RELYING ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A THEREUNDER.

¹¹ To be included if the underlying securities have not been registered under the Securities Act.

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THE HOLDER HEREOF, BY PURCHASING THIS WARRANT, AGREES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ISSUER THAT THIS WARRANT MAY NOT BE REOFFERED, RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SECURITIES ACT AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS AND ONLY (A) IN THE UNITED STATES ONLY TO "**QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS**" (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT ("**RULE 144A**")), (B) TO NON-US PERSONS (AS DEFINED IN REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT ("**REGULATION S**")) IN OFFSHORE TRANSACTIONS IN RELIANCE ON REGULATION S, (C) PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION PROVIDED BY RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (IF AVAILABLE) OR (D) TO THE ISSUER OR ITS AFFILIATES. THE HOLDER WILL, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT HOLDER IS REQUIRED TO, NOTIFY ANY PURCHASER OF THIS WARRANT FROM IT OF THE RESALE RESTRICTIONS REFERRED TO ABOVE.

UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN A PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT OR APPLICABLE FINAL TERMS, EACH PURCHASER OR TRANSFEREE OF THIS WARRANT (OR ANY INTEREST HEREIN) WILL BE DEEMED BY ITS ACQUISITION AND HOLDING OF THIS WARRANT TO HAVE REPRESENTED AND AGREED EITHER THAT (I) IT IS NOT (A) AN "EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN" AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 3(3) OF THE U.S. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED ("**ERISA**"), THAT IS SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF ERISA, (B) A "PLAN" AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 4975(E)(1) OF THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE "**CODE**") TO WHICH SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE APPLIES, (C) ANY ENTITY WHOSE UNDERLYING ASSETS INCLUDE, OR ARE DEEMED TO INCLUDE, "PLAN ASSETS" BY REASON OF SUCH EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN'S OR PLAN'S INVESTMENT IN THE ENTITY (ANY OF THE FOREGOING, A "**BENEFIT PLAN INVESTOR**") OR (D) ANY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN SUBJECT TO ANY U.S. FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL LAW THAT IS SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE (A "**SIMILAR LAW PLAN**"), OR (II) IT IS A SIMILAR LAW PLAN (THAT IS NOT A BENEFIT PLAN INVESTOR) AND ITS PURCHASE, HOLDING AND DISPOSITION OF THIS WARRANT (OR ANY INTEREST HEREIN) WILL NOT CONSTITUTE OR RESULT IN A VIOLATION OF ANY SUCH SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR LAW. ANY PURPORTED PURCHASE OR TRANSFER OF THIS WARRANT THAT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE FOREGOING SHALL BE NULL AND VOID *AB INITIO*.

ANY EXERCISE OF THIS WARRANT WILL BE CONDITIONED ON (1) THE DELIVERY OF A DULY EXECUTED EXERCISE NOTICE BY THE HOLDER HEREOF AND (2) WITH RESPECT TO EXERCISE BY ANY US PERSON, THE UNDERLYING SECURITIES BEING (A) REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR (B) SUBJECT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION THEREUNDER AT THE TIME OF SUCH EXERCISE."

- (4) Each purchaser of Restricted Warrants acknowledges that the Issuer, the Warrant Registrar, the Managers and their affiliates, and others will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the foregoing acknowledgements, representations and agreements. If it is acquiring any Restricted Warrants for the account of one or more qualified institutional buyers it represents that it has sole investment discretion with respect to each such account and that it has full power to make the foregoing acknowledgements, representations and agreements on behalf of each such account.
- (5) Before any interest in a Warrant represented by a Restricted Global Registered Warrant may be offered, sold, pledged or otherwise transferred to a person who takes delivery in the form of an interest in an Unrestricted Global Registered Warrant, the transferor will be required to provide the Registrar with written certification as to compliance with the transfer restrictions referred to in items (B) or (C) of the second paragraph of the legend set forth above. See "*Summary of Provisions relating to the Warrants While in Global Form*" in the accompanying Base Prospectus.]

[RESPONSIBILITY

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in these Final Terms. [[*Relevant third party information*] has been extracted from [*specify source*]. The Issuer confirms that such information

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has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by [*specify source*], no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced inaccurate or misleading.]]

CONFIRMED

HSBC BANK PLC

By:
Authorised Signatory

Date:

PART B – OTHER INFORMATION

1. **LISTING**

- (i) Listing: [Application [will be/has been] made to admit the Warrants to listing on the Official List of the Financial Services Authority pursuant to Listing Rule 19. No assurance can be given as to whether or not, or when, such application will be granted.]
- (ii) Admission to trading: [Application has been made for the Warrants to be admitted to trading [on the Regulated Market/*other (specify)*] with effect from [the Issue Date/ *[insert date]*]. No assurance can be given as to whether or not, or when, such application will be granted.] [Application has been made to have the Warrants admitted to trading on the PORTAL System of the US National Association of Securities Dealers.]/[Not applicable]

(Where documenting a fungible issue need to indicate that original warrants are already admitted to trading.)

2. **NOTIFICATION**

[The Financial Services Authority ("FSA") [has been requested to provide/has provided – *(include first alternative for an issue which is contemporaneous with the establishment or update of the Programme and the second alternative for subsequent issues)*] the Financial Market Association (Austria), the Financial Services and Markets Authority (Belgium), the Autorité des marchés financiers (France), the Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (Germany), the Central Bank of Ireland (Ireland), the Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa (Italy), the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (Luxembourg), the Malta Financial Services Authority (Malta), the Comisión Nacional del Mercado de Valores (Spain) and the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets (Netherlands) with a certificate of approval attesting that the Prospectus has been drawn up in accordance with the Prospectus Directive.] [Not applicable]

3. **[INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE [ISSUE/OFFER]**

(Need to include a description of any interest, including conflicting ones, that is material to the issue/offer, detailing the persons involved and the nature of the interest. May be satisfied by the inclusion of the following statement:)

"Save as discussed in ["*Purchase and Sale of Warrants*"], so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the offer of the Warrants has an interest material to the offer."

4. **[REASONS FOR THE OFFER ESTIMATED NET PROCEEDS AND TOTAL EXPENSES**

- [(i) Reasons for the offer: []
(Specify reasons only if reasons are different from making profit/hedging purposes, otherwise: Not applicable)
- (ii) Estimated net proceeds: *(Specify if reasons for the offer are specified above under (i), otherwise: Not applicable.) (If proceeds are intended for more than one use will need to split out and present in order of priority. If proceeds insufficient to fund all proposed uses state amount and sources of other funding.)*
- (iii) Estimated total expenses: *(Specify if reasons for the offer are specified above under (i), otherwise: Not applicable / [Include breakdown of expenses])*

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5. **[Index-Linked, Equity-Linked or other variable-linked Interest Warrants only – PERFORMANCE OF INDEX/FORMULA/OTHER VARIABLE, EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON VALUE OF INVESTMENT AND ASSOCIATED RISKS AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE UNDERLYING¹²**

(Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the index/formula/other variable can be obtained [and a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value of the investment is affected by the underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most evident]. Where the underlying is an index need to include the name of the index and a description if composed by the Issuer and if the index is not composed by the Issuer need to include details of where the information about the index can be obtained. Also include appropriate index disclaimers. Where the underlying is not an index, need to include equivalent information.)

(When adding any other description, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute "significant new factors" and consequently whether a drawdown prospectus or a new base prospectus would be required in respect of such final terms.)

The Issuer [intends to provide post-issuance information (*specify what information will be reported and where it can be obtained*)] [does not intend to provide post-issuance information].]

OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

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| 6. | ISIN Code: | [[]/Not applicable] |
| 7. | Common Code: | [[]/Not applicable] |
| 8. | CUSIP: | [[]/Not applicable] |
| 9. | Valoren Number: | [[]/Not applicable] |
| 10. | SEDOL: | [[]/Not applicable] |
| 11. | Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear, and Clearstream, Luxembourg and the relevant identification number(s): | [None/specify] |
| 12. | Delivery: | Delivery [against/free of] payment |
| 13. | Additional Warrant Agent(s) (if any): | [None/specify] |
| 14. | Common Depository: | [HSBC Bank plc/Not applicable/specify] |
| 15. | Notices:
(Condition 10) | [] (<i>specify any other means of effecting communication</i>)
[Condition 10 applies] |
| 16. | City in which specified office of Warrant Registrar to be maintained | [specify] |
| 17. | ERISA Considerations: | [The Warrants may not be purchased by "benefit plan investors". See "Certain ERISA Considerations" in the Base Prospectus for further information./give details] [Not applicable] |

¹² Refer to Prospectus Rules, Annex XII, paragraph 4.2.2 for disclosure requirements.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFER [*this section applies only to public offers*]

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| 18. | Offer Price: | [Issue Price][<i>other (specify)</i>] |
| 19. | Conditions to which the offer is subject: | [Not applicable/ <i>give details</i>] |
| 20. | Description of the application process: | [Not applicable/ <i>give details</i>] |
| 21. | Description of possibility to reduce subscriptions and manner for refunding excess amount paid by applicants: | [Not applicable/ <i>give details</i>] |
| 22. | Details of the minimum and/or maximum amount of application: | [Not applicable/ <i>give details</i>] |
| 23. | Details of the method and time limits for paying up and delivering the Warrants: | [Not applicable/ <i>give details</i>] |
| 24. | Manner in and date on which results of the offer are to be made public: | [Not applicable/ <i>give details</i>] |
| 25. | Procedure for exercise of any right of pre-emption, negotiability of subscription rights and treatment of subscription rights not exercised: | [Not applicable/ <i>give details</i>] |
| 26. | Categories of potential investors to which the Warrants are offered and whether tranche(s) have been reserved for certain countries: | [Not applicable/ <i>give details</i>] |
| 27. | Process for notification to applicants of the amount allotted and the indication whether dealing may begin before notification is made: | [Not applicable/ <i>give details</i>] |
| 28. | Amount of any expenses and taxes specifically charged to the subscriber or purchaser: | [Not applicable/ <i>give details</i>] |
| 29. | Name(s) and address(es), to the extent known to the Issuer, of the placers in the various countries where the offer takes place: | [Not applicable/ <i>give details</i>] |

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE WARRANTS WHILE IN GLOBAL FORM

Warrants may, subject to all applicable legal and regulatory requirements, be issued in Tranches or Series and will be (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) either (i) if not offered in reliance on Rule 144A, (a) Book-Entry Form Warrants represented by a Global Warrant or (b) Uncertificated Registered Warrants or (ii) if and only if offered in reliance on Rule 144A, Registered Warrants represented by Global Registered Warrants. The summary that follows is only in relation to Book-Entry Form Warrants and Registered Warrants.

Registered Warrants

Global Registered Warrants

Unless specified otherwise in the Final Terms, Registered Warrants will be issued in the form of Global Registered Warrants and the Issuer will deliver:

- (a) a Combined Global Registered Warrant; or
- (b) a Rule 144A Global Registered Warrant; or
- (c) an Unrestricted Global Registered Warrant and a Restricted Global Registered Warrant

(as each such term is defined below), subject to the Warrant Issuance Agreement (as defined herein) in accordance with their respective terms and as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

Combined Global Registered Warrant

The Combined Global Registered Warrant will be deposited on or about the Closing Date for the relevant Tranche with, and be registered in the name of, the common depository for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, as specified in the applicable Final Terms. A beneficial interest in the Combined Global Registered Warrant may at all times be held only through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg. In the circumstances described below under "*Exchange and Transfer of Global Registered Warrants for Definitive Registered Warrants*", interests in any Combined Global Registered Warrant will be exchangeable for warrants in definitive form ("**Definitive Registered Warrants**") offered in reliance on Regulation S and/or Rule 144A and represented by combined definitive registered warrants ("**Combined Definitive Registered Warrants**"). Combined Global Registered Warrants (and any Combined Definitive Registered Warrants) will be subject to certain restrictions on transfer contained in a legend appearing on the face of such Warrants as set out below under "*Transfer Restrictions*".

Rule 144A Global Registered Warrant

In the case of a Tranche of Registered Warrants offered and sold solely within the United States or to US Persons (as defined in Regulation S) in reliance on Rule 144A, such Tranche of Registered Warrants will be represented by a Global Registered Warrant (a "**Rule 144A Global Registered Warrant**"), which will be deposited on or about the Closing Date for such Tranche with, and be registered in the names of the common depository for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, as specified in the applicable Final Terms. Interests in any Rule 144A Global Registered Warrant will be exchangeable (in the circumstances described below under "*Exchange and Transfer of Global Registered Warrants for Definitive Registered Warrants*") for Definitive Registered Warrants bearing a Rule 144A legend ("**US Definitive Registered Warrants**"). Rule 144A Global Registered Warrants (and any US Definitive Registered Warrants offered in exchange therefor) will be subject to certain restrictions on transfer contained in such Rule 144A legend appearing on the face of such Warrant as set out below under "*Transfer Restrictions*".

Each Rule 144A Global Registered Warrant will have an ISIN number and a CUSIP number.

Unrestricted and Restricted Global Registered Warrants

In the case of a Tranche of Registered Warrants offered and sold both pursuant to Regulation S and in reliance on Rule 144A such Tranche of Registered Warrants will be represented by two Global Registered Warrants (in the case of Registered Warrants forming part of such Tranche which are sold pursuant to Regulation S, an "**Unrestricted Global Registered Warrant**" and, in the case of Registered Warrants

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forming part of such Tranche which are sold in reliance on Rule 144A, a "**Restricted Global Registered Warrant**").

The Unrestricted Global Registered Warrant will be deposited on or about the issue date for the relevant Tranche with, and registered in the name of the common depositary for Euroclear, and Clearstream, Luxembourg. A beneficial interest in the Unrestricted Global Registered Warrant may at all times be held only through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. The Restricted Global Registered Warrant will, unless otherwise provided in the relevant Final Terms, be deposited on or about the issue date for the relevant Tranche with HSBC Bank USA, National Association as custodian (the "**Custodian**") for, and registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee for, DTC. In the circumstances described below under "*Exchange and Transfer of Global Registered Warrants for Definitive Registered Warrants*", interests in any Unrestricted Global Registered Warrant will be exchangeable for Regulation S Definitive Registered Warrants and interests in any Restricted Global Registered Warrant will be exchangeable for US Definitive Registered Warrants and Regulation S Definitive Registered Warrants. Restricted Global Registered Warrants (and any US Definitive Registered Warrants issued in exchange therefor) will be subject to certain restrictions on transfer contained in a legend appearing on the face of such Warrants as set out below under "*Transfer Restrictions*".

Each Unrestricted Global Registered Warrant and each Restricted Global Registered Warrant will have an ISIN number and a CUSIP number.

Exchange of Interests in Unrestricted and Restricted Global Registered Warrants; Transfer of Interests in Combined Global Registered Warrants; Transfers within and between DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg

On or prior to the 40th day after the later of the commencement of the offering of the relevant Tranche and the issue date for that Tranche, a beneficial interest in the relevant Unrestricted Global Registered Warrant may be transferred to a person who wishes to take delivery of such beneficial interest through the relevant Restricted Global Registered Warrant only upon receipt by the Warrant Registrar (as defined in the Warrant Issuance Agreement) of a written certification from the transferor (in the applicable form provided in the Warrant Issuance Agreement) to the effect that such transfer is being made to a person who the transferor reasonably believes is a qualified institutional buyer within the meaning of Rule 144A, in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A and in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States or any other relevant jurisdiction. After such 40th day, such certification requirements will no longer apply to such transfers, but such transfers will continue to be subject to the transfer restrictions contained in the legend appearing on the face of such Restricted Global Registered Warrant, as set out below under "*Transfer Restrictions*".

Beneficial interests in a Restricted Global Registered Warrant may be transferred to a person who wishes to take delivery of such beneficial interest through the relevant Unrestricted Global Registered Warrant, whether before, on or after such 40th day, only upon receipt by the Warrant Registrar of a written certification from the transferor (in the applicable form provided in the Warrant Issuance Agreement) to the effect that such transfer is being made in accordance with Regulation S or Rule 144A under the Securities Act (if available) or to the Issuer or its affiliates.

Any beneficial interest in either the Restricted Global Registered Warrant or the Unrestricted Global Registered Warrant relating to any Series that is transferred to a person who takes delivery in the form of a beneficial interest in the other Global Registered Warrant relating to such Series will, upon transfer, cease to be a beneficial interest in such Global Registered Warrant and become a beneficial interest in the other Global Registered Warrant and, accordingly, will thereafter be subject to all transfer restrictions and other procedures applicable to a beneficial interest in such other Global Registered Warrant for as long as it remains such an interest.

Beneficial interests in a Combined Global Registered Warrant may be transferred to a person who wishes to take delivery of such beneficial interest through the relevant Combined Global Registered Warrant, whether before, on or after such 40th day, only upon receipt by the Registrar of a written certification from the transferor (in the applicable form provided in the Warrant Agency Agreement) to the effect that such transfer is being made in accordance with Regulation S or Rule 144A under the Securities Act (if available) or to the Issuer or its Affiliates.

Owner of Global Registered Warrants and Payments

Subject to certain provisions of the Warrant Issuance Agreement relating to directions, sanctions and consents of Holders of Registered Warrants and to meetings of Holders of Warrants, so long as DTC or its nominee or Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or the nominee of their common depository, as the case may be, is the registered owner or holder of a Global Registered Warrant, DTC, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or such nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the Warrants represented by such Global Registered Warrant for all purposes under the Warrant Issuance Agreement and the Warrants. Payments on Global Registered Warrants will be made to DTC, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or such nominee, as the case may be, as the registered holder thereof. None of the Issuer, the Warrant Registrar, or any Warrant Agent or any affiliate of any of the above or any person by whom any of the above is controlled for the purposes of the Securities Act will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in Global Registered Warrants or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

Exchange and Transfer of Global Registered Warrants for Definitive Registered Warrants

In the case of Rule 144A Global Registered Warrants or Restricted Global Registered Warrants held through DTC, beneficial interests in a Rule 144A Global Registered Warrant or a Restricted Global Registered Warrant will be exchangeable for US Definitive Registered Warrants: (i) if DTC notifies the Issuer that it is no longer willing or able to properly discharge its responsibilities as depository with respect to the relevant Restricted Global Registered Warrant or ceases to be a "**clearing agency**" registered under the Exchange Act, or is at any time no longer eligible to act as such, and the Issuer is unable to locate a qualified successor within 90 days of receiving notice of such ineligibility on the part of such depository; or (ii) if the Issuer, at its option, elects to terminate the book-entry system through DTC; or (iii) if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, if the holder of the relevant Rule 144A Global Registered Warrant or Restricted Global Registered Warrant requests that such interest be exchanged for US Definitive Registered Warrants; or (iv) at the option of the Issuer, if the Issuer, any Warrant Agent or the Warrant Registrar, by reason of any change in, or amendment to, the laws of the United Kingdom, is or will be required to make any deduction or withholding from any payment under the Warrants which would not be required if such Warrants were in definitive form.

Beneficial interests in a Regulation S Global Registered Warrant or an Unrestricted Global Registered Warrant will be exchangeable, in whole but not in part, for Regulation S Definitive Registered Warrants and, if held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, pursuant to the relevant Final Terms, beneficial interests in a Rule 144A Global Registered Warrant or a Restricted Global Registered Warrant will be exchangeable for US Definitive Registered Warrants: (i) if Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg is closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of legal holidays) or announces an intention permanently to cease business; or (ii) the Issuer, at its option, elects to terminate the book-entry system through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg; or (iii) at the option of the Issuer, if the Issuer would suffer a material disadvantage in respect of the Warrants as a result of a change in the laws or regulations (taxation or otherwise) of any jurisdiction which would not be suffered were the Warrants in definitive form (and, in the case of Partly Paid Warrants, the Issuer may elect to effect such exchange in part only).

Beneficial interests in a Combined Global Registered Warrant will be exchangeable, in whole but not in part, for Combined Definitive Registered Warrants: (i) if Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other clearing system by which the Warrants have been accepted for clearing is closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of legal holidays) or announces an intention permanently to cease business or in fact does so; or (ii) if the Issuer, at its option, elects to terminate the book-entry system through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg; (iii) if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, the holder of the relevant Combined Global Registered Warrant requests that such interest be exchanged for Combined Definitive Registered Warrants; or (iv) at the option of the Issuer, if the Issuer would suffer a material disadvantage in respect of the Warrants as a result of a change in the laws or regulations (taxation or otherwise) of any jurisdiction which would not be suffered were the Warrants in definitive form (and, in the case of Partly Paid Warrants, the Issuer may elect to effect such exchange in part only).

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In such circumstances, (a) the Warrant Registrar will be required to notify all Holders of interests in the relevant Global Registered Warrants registered in the name of DTC or its nominee or Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or the nominee of their common depository, as the case may be, of the availability of Definitive Registered Warrants and (b) the Issuer will, at the cost of the Issuer, cause sufficient Regulation S Definitive Registered Warrants and/or US Definitive Registered Warrants, as the case may be, to be executed and delivered to the Warrant Registrar for completion, authentication and dispatch to the relevant Holders. A person having an interest in the relevant Global Registered Warrant must provide the Warrant Registrar with:

- (i) a written order containing instructions and such other information as the Issuer and the Warrant Registrar may require to complete, execute and deliver the relevant Definitive Registered Warrant; and
- (ii) in the case of a Rule 144A Global Registered Warrant or a Restricted Global Registered Warrant only, a fully completed, signed certification substantially to the effect that the exchanging holder is not transferring its interest at the time of such exchange or, in the case of simultaneous sale pursuant to Rule 144A, a certification that the transfer is being made in compliance with the provisions of Rule 144A. US Definitive Registered Warrants issued in exchange for a beneficial interest in a Rule 144A Global Registered Warrant or a Restricted Global Registered Warrant will bear the legends applicable to transfers pursuant to Rule 144A (as set out below under "*Transfer Restrictions*"); or
- (iii) in the case of a Combined Global Registered Warrant only, a fully completed, signed certification substantially to the effect that the exchanging holder is not transferring its interest at the time of such exchange or, in the case of simultaneous sale pursuant to Rule 144A or Regulation S, a certification that the transfer is being made in compliance with the provisions of Rule 144A or Regulation S, as applicable. Combined Definitive Registered Warrants issued in exchange for a beneficial interest in a Combined Global Registered Warrant will bear the legends applicable to transfers pursuant to Rule 144A and Regulation S (as set out below under "*Transfer Restrictions*").

If an Unrestricted Global Registered Warrant relating to a Series or (if issued in Tranches) Tranche of Warrants of which the Restricted Global Registered Warrant forms a part has, pursuant to its terms, been exchanged in whole, but not in part, for Regulation S Definitive Registered Warrants, beneficial interests in the Restricted Global Registered Warrant may be transferred to a person who wishes to take delivery thereof in the form of a Regulation S Definitive Registered Warrant. Such Regulation S Definitive Registered Warrants shall be registered in such name(s) as DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, shall direct in writing.

Upon (i) notification to the Warrant Registrar by the Custodian that the appropriate debit entry has been made in the account of the relevant participant of DTC and (ii) receipt by the Warrant Registrar of a certificate, in the form scheduled to the Warrant Issuance Agreement, given by the transferee of the beneficial interest in the Restricted Global Registered Warrant and stating that the transfer of such interest has been made in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Warrants, and pursuant to and in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act, the Issuer shall procure that the Warrant Registrar will (against presentation by DTC or HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as custodian, of the Restricted Global Registered Warrant at the specified office of the Warrant Registrar or the Warrant Transfer Agent, all in accordance with the provisions of the Warrant Issuance Agreement), decrease the aggregate principal amount of Warrants registered in the name of the holder of, and represented by, the Restricted Global Registered Warrant and shall, without charge, procure, in exchange therefor, the delivery, within five Relevant Banking Days of the receipt by the Warrant Registrar of the Restricted Global Registered Warrant of the notification and certification referred to in paragraphs (i) and (ii) above, and registration information required to authenticate and deliver such Regulation S Definitive Registered Warrants, of an equal aggregate principal amount of duly authenticated and completed Regulation S Definitive Registered Warrants.

As used herein, "**Relevant Banking Day**" means a day on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the place where the specified office of the Registrar is located.

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The holder of a Registered Warrant may transfer such Registered Warrant in accordance with the provisions of Condition 1 (*Form and Transfer*) of the Terms and Conditions of the Warrants.

The holder of a Definitive Registered Warrant may transfer such Warrant by surrendering it at the specified office of the Warrant Registrar or any Warrant Transfer Agent, together with the completed form of transfer thereon. Upon the transfer, exchange or replacement of US Definitive Registered Warrants issued in exchange for beneficial interests in a Rule 144A Global Registered Warrant or a Restricted Global Registered Warrant bearing the legends as set out below under "*Transfer Restrictions*", or upon specific request for removal of the legend on a US Definitive Registered Warrant, the Issuer will only deliver US Definitive Registered Warrants that bear such legend, or will refuse to remove such legend, as the case may be, unless there is delivered to the Issuer and the Warrant Registrar such satisfactory evidence, which may include an opinion of counsel, as may reasonably be required by the Issuer, that neither the legend nor the restriction on transfer set forth therein are required to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Securities Act.

The Warrant Registrar will not register the transfer of or exchange of interests in a Global Registered Warrant for Definitive Registered Warrants for a period of 15 calendar days preceding the due date for any payment in respect of the Warrants.

With respect to the registration of transfer of any US Definitive Registered Warrants, the Warrant Registrar will register the transfer of any such US Definitive Registered Warrants if the transferor, in the form of transfer on such US Definitive Registered Warrants, has certified to the effect that such transfer is (i) to persons who the transferor reasonably believes to be qualified institutional buyers within the meaning of Rule 144A, in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A and in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States or any other jurisdiction, (ii) in accordance with Regulation S, (iii) pursuant to an exemption from Rule 144 under the Securities Act (if available) or (iv) to the Issuer or its affiliates.

Regulation S Definitive Registered Warrants may be exchangeable for or transferable to a person wanting to take delivery thereof in the form of interests in a Restricted Global Registered Warrant, and US Definitive Registered Warrants may be transferable to a person wanting to take delivery thereof in the form of interests in an Unrestricted Global Registered Warrant, in each case, upon receipt by the Warrant Registrar of a duly completed certificate in the form of Schedule 6 to the Warrant Issuance Agreement and in accordance with the requirements of the Warrant Issuance Agreement.

Transfer Restrictions

Warrants offered in the United States in reliance on Rule 144A will be subject to the following transfer restrictions and such Warrants will bear the legend set forth below.

Because of the following restrictions, purchasers of Warrants offered in the United States in reliance on Rule 144A are advised to consult legal counsel prior to making any offer, resale, pledge or transfer of such Warrants.

Each prospective purchaser of Warrants offered in reliance on Rule 144A (a "**144A Offeree**"), by accepting delivery of the Final Terms and the Base Prospectus, will be deemed to have represented and agreed with respect to such Warrants as follows:

- (a) such 144A Offeree acknowledges that the Final Terms and the Base Prospectus is personal to such 144A Offeree and does not constitute an offer to any other person or to the public generally to subscribe for or otherwise acquire Warrants other than pursuant to Rule 144A or in offshore transactions in accordance with Regulation S. Distribution of the Final Terms and the Base Prospectus, or disclosure of any of its contents, to any person other than such 144A Offeree and those persons, if any, retained to advise such 144A Offeree with respect thereto and other persons meeting the requirements of Rule 144A or Regulation S is unauthorised, and any disclosure of any of its contents, without the prior written consent of the Issuer, is prohibited; and
- (b) such 144A Offeree agrees to make no photocopies of the Final Terms and the Base Prospectus or any documents referred to herein.

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Each purchaser of Warrants sold in reliance on Rule 144A ("**Restricted Warrants**") will be deemed to have represented and agreed as follows (terms used in this paragraph that are defined in Rule 144A are used herein as defined therein):

- (1) The purchaser (A) is a qualified institutional buyer within the meaning of Rule 144A, (B) is acquiring the Warrants for its own account or for the account of a qualified institutional buyer, and (C) such person is aware that the sale of the Warrants to it is being made in reliance on Rule 144A.
- (2) The purchaser understands that the Rule 144A Warrants are being offered only in a transaction not involving any public offering in the United States within the meaning of the Securities Act, and the Warrants offered hereby have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be reoffered, resold, pledged or otherwise transferred except in accordance with the legend set forth below.
- (3) The purchaser understands that certificates representing Restricted Warrants will bear a legend to the following effect, unless the Issuer determines otherwise in accordance with applicable law:

"THIS WARRANT [AND THE SECURITIES TO BE DELIVERED UPON EXERCISE HEREOF]¹³ HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE US SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "**SECURITIES ACT**"), ANY STATE SECURITIES LAWS OR THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY OTHER JURISDICTION. EACH PURCHASER OF THIS WARRANT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE SELLER OF THIS WARRANT MAY BE RELYING ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A THEREUNDER.

THE HOLDER HEREOF, BY PURCHASING THIS WARRANT, AGREES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ISSUER THAT THIS WARRANT MAY NOT BE REOFFERED, RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SECURITIES ACT AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS AND ONLY (A) IN THE UNITED STATES ONLY TO "**QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS**" (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT ("**RULE 144A**")), (B) TO NON-US PERSONS (AS DEFINED IN REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT ("**REGULATION S**")) IN OFFSHORE TRANSACTIONS IN RELIANCE ON REGULATION S, (C) PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION PROVIDED BY RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (IF AVAILABLE) OR (D) TO THE ISSUER OR ITS AFFILIATES. THE HOLDER WILL, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT HOLDER IS REQUIRED TO, NOTIFY ANY PURCHASER OF THIS WARRANT FROM IT OF THE RESALE RESTRICTIONS REFERRED TO ABOVE.

UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN A PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT OR APPLICABLE FINAL TERMS, EACH PURCHASER OR TRANSFEREE OF THIS WARRANT (OR ANY INTEREST HEREIN) WILL BE DEEMED BY ITS ACQUISITION AND HOLDING OF THIS WARRANT TO HAVE REPRESENTED AND AGREED EITHER THAT (I) IT IS NOT (A) AN "EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN" AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 3(3) OF THE U.S. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED ("**ERISA**"), THAT IS SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF ERISA, (B) A "PLAN" AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 4975(E)(1) OF THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE "**CODE**") TO WHICH SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE APPLIES, (C) ANY ENTITY WHOSE UNDERLYING ASSETS INCLUDE, OR ARE DEEMED TO INCLUDE, "PLAN ASSETS" BY REASON OF SUCH EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN'S OR PLAN'S INVESTMENT IN THE ENTITY (ANY OF THE FOREGOING, A "**BENEFIT PLAN INVESTOR**") OR (D) ANY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN SUBJECT TO ANY U.S. FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL LAW THAT IS SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE (A "**SIMILAR LAW PLAN**"), OR (II) IT IS A SIMILAR LAW PLAN (THAT IS NOT A BENEFIT PLAN INVESTOR) AND ITS PURCHASE, HOLDING AND DISPOSITION OF THIS WARRANT (OR ANY INTEREST HEREIN) WILL NOT CONSTITUTE OR RESULT IN A VIOLATION OF ANY SUCH SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR LAW. ANY PURPORTED PURCHASE OR TRANSFER OF THIS WARRANT THAT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE FOREGOING SHALL BE NULL AND VOID *AB INITIO*.

¹³ To be included if the underlying securities have not been registered under the Securities Act.

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ANY EXERCISE OF THIS WARRANT WILL BE CONDITIONED ON (1) THE DELIVERY OF A DULY EXECUTED EXERCISE NOTICE BY THE HOLDER HEREOF AND (2) WITH RESPECT TO EXERCISE BY ANY US PERSON, THE UNDERLYING SECURITIES BEING (A) REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR (B) SUBJECT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION THEREUNDER AT THE TIME OF SUCH EXERCISE."

- (4) Each purchaser of Restricted Warrants will be required to acknowledge that the Issuer, the Warrant Registrar, the Managers and their affiliates, and others will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the foregoing acknowledgements, representations and agreements. If it is acquiring any Restricted Warrants for the account of one or more qualified institutional buyers it will be required to represent that it has sole investment discretion with respect to each such account and that it has full power to make the foregoing acknowledgements, representations and agreements on behalf of each such account.
- (5) Before any interest in a Warrant represented by a Restricted Global Registered Warrant may be offered, sold, pledged or otherwise transferred to a person who takes delivery in the form of an interest in an Unrestricted Global Registered Warrant, the transferor will be required to provide the Registrar with written certification as to compliance with the transfer restrictions referred to in items (B) or (C) of the second paragraph of the legend set forth above. See "*Summary of Provisions relating to the Warrants While in Global Form*" in the accompanying Base Prospectus.

PURCHASE AND SALE OF WARRANTS

Other than with respect to the admission to listing, trading and/or quotation by such one or more listing authorities, stock exchanges and/or quotation systems as may be specified in the Final Terms, no action has been or will be taken in any jurisdiction by the Issuer that would permit a public offering of the Warrants, or possession or distribution of any offering material in relation thereto, in any country or jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. No offers, sales or deliveries of any Warrants or any securities to be issued or delivered upon their exercise, or distribution of any offering material relating to the Warrants or such securities, may be made in or from any jurisdiction, except in circumstances which will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations and will not impose any obligation on the Issuer.

In respect of each Tranche of Warrants, the Issuer may retain some of the Warrants which it may sell, cancel or otherwise dispose of from time to time, as the case may be, as it may determine. The Issuer is entitled, at any time before the expiry of the Warrants of any Tranche, to purchase or sell such Warrants in the open market or through private transactions.

The issue price of any Warrant specified in the relevant Final Terms is an indicative value set by the Issuer as at the date of the relevant Final Terms. The Issuer reserves the right to offer such Warrants at any other price or prices as conclusively determined by it and no Warrantholder shall have a claim against the Issuer by reason of the price offered to it or any other Warrantholder.

General

- (1) Each Manager has acknowledged that, other than with respect to the admission of the Warrants to listing, trading and/or quotation by the relevant listing authorities, stock exchanges and/or quotation systems, no action has been or will be taken in any jurisdiction by the Issuer that would permit a public offering of the Warrants, or possession or distribution of any offering material in relation thereto, in any country or jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required.
- (2) Each Manager has undertaken to the Issuer that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations in each country or jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Warrants or has in its possession or distributes such offering material, in all cases at its own expense.
- (3) In accordance with the above, each Manager has warranted to and undertaken with the Issuer that any Warrant purchased by it which it wishes to offer for sale or resale shall not be offered in any jurisdiction in circumstances which would result in the Issuer being obliged to register any further prospectus or corresponding document relating to the Warrants in such jurisdiction.

United States of America

In relation to Warrants to be offered and sold outside the United States of America in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act:

The Warrants have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to or for the account or benefit of US persons (as defined in Regulation S) except in accordance with Regulation S or pursuant to an exemption from or in a transaction not subject to the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

The Manager has represented and agreed and each further Manager appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that, with respect to the Warrants issued in reliance on Regulation S (the "**Regulation S Warrants**"), it has offered and sold Regulation S Warrants and will offer and sell Regulation S Warrants (i) as part of their distribution at any time and (ii) otherwise until forty days after the later of the closing date and the completion of the distribution of the Series of which such Regulation S Warrants are a part, as determined and certified to the Principal Warrant Agent or the Issuer by the relevant Manager (or, in the case of a sale of a Series of Regulation S Warrants to or through more than one Manager, by each of such Managers as to the Warrants of such Series purchased by or through it, in which case the Principal Warrant Agent or the Issuer shall notify each such Manager when all such Managers have so certified), only in accordance with Rule 903 of Regulation S. Accordingly, each Manager represented and agreed that neither it nor its affiliates (if any) nor any persons acting on its or

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their behalf have engaged or will engage in any directed selling efforts with respect to the Regulation S Warrants, and each Manager, its affiliates (if any) and any person acting on its or their behalf have complied and will comply with the offering restrictions requirements of Regulation S under the Securities Act.

The Manager has agreed that, at or prior to confirmation of sale of Regulation S Warrants it will have sent to each distributor, Manager or person receiving a selling concession, fee or other remuneration that purchases Regulation S Warrants from it or through it a confirmation or notice to substantially the following effect:

"The Warrants covered hereby have not been registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**"), and may not be offered and sold within the United States or to or for the account or benefit of US persons, except in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act. Terms used above have the meaning given to them by Regulation S."

The terms "**United States**" and "**US person**" have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

In relation to Warrants to be offered or sold in the United States of America pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act:

- (1) Each Manager has agreed that it will not, acting either as principal or agent, offer or sell any Warrants in the United States other than Warrants in registered form bearing a restrictive legend thereon, and it will not, acting either as principal or agent, offer, sell, reoffer or resell any of such Warrants (or approve the resale of any such Warrants):
 - (a) except (A) inside the United States through a US broker dealer that is registered under the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "**Exchange Act**"), to institutional investors, each of which such Manager reasonably believes is a "**qualified institutional buyer**" (as defined in Rule 144A under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended), or a fiduciary or agent purchasing Warrants for the account of one or more qualified institutional buyers or (B) otherwise in accordance with the restrictions on transfer set forth in such Warrants, the Warrant Issuance Agreement, the Base Prospectus and the relevant Final Terms; or
 - (b) by means of any form of general solicitation or general advertisement, including but not limited to (A) any advertisement, article, notice or other communication published in any newspaper, magazine or similar media or broadcast of television or radio and (B) any seminar or meeting whose attendees have been advised by any general solicitation or general advertising.

Prior to the sale of any Warrants in registered form bearing a restrictive legend thereof, the selling Manager shall have provided each offeree that is a US person (as defined in Regulation S) with a copy of the Base Prospectus and the corresponding Final Terms in the form the Issuer and Managers shall have most recently agreed shall be used for offers and sales in the United States.

- (2) Each Manager has represented and agreed that in connection with each sale to a qualified institutional buyer, it has taken or will take reasonable steps to ensure that the purchaser is aware that the Warrants have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and that transfers of Warrants are restricted as set forth herein and, in the case of sales in reliance upon Rule 144A, that the selling Manager may rely upon the exemption provided by Rule 144A under the Securities Act.

In addition, until 40 days after the commencement of the offering of any Tranche of Warrants, an offer or sale of Warrants of such Tranche within the United States by any manager (whether or not participating in the offering of such Warrants) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act if such offer or sale is made otherwise than in accordance with Rule 144A.

Each Manager (or, in the case of a sale of a Series of Warrants to or through more than one Manager, each of such Managers as to Warrants of such Series purchased by or through it, in which case the Principal Warrant Agent or the Issuer shall notify each such Manager when all such Managers have certified as provided in this paragraph) who has purchased Warrants of any Series in accordance with this

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Agreement shall determine and certify to the Principal Warrant Agent or the Issuer the completion of the distribution of such Series of Warrants as aforesaid. In order to facilitate compliance by each Manager with the foregoing, the Issuer has agreed that, prior to such certification with respect to such Series, it will notify each Manager in writing of each acceptance by the Issuer of an offer to purchase and of any issuance of, Warrants or other debt obligations of the Issuer which are denominated in the same currency or composite currency and which have substantially the same interest rate and maturity date as the Warrants of such Series.

Each issuance of index-, commodity- or currency-linked Warrants shall be subject to additional US selling restrictions as the relevant Manager or Managers shall agree with the Issuer as a term of the issuance and purchase of such Warrants. Each Manager has agreed that it shall offer, sell and deliver such Warrants only in compliance with such additional US selling restrictions.

Public Offer Selling Restriction Under the Prospectus Directive

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

- (a) **Approved prospectus:** if the Final Terms or drawdown prospectus in relation to the Warrants specify that an offer of those Warrants may be made other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in that Relevant Member State (a "**Non-exempt Offer**"), following the date of publication of a prospectus in relation to such Warrants which has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant Member State, **provided that** any such prospectus which is not a drawdown prospectus has subsequently been completed by the Final Terms contemplating such Non-exempt Offer, in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, in the period beginning and ending on the dates specified in such prospectus or final terms, as applicable and the Issuer has consented in writing to its use for the purpose of that Non-exempt Offer;
- (b) **Qualified investors:** at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- (c) **Fewer than 100 offerees:** at any time to fewer than 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Manager or Managers nominated by the Issuer for any such offer; or
- (d) **Other exempt offers:** at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of Warrants referred to in (b) to (d) above shall require the Issuer or any Manager to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive, or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

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

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includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State and the expression "**2010 PD Amending Directive**" means Directive 2010/73/EU.

Selling Restrictions Addressing Additional United Kingdom Securities Laws

The Manager has represented and agreed and each further Manager appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that:

- (a) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Warrants in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA would not, if it was not an authorised person, apply to the Issuer; and
- (b) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Warrants in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

France

The Manager has represented and agreed that it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell, directly or indirectly, Warrants to the public in France and it has not distributed or caused to be distributed and will not distribute or cause to be distributed to the public in France, the Base Prospectus, the relevant Final Terms or any other offering material relating to the Warrants and such offers, sales and distributions have been and will be made in France only to (a) providers of investment services relating to portfolio management for the account of third parties (*personnes fournissant le service d'investissement de gestion de portefeuille pour compte de tiers*), and/or (b) qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*) all as defined in, and in accordance with, articles L.411-1, L.411-2, D.411-1 to D.411-3 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*, but excluding individuals referred to in Article D.411-1 II 2. Each Manager has represented and agreed that the offer of Warrants to the public in France will be made only in compliance with the Prospectus Directive and the applicable laws, regulations and procedures in France.

The Manager has represented and agreed, and each further Manager appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that, unless the approval of this Base Prospectus by the FSA has been notified to the French *Autorité des marchés financiers* (the "**AMF**") in accordance with Article 18 of the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in France, and all the other procedures and formalities required by French laws and regulations to permit the offering and sale of Warrants in France have been carried out, it has not and will not make an offer of Warrants to the public in France.

Hong Kong

Each Manager has represented and agreed, and each further Manager appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not issued or had in its possession for the purposes of issue, and will not issue, or have in its possession for the purposes of issue, whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, any advertisement, invitation or document relating to the Warrants, which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public of Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to Warrants which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to "**professional investors**" as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) and any rules made under that Ordinance.

Selling Restrictions Addressing Additional Republic of Italy Securities Laws

The offering of the Warrants has not been registered pursuant to Italian securities legislation and, accordingly, each Manager has represented and agreed that, save as set out below, it has not offered or sold, and will not offer or sell, any Warrants in the Republic of Italy in an offer to the public and that sales of the Warrants in the Republic of Italy shall be effected in accordance with all Italian securities, tax and exchange control and other applicable laws and regulation.

Accordingly, each Manager has represented and agreed that it will not offer, sell or deliver any Warrants or distribute copies of this Base Prospectus and any other document relating to the Warrants in the Republic of Italy except:

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- (1) to "**qualified investors**", as referred to in Article 100 of Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998, as amended ("**Decree No. 58**"), and defined in article 34-ter, paragraph 1, letter (b) of CONSOB Regulation no. 11971 of 14 May 1999, as amended ("**Regulation No. 11971**");
- (2) that it may offer, sell or deliver Warrants or distribute copies of any prospectus relating to such Warrants in an offer to the public in the period commencing on the date of publication of such prospectus, **provided that** such prospectus has been approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to CONSOB, all in accordance with the Prospectus Directive and the 2010 PD Amending Directive, as implemented in Italy under Decree No. 58 and Regulation No. 11971, and ending on the date which is 12 months after the date of approval of such prospectus; and
- (3) in any other circumstances where an express exemption from compliance with the solicitation restrictions applies, as provided under Decree No. 58 or Regulation No. 11971.

Any such offer, sale or delivery of the Warrants or distribution of copies of the Base Prospectus or any other document relating to the Warrants in the Republic of Italy must be:

- (a) made by investment firms, banks or financial intermediaries permitted to conduct such activities in the Republic of Italy in accordance with Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993 as amended, Decree No. 58, CONSOB Regulation No. 16190 of 29 October 2007, as amended and any other applicable laws and regulations; and
- (b) in compliance with any other applicable notification requirement or limitation which may be imposed by CONSOB or the Bank of Italy.

Provisions relating to the secondary market in Italy

Investors should also note that, in any subsequent distribution of the Warrants in the Republic of Italy (with a minimum denomination lower than €50,000 - or €100,000 from 1st July 2012 - or its equivalent in another currency), Article 100-bis of Decree No. 58 may require compliance with the law relating to public offers of securities. Furthermore, where the Warrants are placed solely with "**qualified investors**" and are then systematically resold on the secondary market at any time in the 12 months following such placing, purchasers of Warrants who are acting outside of the course of their business or profession may in certain circumstances be entitled to declare such purchase void and, in addition, to claim damages from any authorised person at whose premises the Warrants were purchased, unless an exemption provided for under Decree No. 58 applies.

India

(A) By the purchase of any Market Access Warrants linked to Indian Underlyings (for the purposes of this section only, the "**Warrants**"), on the date of purchase and on each day the Warrants are being held, each holder of Warrants will be deemed to represent and warrant that its purchase of the Warrants is in full compliance with the following selling restrictions and it undertakes and agrees to the selling restrictions below:

1. The Warrants shall not be offered, sold or transferred to (i) a "person resident in India" (as such term is defined in the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time), or, (ii) a "non-resident Indian" (as such term is defined in the Foreign Exchange Management (Deposit) Regulations, 2000 as may be amended or supplemented from time to time), (each, a "**Restricted Entity**");
2. The Warrants shall not be offered, sold or transferred to any person/entity whose controller is a Restricted Entity.

For the purposes of this representation, a "**controller**" means any person or group of persons (acting pursuant to any agreement or understanding (whether formal or informal, written or otherwise)) who:

- (a) is/are entitled to exercise, or control the exercise of a majority or more of the voting power of an entity, or
- (b) holds or is otherwise entitled to a majority or more of the economic interest in an entity, or

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(c) who in fact exercises control over an entity

For the purposes of this representation, "control" means the ability to appoint a majority or more of the directors of an entity, or the capacity to control decision-making, directly or indirectly, in relation to the financial, investment and/or operating policies of an entity in any manner.

Notwithstanding the foregoing definition, in the case only where an entity's investments are being managed on a discretionary basis by an investment manager, such investment manager shall not be deemed to be such entity's controller for the purposes of this representation by reason only of it being able to control decision-making in relation to the entity's financial, investment and /or operating policies;

3. The Warrants shall only be purchased by a principal for its own account and not as an agent, nominee, trustee or representative of any other person and no agreement for the issuance of a back-to-back offshore derivatives instrument ("**ODI**") (as such term is defined for the purposes of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Foreign Institutional Investors) Regulation 1995 and notifications, circulars, rules and guidelines of the Securities and Exchange Board of India issued from time to time) (collectively referred to as the "**FII Regulations**") can be entered into against the Warrants;

4. The Warrants shall only be offered to a "person regulated by an appropriate foreign regulatory authority" (as such term and/or requirements relating thereto are defined or otherwise interpreted for the purposes of Regulation 15A of the FII Regulations) (a "**Regulated Entity**");

5. The Warrants shall not be purchased with the intent of circumventing or otherwise avoiding any requirements applicable under the FII Regulations (including, without limitation, any restrictions applying to foreign institutional investors in relation to their issuances and/or other dealings in the Warrants with, Restricted Entities and persons/entities who are not Regulated Entities); and

6. The Warrants cannot be sold, transferred, assigned or novated or otherwise disposed of and no back-to-back ODIs may be entered into and no agreement with respect to any of the foregoing may be entered into by each holder of Warrants nominees, associates or affiliates (each, a "**Transfer**") with, an entity which is a Restricted Entity or an entity which is not a Regulated Entity.

7. The Warrants shall not be offered, sold or transferred to (i) a Protected Cell Company ("**PCC**") or Segregated Portfolio Company ("**SPC**") or an equivalent structure however described, or (ii) a Multi Class Share Vehicle ("**MCV**") by constitution or an equivalent structure however described that contains more than one class of shares, except where (a) a common portfolio is maintained for all classes of shares and satisfies broad based criteria, or (b) a segregated portfolio is maintained for separate classes of shares wherein each such class of shares are in turn broad based. For this purpose, "**broad based**" fund or class of shares (where the holder's segregated portfolio is maintained for separate classes of shares) as the term is defined in the Explanation to Regulation 6 of the FII Regulations means a fund, established or incorporated outside India, which has at least twenty investors, with no single individual investor holding more than forty nine per cent of the shares or units of the fund. Provided that if the broad based fund has institutional investor(s) it shall not be necessary for the fund to have twenty investors. Further, if the broad based fund has an institutional investor who holds more than forty nine per cent. of the shares or units in the fund, then the institutional investor must itself be a broad based fund.

For the purpose of these sub-paragraphs (A)3. and (A)6. above and sub-paragraph (B)1. below, a "back-to-back ODI" shall not include the issue of any ODI issued by a party who has disclosed the terms and parties to such back-to-back ODI in the form and manner prescribed by the Securities and Exchange Board of India pursuant to the FII Regulations (in particular, under Regulation 20A of the FII Regulations).

(B) Further, by the purchase of any Warrants, each purchaser of the Warrants is deemed to have agreed and undertaken as follows (and for the avoidance of doubt, such agreements and undertakings shall survive the maturity or expiration date of such Warrants):

1. It will, in the case where it or its nominees, associates or affiliates sell, transfer, assign, novate or otherwise dispose of the Warrants to, or enter into any back-to-back ODIs or enter into an agreement with respect to any of the foregoing with any party:

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(i) provide notice of these "Indian Selling Restrictions" to any person to whom a Transfer was made (the "**Transferee**"); and

(ii) issue a written notice to the Issuer in such form as the Issuer may determine within two (2) Hong Kong business days after the Transfer.

2. The Issuer and its associates/affiliates are authorised to provide information in their possession regarding it, any Transferee, each of the nominees or associates/affiliates of it and/or the Transferee, the Warrants and any breach of these representations, warranties, agreements and undertakings to any Indian governmental or regulatory authorities (each, an "**Authority**") as the Issuer or its associates/affiliates reasonably deems necessary or appropriate in order to comply with regulations or requests of such Authority from time to time, including but not limited to disclosures in periodic reportings made by the Issuer or its associates/affiliates to any Authority;

3. It will and shall procure its nominees or associates/affiliates to, provide the Issuer or its associates/affiliates (as the case may be) promptly with such additional information that the Issuer or its associates/affiliates (as the case may be) reasonably deems necessary or appropriate in order to comply with regulations or requests of any Authority from time to time;

4. It acknowledges that non-compliance with, or breach, violation or contravention of, the obligations under these representations, warranties, agreements and undertakings that (including, without limitation, any restrictions with respect to a Transfer) ("**ODI Holder Obligations**") may result in non-compliance with, or breach, violation or contravention of, applicable laws, regulations, governmental orders or directions, regulatory sanctions against the Issuer and/or its associates/affiliates and cause irreparable harm to the Issuer and/or its associates/affiliates. Accordingly, it further acknowledges that, in the event of any non-compliance with, or breach, violation or contravention of the ODI Holder Obligations by it, the Issuer and/or its associates/affiliates may notify the Authority of the breach, violation or contravention and exercise any rights and take any measures available to the Issuer and/or its associates/affiliates under the terms of the Warrants including these "Indian Selling Restrictions", or any other measures to prevent, avoid, mitigate, remedy or cure such non-compliance, breach, violation or contravention, including but not limited to termination or compulsory redemption of the Warrants by the Issuer or its associates/affiliates; and

5. It will promptly notify the Issuer or its associates/affiliates should any of the representations, warranties, agreements and undertakings given by it changes or no longer holds true.

Indonesia

A registration statement with respect to the Prospectus and Final Terms has not been and will not be filed with the Capital Market and Financial Institutions Supervisory Agency (Bapepam-LK) of the Republic of Indonesia. The Warrants, therefore, shall not be offered or sold or be the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, and this Base Prospectus, Final Terms or any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the Warrants, shall not be circulated or distributed, whether directly or indirectly, in the Republic of Indonesia or to Indonesian citizens, corporations or residents, except in a manner that will not be considered as a "public offer" under the prevailing law and regulations in the Republic of Indonesia.

Japan

The Warrants have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (Law No. 25 of 1948, as amended, the "**FIEL**") and, accordingly, each Manager has undertaken that it will not offer or sell any Warrants directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to any resident of Japan except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with FIEL and other relevant laws and regulations of Japan. As used in this paragraph, "**resident of Japan**" means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organised under the laws of Japan.

Korea

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The Warrants may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in Korea or to any resident of Korea (as defined under the Foreign Exchange Transaction Law of Korea and its Presidential Decree), except as otherwise permitted by the applicable Korean laws and regulations.

Malaysia

No approval of the Securities Commission of Malaysia or any other Malaysian regulatory authority has been or will be obtained in connection with the offer and sale of the Warrants in Malaysia nor will any prospectus or other offering material or document in connection with the offer and sale of the Warrants be registered with the Securities Commission of Malaysia or any other Malaysian regulatory authority. Accordingly, the Warrants may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, nor may any document or other material in connection therewith be distributed or made available, in Malaysia.

Mexico

The Warrants linked to Mexican Underlying Securities have not been and will not be registered with the Mexican National Securities Registry (Registro Nacional de Valores) maintained by the Mexican Banking and Securities Commission (Comisión Nacional Bancaria y de Valores) ("**CNBV**"), and may not be offered or sold publicly, or otherwise be the subject of intermediation activities, in Mexico, except pursuant to a private placement exemption as set forth under article 8 of the Mexican Securities Market Law (Ley del Mercado de Valores). The information contained in this Base Prospectus and in these Final Terms is exclusively the responsibility of the Issuer and has not been reviewed or authorised by the CNBV.

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Zero Coupon Instruments (as defined below) in definitive form of the Issuer may only be transferred and accepted, directly or indirectly, within, from or into The Netherlands through the mediation of either the Issuer or a member firm of NYSE Euronext Amsterdam in full compliance with the Dutch Savings Certificates Act (*Wet inzake spaarbewijzen*) of 21 May 1985 (as amended) and its implementing regulations. No such mediation is required: (a) in respect of the transfer and acceptance of rights representing an interest in a Zero Coupon Instrument in global form, or (b) in respect of the initial issue of Zero Coupon Instruments in definitive form to the first holders thereof, or (c) in respect of the transfer and acceptance of Zero Coupon Instruments in definitive form between individuals not acting in the conduct of a business or profession, or (d) in respect of the transfer and acceptance of such Zero Coupon Instruments within, from or into The Netherlands if all Zero Coupon Instruments (either in definitive form or as rights representing an interest in a Zero Coupon Instrument in global form) of any particular Series are issued outside The Netherlands and are not distributed into The Netherlands in the course of initial distribution or immediately thereafter. As used herein, "**Zero Coupon Instruments**" are Instruments that are in book-entry form and that constitute a claim for a fixed sum against the Issuer and on which interest does not become due during their tenor or on which no interest is due whatsoever.

New Zealand

Each purchaser acknowledges that no prospectus, investment statement, or other disclosure document in relation to the Warrants or the Programme has been registered with the New Zealand Companies Office or NZX Limited, and that it is a condition of their subscription for Warrants that they are a person to whom an offer or invitation in relation to the Programme or the Warrants does not (of itself) create an obligation on the Issuer to prepare, register and provide either an investment statement or prospectus under the Securities Act 1978 of New Zealand ("**NZ Securities Act**") on the basis that they are either:

- (a) not resident in New Zealand and were not present in New Zealand at the time they accepted the offer or invitation; or
- (b) a person whose principal business is the investment of money or a person who, in the course of and for the purpose of their business, habitually invests money within the meaning of section 3(2)(a)(ii) of the NZ Securities Act; or
- (c) a person who is required to pay (and does pay) a minimum subscription price of at least NZ\$500,000 for the Warrants (disregarding any amount lent by the Issuer, or any associated person of the

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Issuer) before the allotment of those Warrants and has a minimum holding of Warrants of at least NZ\$500,000; or

(d) a person who is an "eligible person" as that term is defined in section 5(2CC) of the NZ Securities Act.

Each purchaser represents and agrees that, in connection with the distribution of the Warrants, it:

(a) has not (directly or indirectly) offered or invited, and will not offer or invite, applications for the issue, sale or purchase of the Warrants in, to or from New Zealand (including an offer or invitation which is received by a person in New Zealand); and

(b) has not distributed or published, and will not distribute or publish, this Base Prospectus or any other offering material or advertisement relating to the Warrants in New Zealand,

unless each offeree is:

(c) not resident in New Zealand and was not present in New Zealand at the time they accepted the offer or invitation; or

(d) a person whose principal business is the investment of money or a person who, in the course of and for the purpose of their business, habitually invests money within the meaning of section 3(2)(a)(ii) of the NZ Securities Act; or

(e) a person who is required to pay (and does pay) a minimum subscription price of at least NZ\$500,000 for the Warrants (disregarding any amount lent by the Issuer, or any associated person of the Issuer) before the allotment of those Warrants and has a minimum holding of Warrants of at least NZ\$500,000; or

(f) a person who is an "eligible person" as that term is defined in section 5(2CC) of the NZ Securities Act.

Norway

Warrants denominated in Norwegian Krone may not be offered or sold within the Kingdom of Norway or to or for the benefit of Norwegian purchasers. Each purchaser of Warrants denominated in Norwegian Krone will be deemed to have acknowledged, represented and agreed that such Warrants may not be resold within the Kingdom of Norway or to or for the benefit of Norwegian purchasers.

Pakistan

Warrants linked to Pakistan Underlyings and any documents relating to Warrants linked to Pakistan Underlyings may only be distributed to individuals, corporations or persons who are "persons resident outside Pakistan" (within the meaning of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1947) and Warrants linked to Pakistan Underlyings will not be offered or sold in Pakistan or to residents of Pakistan whether citizens, nationals or corporations unless such investors have obtained the prior written special approval of the State Bank of Pakistan. Any sale or transfer of Warrants linked to Pakistan Underlyings in violation of these restrictions will be invalid and will not be recognised by the Issuer.

People's Republic of China

Warrants linked to PRC Underlyings may not be offered or sold in the People's Republic of China ("PRC") (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) directly or indirectly or offered or sold to any Domestic Investor, or to any person using funds to purchase Warrants linked to PRC Underlyings sourced from any Domestic Investor, where "**Domestic Investor**" means:

(a) PRC Citizens resident in the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan);

(b) PRC Citizens resident outside the PRC who are not permanent residents of another country or permanent residents of Hong Kong, Macau or Taiwan; and

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- (c) legal entities registered in the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan).

"**PRC Citizens**" means any person holding a Resident Identification Card or other equivalent government issued identification of the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan).

Philippines

The Warrants being offered or sold herein have not been registered with the Philippine Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Regulation Code of the Philippines ("**SRC**"). Any future offer or sale thereof in the Philippines is subject to the registration requirements of the SRC unless such offer qualifies as an exempt transaction.

Each of the following restrictions must be observed by Warrantheolders in relation to sales, transfers or disposals of all or any part of its legal or beneficial interests in the Warrants or offers to do so:

(a) To the extent that the Warrants are offered, sold or distributed in the Philippines, the Warrantheolder, by purchasing the Warrants, agrees for the benefit of the Issuer that the Warrants may not be subsequently offered, sold, pledged or otherwise transferred except in compliance with Philippine laws and regulations (in addition to the laws of other jurisdictions, as applicable) and may be offered, sold or distributed only to "Qualified Buyers" as defined under Subsection 10.1(l) of the SRC.

(b) No Warrantheolder shall sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or part of its legal or beneficial interests in the Warrants to another person or persons nor offer to do so, unless such sale, transfer, disposal or offer is subject to the condition that such person(s) shall undertake to observe the restrictions set out herein.

(c) Without limitation to paragraphs (a) and (b) above, each Warrantheolder shall observe all applicable laws and regulations in the Philippines in connection with the offer, sale, transfer or other disposition of all or any part of its legal or beneficial interests in the Warrants or the distribution of any document or other material in connection therewith.

Saudi Arabia

Warrants linked to Saudi Arabian Underlyings may not be offered or sold in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia or to persons of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia origin.

Selling Restrictions Addressing Additional Kingdom of Spain Securities Laws

Each Manager has represented and agreed that the Warrants may not be offered, sold or distributed in the Kingdom of Spain save in accordance with the requirements of Law 24/1988, of 28 July, on the Securities Market (*Ley 24/1988, de 28 de julio, del Mercado de Valores*) (the "**LMV**") as amended and restated, and Royal Decree 1310/2005, of 4 November 2005, partially developing Law 24/1988, of 28 July, on the Securities Market in connection with listing of securities in secondary official markets, initial purchase offers, rights issues and the prospectus required in these cases (*Real Decreto 1310/2005, de 4 de noviembre, por el que se desarrolla parcialmente la Ley 24/1988, de 28 de Julio, del Mercado de Valores, en materia de admisión a negociación de valores en mercados secundarios oficiales, de ofertas públicas de venta o suscripción y del folleto exigible a tales efectos*), as amended and restated, and the decrees and regulations made thereunder and by institutions authorised under the LMV and Royal Decree 217/2008, of 15 February, on the legal regime applicable to investment services companies (*Real Decreto 217/2008, de 15 de febrero, sobre el régimen jurídico de las empresas de servicios de inversión y de las demás entidades que prestan servicios de inversión y por el que se modifica parcialmente el Reglamento de la Ley 35/2003, de 4 de noviembre, de Instituciones de Inversión Colectiva, aprobado por el Real Decreto 1309/2005, de 4 de noviembre*) to provide investment services in Spain.

Switzerland

The Base Prospectus, any Final Terms and any other offering or marketing material relating to the Warrants do not constitute a prospectus pursuant to Art. 652a or Art. 1156 of the Swiss Code of Obligations or a listing prospectus within the meaning of the listing rules of the SIX Swiss Exchange or any other regulated trading facility in Switzerland. The Warrants are not listed on the SIX Swiss

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Exchange or on any other exchange or regulated trading facility in Switzerland. As at the date of this Base Prospectus, the Issuer does not intend to list Warrants on the SIX Swiss Exchange.

Accordingly, the Warrants may not be publicly offered, sold or advertised, directly or indirectly, in, into or from Switzerland.

The Base Prospectus, any Final Terms or any other offering or marketing material relating to the Warrants do not constitute investment advice or an offer to any person or solicitation to purchase the Warrants. The Base Prospectus and any Final Terms may not be publicly distributed or otherwise made publicly available in or from Switzerland. The Base Prospectus and any Final Terms may only be used by those persons to whom they have been delivered by the Issuer or any Manager and may neither be copied nor directly or indirectly distributed or made available to other persons without the express consent of the Issuer or the Manager(s).

Should any Series of Warrants be publicly issued in Switzerland, the Issuer will prepare supplemental documents to the extent required by Swiss law. Swiss investors should in such case consult any such document before making any investment decision.

Singapore

This document has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore under the Securities and Futures Act, Cap. 289 of Singapore (the "SFA") and accordingly, the Warrants may not be offered or sold, nor may the Warrants be the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, nor may this document or any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase of the Warrants be circulated or distributed, whether directly or indirectly, to any person in Singapore other than (a) to an institutional investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA) pursuant to Section 274 of the SFA, (b) to a relevant person (as defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA) pursuant to Section 275(1) of the SFA, or any person pursuant to an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) of the SFA, and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the SFA or (c) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the Warrants are acquired by persons who are relevant persons specified in Section 276 of the SFA, namely:

- (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or
- (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor,

the shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferred within 6 months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the Warrants pursuant to an offer made under Section 275 of the SFA except:

- (1) to an institutional investor (under Section 274 of the SFA) or to a relevant person as defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA, or any person pursuant to an offer that is made on terms that such shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or such rights or interest in that trust are acquired at a consideration of not less than S\$200,000 (or its equivalent in a foreign currency) for each transaction, whether such amount is to be paid for in cash or by exchange of securities or other assets and further for corporations, in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275(1A) of the SFA;
- (2) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer;
- (3) where the transfer is by operation of law; or
- (4) as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA

Taiwan

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The Warrants linked to Taiwanese Underlyings (for the purposes of this section only, the "**Warrants**") and any documents relating to the Warrants may not be offered or distributed in Taiwan.

The Warrants may not be sold to any holder acting for the benefit or account of, or using funds of, (A) any residents of the People's Republic of China ("**PRC**"), corporations in the PRC, or corporations outside the PRC that are beneficially owned by residents of, or corporations in, the PRC or (B) any residents of Taiwan or corporations in Taiwan.

Warrantholders are not permitted to, directly or indirectly, sell, transfer, assign, novate or otherwise dispose of the Warrants to or for the benefit or account of, or in consideration of funds received from, (A) any residents of the PRC, corporations in the PRC, or corporations outside the PRC that are beneficially owned by residents of, or corporations in, the PRC or (B) any residents of Taiwan or corporations in Taiwan.

The Warrants will not be offered or sold to, and will not be offered or sold in consideration of funds received from, (A) any residents of the PRC, corporations in the PRC, or corporations outside the PRC that are beneficially owned by residents of, or corporations in, the PRC or (B) any residents of Taiwan or corporations in Taiwan. Any sale or transfer of the Warrants in violation of these restrictions will be invalid and will not be recognised by the Issuer.

Thailand

The Prospectus and Final Terms and any other documents and material in connection with the Warrants have not been registered or approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Thailand. They are not intended to be an offer, sale or invitation for subscription or purchase of securities in Thailand and must not be circulated, distributed, offered, solicited, or made available in Thailand or to a person in Thailand, except as otherwise permitted or not prohibited by the applicable Thai laws and regulations (in which case the Prospectus and Final Terms and any other documents and material in connection with the Warrants may be provided to a person in Thailand solely upon request or to the extent required by any such law or regulation intended for the purpose of review and consideration by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Thailand or any other applicable regulator in relation to applicable approval on offshore investment in the Warrants). The purchase of and investment in the Warrants is subject to the conditions that all consents, approvals and filings (if any) necessary for the purchase of and investment in the Warrants by the investor(s) have been obtained or made, and are in full force and effect, and all conditions of such consents have been and will be complied with; and that the purchase of and investment in the Warrants does not and will not violate or exceed any investment or foreign exchange limits (if applicable) and/or any restriction on foreign currency asset holding (if applicable) imposed on the relevant(s) by any applicable laws and regulations of Thailand.

Vietnam

Warrants linked to Vietnamese Underlyings and any documents relating to Warrants linked to Vietnamese Underlyings may not be distributed or passed on in Vietnam or to Vietnamese citizens, nationals, corporations or residents, and Warrants linked to Vietnamese Underlyings will not be offered or sold in Vietnam or to Vietnamese citizens, nationals, corporations or residents unless such investors have obtained the prior written approval of the Governor of the State Bank of Vietnam. Any sale or transfer of Warrants linked to Vietnamese Underlyings in violation of these restrictions will be invalid and will not be recognised by the Issuer.