



**ROYAL BANK OF CANADA**  
(a Canadian chartered bank)

**Notes Base Prospectus**

**Pursuant to the Programme for the  
Issuance of Securities**

Pages *i* to 117 (inclusive) of this document comprise a base prospectus (the "**Base Prospectus**") for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive (as defined herein) in respect of notes ("**PD Notes**" or "**Notes**") to be offered to the public in the Relevant Member States (as defined herein) and/or to be admitted to the Official List of the Financial Conduct Authority (in its capacity as competent authority for the purposes of Part VI of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 as amended, the "**UK Listing Authority**") and admitted to trading on the Regulated Market of the London Stock Exchange plc (the "**London Stock Exchange**").

Pages 118 to 187 (inclusive) of this document comprises an offering circular (the "**Offering Circular**"), which has been prepared for the Issuer in connection with the issue of Notes other than PD Notes ("**Non PD Notes**"). The Offering Circular has not been reviewed or approved by the UK Listing Authority and does not constitute a base prospectus for purposes of the Prospectus Directive.

Under this Base Prospectus pursuant to the Programme for the Issuance of Securities described under "General Description of the Programme" herein (the "**Programme**"), Royal Bank of Canada (the "**Issuer**" or the "**Bank**") may from time to time issue notes ("**Notes**") denominated or payable in any currency agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) (as defined herein). Notes to be issued under this Base Prospectus will be unsubordinated Notes which evidence deposit liabilities of the Issuer.

The Notes may be issued in bearer or registered form or dematerialized and uncertificated book-entry form. The maximum aggregate principal amount of all Notes and other instruments evidencing deposit liabilities under the Bank Act (Canada) issued under the Programme (calculated as described under "General Description of the Programme") will not exceed U.S.\$40,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated as described in the Dealership Agreement described herein), subject to increase as described herein. The price and amount of the Notes to be issued under the Base Prospectus will be determined by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) at the time of issue in accordance with prevailing market conditions. The Bank may issue Notes that bear interest at fixed rates or floating rates or that do not bear interest.

Application has been made to the UK Listing Authority for the PD Notes issued under the Base Prospectus during the period of twelve months after the date hereof to be admitted to the Official List of the UK Listing Authority (the "**Official List**") and to the London Stock Exchange for such PD Notes to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market (the "**Market**"). The Market is a regulated market for the purposes of the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (Directive 2004/39/EC). Notes may also be admitted to trading on the regulated market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. Swedish Notes (as defined herein) may be listed on the securities exchange operated by NASDAQ OMX Stockholm AB (the "**Nasdaq Stockholm Exchange**"). The Nasdaq Stockholm Exchange and the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market are regulated markets for the purposes of the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (Directive 2004/39/EC).

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Bank will issue Notes that evidence deposit liabilities under the the Bank Act (Canada) whose Branch of Account for purposes of the Bank Act (Canada) is the main branch in Toronto. The Bank may also issue such instruments whose Branch of Account for Bank Act (Canada) purposes is the London branch, if specified in the applicable Final Terms. Irrespective of any specified Branch of Account, the Bank is (a) the legal entity that is the issuer of the Notes and (b) the legal entity obligated to repay the Notes. The Bank is the only legal entity that will issue Notes pursuant to this Programme. The determination by the Bank of the Branch of Account for Notes will be based on various considerations, including those relating to (i) the market or jurisdiction into which the Notes are being issued, based on factors including investors' preferences in a specific market or jurisdiction, (ii) specific regulatory requirements, such as a regulator requiring that a branch increase its liquidity through locally sourced funding, or (iii) tax implications that would affect the Bank or investors, such as the imposition of a new tax if an alternative branch was used. A branch of the Bank is not a subsidiary of the Bank or a separate legal entity from the Bank.

**Prospective Investors should have regard to the material known risks described under the section headed "Risk Factors" in this Base Prospectus. This Base Prospectus does not describe all of the risks of an investment in the Notes.**

Arrangers

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October 30, 2015

## CREDIT RATINGS

The Notes to be issued under the Programme pursuant to the Base Prospectus have been rated Aa3 (P-1 for short term debt) by Moody's Canada Inc. ("**Moody's Canada**") and AA- by Standard & Poor's Ratings Service, a division of the McGraw-Hill Companies (Canada) Corporation ("**S&P Canada**").

In addition to the Programme ratings provided by Moody's Canada and S&P Canada, each of Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("**Moody's USA**"), Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("**S&P USA**"), Fitch, Inc. ("**Fitch**") and DBRS Limited ("**DBRS**") has provided issuer ratings for the Issuer as set out in the table set out in paragraph 12 of "General Information and Recent Developments".

In accordance with Article 4.1 of the Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009, as amended (the "**CRA Regulation**"), please note that the following documents (as defined in the section entitled "Documents Incorporated by Reference") incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus contain references to credit ratings from the same rating agencies and Kroll Bond Rating Agency ("**KBRA**"):

- (a) the 2014 AIF (pages 11, 12, 26 and 27);
- (b) the 2014 Annual Report (pages 77 and 78);
- (c) the Second Quarter 2015 Report to Shareholders (pages 47 and 48); and
- (d) the Third Quarter 2015 Report to Shareholders (pages 47 and 48).

None of S&P Canada, S&P USA, Moody's Canada, Moody's USA, Fitch or DBRS (together, the "**non-EU CRAs**") is established or regulated in the European Union or certified under the CRA Regulation. However, Standard and Poor's Credit Market Services Europe Ltd., Moody's Investors Service Ltd., DBRS Ratings Limited and Fitch Ratings Limited, which are affiliates of S&P Canada, S&P USA, Moody's Canada, Moody's USA, Fitch and DBRS, respectively, established in the European Union and registered under the CRA Regulation have endorsed their affiliated non-EU CRAs. KBRA is certified under the CRA Regulation.

Notes issued under the Base Prospectus may be rated or unrated. The rating of a Tranche of Notes to be issued under the Base Prospectus may be specified in the applicable Final Terms. Where a Tranche of Notes is rated, such credit rating will not necessarily be the same as the ratings assigned to the Programme, the Issuer or to notes already issued.

The European Securities and Markets Authority ("**ESMA**") is obliged to maintain on its website, [www.esma.europa.eu](http://www.esma.europa.eu), a list of credit rating agencies registered and certified in accordance with the CRA Regulation. This list must be updated within five working days of ESMA's adoption of any decision to withdraw the registration of a credit rating agency under the CRA Regulation. Therefore, such list is not conclusive evidence of the status of the relevant rating agency as there may be delays between certain supervisory measures being taken against a relevant rating agency and the publication of the updated ESMA list.

In general, European regulated investors are restricted under the CRA Regulation from using credit ratings for regulatory purposes, unless such credit ratings are issued by a credit rating agency established in the European Union and registered under the CRA Regulation (and such registration has

not been withdrawn or suspended). Such general restriction will also apply in the case of credit ratings issued by non-EU credit rating agencies, unless the relevant credit ratings are endorsed by an EU-registered credit rating agency or the relevant non-EU credit rating agency is certified in accordance with the CRA Regulation (and such endorsement action or certification, as the case may be, has not been withdrawn or suspended).

**A security rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, revision or withdrawal at any time by the assigning agency and each rating should be evaluated independently of any other.**

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

All capitalised terms used will be defined in this Base Prospectus or the Final Terms.

### ***Responsibility for the Base Prospectus***

The Bank accepts responsibility for the information contained in the Base Prospectus and the Final Terms. To the best of the knowledge of the Bank, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in the Base Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

### ***Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus***

Details of the aggregate nominal amount of Notes, interest (if any) payable in respect of Notes, the issue price of Notes and any other terms not contained herein which are applicable to each Tranche of Notes will be set forth in final terms (the "**Final Terms**") or a separate prospectus specific to such Tranche (the "**Drawdown Prospectus**") as described under "Final Terms and Drawdown Prospectus" on page 34 hereof.

Copies of Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectuses for Notes (i) can be viewed on the website of the Regulatory News Service operated by the London Stock Exchange at <http://www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-news-home.html> under the name of the Bank and the headline "Publication of Prospectus" and (ii) will be available without charge from the Bank at 200 Bay Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, North Tower, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5J 2W7, Attention: Investor Relations and the specified office of the Issuing and Paying Agent set out at the end of this Base Prospectus (see "Terms and Conditions of the Notes").

### ***Restrictions on Distribution of this Base Prospectus and offers of Notes***

The distribution of this Base Prospectus and any Final Terms and the offering, sale and delivery of the Notes in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this Base Prospectus or any Final Terms comes are required by the Issuer and the Dealers to inform themselves about and to observe any such restrictions. For a description of certain restrictions on offers, sales and deliveries of Notes and on the distribution of this Base Prospectus or any Final Terms and other offering material relating to the Notes, including restrictions in Canada, the United States, the European Economic Area (including the United Kingdom, France, Italy, The Netherlands and Sweden), Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore and Switzerland, see "*Subscription and Sale*".

In particular, (1) the Notes may only be offered within the EEA to qualified investors (as defined in the Prospectus Directive) on an exempt basis pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive and (2) unless specifically indicated to the contrary in the applicable Final Terms, no action has been taken by the Issuer or the Dealers which is intended to permit a public offering of the Notes outside the EEA or distribution of this Base Prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required.

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended and may include Notes in bearer form which are subject to U.S. tax law requirements. Subject to certain exceptions, Notes may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or to U.S. persons.

Accordingly, the Notes may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and neither this Base Prospectus nor any advertisement or other offering material may be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations.

### ***Issue Price***

The Issue Price will be determined by the Issuer in consultation with the relevant Dealer(s) at the time of the relevant issue and will depend, amongst other things, on the interest rate (if any) applicable to the Notes and prevailing market conditions at that time.

### ***Unauthorised Information***

No person has been authorised to give any information or to make any representation not contained in or not consistent with this Base Prospectus or any amendment or supplement hereto or any document incorporated herein or therein by reference or entered into in relation to the Programme or any information supplied by the Issuer in connection with the Programme and, if given or made, such information or representation should not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer or any Dealer.

### ***Other Relevant Information***

None of the Dealers nor any of their respective affiliates have authorised the whole or any part of this Base Prospectus, nor have they independently verified the information contained herein. Accordingly, no representation, warranty or undertaking, express or implied, is made and no responsibility or liability is accepted by the Dealers or any of their respective affiliates as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus or any other information provided by the Issuer in connection with the Programme. No Dealer nor any of its respective affiliates accepts any liability in relation to the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus or any other information provided by the Issuer in connection with the Programme.

This Base Prospectus should be read and construed with any amendment or supplement hereto and with any other documents which are deemed to be incorporated herein or therein by reference and shall be read and construed on the basis that such documents are so incorporated and form part of this document. Any reference in this document to the “**Base Prospectus**” means this document together with the documents incorporated by reference herein, any supplementary prospectus approved by the UK Listing Authority and any documents specifically incorporated by reference therein. In relation to any Series (as defined herein) of Notes, this document shall also be read and construed together with the applicable Final Terms(s) (as defined herein).

### ***Independent Evaluation***

Neither this Base Prospectus or any Final Terms nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or any Notes should be considered as a recommendation by the Issuer or any of the Dealers that any recipient of this document or any Final Terms or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme should subscribe for or purchase any Notes. Each recipient of this Base Prospectus or any Final Terms and each investor contemplating purchasing any Notes shall be taken to have made its own independent investigation of the condition (financial or otherwise) and affairs, and its own appraisal of the creditworthiness, of the Issuer. Neither this document nor any other information

supplied in connection with the Programme constitutes an offer or invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer or any of the Dealers to any person to subscribe for or to purchase any Notes.

### ***Currency of Information***

Subject to the Issuer's obligations to supplement the Base Prospectus under section 87G of the FSMA, neither the delivery of this document nor the offering, sale or delivery of any Notes shall in any circumstances imply that the information contained herein concerning the Issuer is correct at any time subsequent to the date hereof or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct as of any time subsequent to the date indicated in the document containing the same. The Dealers expressly do not undertake to review the financial condition or affairs of the Issuer during the life of the Programme or to advise any investor in the Notes of any information coming to their attention.

### ***Investment Considerations***

Each potential investor in the Notes must determine (at the time of the initial investment and on an on-going basis) the suitability of that investment in light of its own circumstances. In particular, each potential investor should consider, either on its own or with the help of its financial adviser and other professional advisers, whether it:

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

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

### ***Stabilisation***

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

## DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise specified, all references in the Base Prospectus to:

- **“China”, “Mainland China” and “PRC”** means the People's Republic of China which, for the purposes of this Base Prospectus, shall exclude Hong Kong, the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and references to PRC Government are to the government of PRC;
- **“U.S.\$”, “U.S. dollars”, “USD” or “United States Dollars”** are to the lawful currency of the United States of America;
- **“\$”, “C\$”, “CAD” or “Canadian dollars”** are to the lawful currency of Canada;
- **“Dealers”** means, unless the context otherwise requires, the Dealers named on page 115 hereof and any future dealers that may be appointed either in respect of a particular Tranche or in respect of the Base Prospectus as a whole;
- **“euro”, “€” and “EUR”** are to the currency of the Member States of the European Union introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as amended;
- **“EEA” or “European Economic Area”** means Member States of the European Union together with Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein;
- **“Hong Kong Dollars”** are the lawful currency of Hong Kong;
- the **“Prospectus Directive”** refer to Directive 2003/71/EC (as amended, including by Directive 2010/73/EU) and includes any relevant implementing measure in a relevant Member State;
- **“Member State”** refer to a member state of the EEA;
- **“Relevant Member State”** refer to a Member State which has implemented the Prospectus Directive;
- **“Renminbi”, “RMB” and “CNY”** mean the lawful currency of the People's Republic of China; and;
- **“Sterling”** means the currency of the United Kingdom.

## CAUTION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

From time to time, the Issuer makes written or oral forward-looking statements within the meaning of certain securities laws, including the “safe harbour” provisions of the *United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995* and any applicable Canadian securities legislation. Forward-looking statements may be made in this Base Prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus, in other filings with Canadian regulators, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) or other securities regulators, in other reports to shareholders and in other communications. The forward-looking statements contained in this Base Prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus include, but are not limited to, statements relating to the Issuer’s financial performance objectives, vision and strategic goals, the economic and market review and outlook for Canadian, U.S., European and global economies, the regulatory environment in which the Issuer operates, the outlook and priorities for each of the Issuer’s business segments, and the risk environment including the Issuer’s liquidity and funding risk. The forward-looking information contained in this document is presented for the purpose of assisting the holders and potential purchasers of debt or derivative securities issued by the Issuer and financial analysts in understanding the Issuer’s financial position and results of operations as at and for the periods ended on the dates presented and the Issuer’s financial performance objectives, vision and strategic goals, and may not be appropriate for other purposes. Forward-looking statements are typically identified by words such as “believe”, “expect”, “foresee”, “forecast”, “anticipate”, “intend”, “estimate”, “goal”, “plan” and “project” and similar expressions of future or conditional verbs such as “will”, “may”, “should”, “could” or “would”.

By their very nature, forward-looking statements require the Issuer to make assumptions and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties, which give rise to the possibility that the Issuer’s predictions, forecasts, projections, expectations or conclusions will not prove to be accurate, that the Issuer’s assumptions may not be correct and that the Issuer’s financial performance objectives, vision and strategic goals will not be achieved. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these statements as a number of risk factors could cause the Issuer’s actual results to differ materially from the expectations expressed in such forward-looking statements. These factors – many of which are beyond the Issuer’s control and the effects of which can be difficult to predict – include: credit, market, liquidity and funding, insurance, regulatory compliance, operational, strategic, reputation, legal and regulatory environment, competitive and systemic risks and other risks discussed in the “Risk management” and “Overview of other risks” sections of the Issuer’s 2014 Annual Report (and incorporated by reference herein) and in the “Risk management” section of the Issuer’s Third Quarter 2015 Report to Shareholders also incorporated by reference herein; anti-money laundering; growth in wholesale credit; the high levels of Canadian household debt; cybersecurity; the business and economic conditions in Canada, the U.S. and certain other countries in which the Issuer operates; the effects of changes in government fiscal, monetary and other policies; tax risk and transparency; the Issuer’s ability to attract and retain employees; the accuracy and completeness of information concerning the Issuer’s clients and counterparties; the development and integration of the Issuer’s distribution networks; model, information technology, information management, social media, environmental and third party and outsourcing risk.

Readers are cautioned that the foregoing list of risk factors is not exhaustive and other factors could also adversely affect the Issuer's results. When relying on forward-looking statements to make decisions with respect to the Issuer, investors and others should carefully consider the foregoing factors and other uncertainties and potential events. Material economic assumptions underlying the forward-looking statements contained in this Base Prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein are set out in the "Overview and outlook" section and for each business segment under the heading "Outlook and priorities" of the Issuer's 2014 Annual Report, as updated by the "Overview and outlook" section of the Issuer's Third Quarter 2015 Report to Shareholders, which documents are incorporated herein by reference.

The forward-looking statements included in this Base Prospectus are made only as at the date of this Base Prospectus. Except as required by law, none of the Issuer, any Dealer or any other person undertakes to update any forward-looking statement, whether written or oral, that may be made from time to time by or on behalf of the Issuer.

Additional information about these and other factors can be found under the "Risk management" and "Overview of other risks" sections of the Issuer's 2014 Annual Report and in the "Risk management" section of the Issuer's Third Quarter 2015 Report to Shareholders, which documents are incorporated by reference herein.

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## SUMMARY

Summaries are made up of disclosure requirements known as "**Elements**". These Elements are numbered in Sections A-E (A.1 -E.7). This summary contains all the Elements required to be included in a summary for these types of securities and this Issuer. Because some Elements are not required to be addressed, there may be gaps in the numbering sequence of the Elements. Even though an Element may be required to be inserted in the summary because of the type of securities and Issuer, it is possible that no relevant information can be given regarding the Element. In this case a short description of the Element is included in the summary with the mention of 'not applicable'. Words and expressions defined in "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" shall have the same meanings in this Summary.

<b>Section A - Introduction and Warnings:</b>		
A.1	Warning:	This summary should be read as an introduction to the Base Prospectus. Any decision to invest in the Notes should be based on consideration of the Base Prospectus as a whole by the investor. Where a claim relating to the information contained in the Base Prospectus is brought before a court, the plaintiff investor may, under the national legislation of the Member States, be required to bear the costs of translating the Base Prospectus before the legal proceedings are initiated. Civil liability attaches only to those persons who have tabled the summary including any translation thereof, but only if the summary is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent when read together with the other parts of the Base Prospectus or it does not provide, when read together with the other parts of the Base Prospectus, key information in order to aid investors when considering whether to invest in such Notes.
A.2	Consent to use of this Base Prospectus in subsequent resale or final placement of Notes, indication of offer period and conditions to consent to subsequent resale or final placement and warning:	Not Applicable. The Notes may only be offered within the European Economic Area (" <b>EEA</b> ") to qualified investors (as defined in the Prospectus Directive) on an exempt basis pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive. The Issuer has not, and will not, give its consent for any financial intermediary or other offeror to use this Base Prospectus in connection with any offer of the Notes.
<b>Section B - Issuer:</b>		
B.1	Legal and commercial name:	Royal Bank of Canada
B.2	Domicile, Legal Form, Country of Incorporation and Legislation under which the Issuer operates:	The Issuer is incorporated and domiciled in Canada and is a Schedule 1 bank under the <i>Bank Act</i> (Canada) which constitutes its charter.
B.4b	Known trends affecting the Issuer and its Industry:	The banking environment and markets in which the Issuer conducts its businesses will continue to be strongly influenced by developments in the Canadian, U.S. and European economies and global capital markets. As with other financial services providers, the Bank continues to face increased supervision and regulation in most of the jurisdictions in which it operates, particularly in the areas of funding, liquidity, capital adequacy and prudential regulation.

B.5	Group Position:	Royal Bank of Canada and its subsidiaries are referred to as the " <b>RBC Group</b> ". Royal Bank of Canada is the ultimate parent and main operating company of the RBC Group.
B.9	Profit Forecasts or Estimates:	Not applicable. No profit forecasts or estimates made.
B.10:	Description of any Qualifications in the Audit Report on the Historical Financial Information	Not applicable. The audit reports on the historical financial information are not qualified.
B.12	Key Historical Financial Information; no material adverse change and no significant change statements:	With the exception of the figures for return on common equity, information in the tables below for the years ended October 31, 2014 and 2013 and for the quarters ended July 31, 2015 and 2014 have been extracted from the Issuer's 2014 audited consolidated financial statements and the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the three and nine month periods ended July 31, 2015, respectively, all of which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and are incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus. The amounts under return on common equity have been extracted from the Bank's 2014 Annual Report and Third Quarter 2015 Report to Shareholders, respectively:

#### Selected Consolidated Balance Sheet Information

	As at July 31, 2015	As at July 31, 2014	As at October 31, 2014	As at October 31, 2013
	<i>(in millions of Canadian dollars)</i>			
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	462,599	430,421	435,229	408,850
Total assets	1,085,173	913,870	940,550	859,745
Deposits	694,236	601,691	614,100	563,079
Other liabilities	320,844	251,227	263,413	239,250
Subordinated debentures	7,374	6,810	7,859	7,443
Trust capital securities	0	0	0	0
Preferred share liabilities	0	0	0	0
Non-controlling interest in subsidiaries	1,795	1,783	1,813	1,795
Equity attributable to shareholders	60,103	51,714	52,690	47,665

## Selected Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income

	Nine months ended July 31, 2015	Nine months ended July 31, 2014	Year ended October 31, 2014	Year ended October 31, 2013
	<i>(in millions of Canadian dollars except per share amounts and percentage amounts)</i>			
Net interest income	10,971	10,556	14,116	13,249
Non-interest income	16,331	15,170	19,992	17,433
Total revenue	27,302	25,726	34,108	30,682
Provision for credit losses	822	819	1,164	1,237
Insurance policyholder benefits, claims and acquisition expense	2,671	2,821	3,573	2,784
Non-interest expense	13,991	13,321	17,661	16,214
Net Income	7,433	6,671	9,004	8,342
Earnings per share				
– basic	\$5.00	\$4.45	\$6.03	\$5.53
	\$4.99	\$4.43		
– diluted			\$6.00	\$5.49
Return on common equity	18.9%	19.0%	19.0%	19.7%

		<p><b>Statement of no significant or material adverse change</b> Since October 31, 2014, there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the Issuer and its subsidiaries taken as a whole.</p> <p>Since July 31, 2015, there has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of the Issuer and its subsidiaries taken as a whole.</p>
B.13	Description of Recent Events Material to the Issuer's Solvency:	Not applicable. There have been no recent events material to the Issuer's solvency.
B.14	If the Issuer is Dependent upon other Entities Within the Group, this must be Clearly Stated:	Not applicable. The Issuer is not dependent upon other entities within the RBC Group.
B.15	Issuer Principal Activities:	All references to the "Bank" in this section refer to the Bank and its subsidiaries, unless the context otherwise requires. The Bank is Canada's largest bank, and one of the largest banks in the world, based on market capitalization. The Bank is one of North America's leading diversified financial services companies, and provides personal and commercial banking, wealth management, insurance, investor services and capital markets products and services on a global basis. The Bank employs approximately 79,000 full and part-time employees who serve more than 16 million personal, business, public sector and institutional clients

		<p>through offices in Canada, the U.S. and 38 other countries.</p> <p>The Bank's business segments are Personal &amp; Commercial Banking, Wealth Management, Insurance, Investor &amp; Treasury Services, and Capital Markets.</p> <p>Personal &amp; Commercial Banking comprises personal and business banking operations in Canada, the Caribbean and the U.S., as well as the Bank's automobile financing and retail investment businesses in Canada, the Caribbean and the U.S.</p> <p>Wealth Management serves affluent, high net worth and ultra high net worth clients from the Bank's offices in key financial centres mainly in Canada, the U.S., the U.K., Channel Islands, continental Europe and Asia with a comprehensive suite of investment, trust, banking, credit and other wealth management solutions. The Bank also provides asset management products and services directly to institutional and individual clients as well as through the Bank's distribution channels and third-party distributors.</p> <p>Insurance provides a wide range of life, health, home, automobile, travel, wealth and reinsurance products and solutions. It offers insurance products and services through the Bank's proprietary distribution channels, comprised of the field sales force which includes retail insurance branches, field sales representatives, call centres and online, as well as through independent insurance advisors and affinity relationships in Canada. Outside Canada, the Bank operates in reinsurance markets globally.</p> <p>Investor &amp; Treasury Services serves the needs of institutional investing clients by providing asset servicing, custodial, advisory, financing and other services to safeguard assets, maximize liquidity and manage risk in multiple jurisdictions around the world. This business also provides short term funding and liquidity management for the Bank.</p> <p>Capital Markets provides public and private companies, institutional investors, governments and central banks with a wide range of products and services. In North America, the Bank offers a full suite of products and services which include corporate and investment banking, equity and debt origination and distribution, and structuring and trading. Outside North America, the Bank offers a diversified set of capabilities in the Bank's key sectors of expertise, such as energy, mining and infrastructure and the Bank is now expanding into industrial, consumer and healthcare in Europe.</p>
B.16	Control of the Issuer:	Not applicable. To the extent known to the Issuer, the Issuer is not directly or indirectly controlled by any person.

B.17	Credit Ratings Assigned to the Issuer or its Debt Securities at the Request of or in Cooperation with the Issuer:	<p>The credit ratings assigned to the Issuer are (i) Aa3 (negative outlook) (long term senior debt), A3 (subordinated debt) and P-1 (short-term debt) and Baa2 (hyb) (preferred shares) by Moody's Investors Services, Inc. ("<b>Moody's USA</b>"), (ii) AA- (negative outlook) (long term senior debt), A-1+ (short-term debt), A (subordinated debt) and BBB+ (preferred shares)** by Standard &amp; Poor's Financial Services LLC ("<b>S&amp;P USA</b>"); (iii) AA (stable outlook) (long term senior debt), AA- (subordinated debt) and F1+ (short-term debt) by Fitch Inc. ("<b>Fitch USA</b>"); and (iv) AA (long term senior debt), AA (low) (subordinated debt)* and R-1 (high) (short-term debt), each with a negative outlook, and Pfd-2 (high) (stable outlook) (preferred shares)** by DBRS Limited ("<b>DBRS</b>").</p> <p>* The Issuer's Basel III-compliant subordinated notes issued after January 1, 2014 have different ratings from these ratings from all rating agencies except Fitch USA. They are rated "A-" by S&amp;P USA, "Baa1 (hyb)" by Moody's USA and "A (low)" (stable outlook) by DBRS.</p> <p>** The Issuer's Basel III-compliant preferred shares issued after January 1, 2014 received different credit ratings from these ratings from both DBRS and S&amp;P USA. They are rated "Pfd-2" (stable outlook) by DBRS; "P-2" by S&amp;P USA using the S&amp;P Canadian scale for preferred shares and "BBB" using S&amp;P USA's global scale for preferred shares.</p> <p>The Notes issuable under the Programme have been generally rated Aa3 (P-1 for short term debt) by Moody's Canada Inc. ("<b>Moody's Canada</b>") and AA- by Standard &amp; Poor's Rating Services, a division of the McGraw-Hill Companies (Canada) Corporation ("<b>S&amp;P Canada</b>").</p> <p><i>Issue specific summary</i>  [The Notes to be issued [have been/are expected to be] rated:  [Moody's Canada: [•]]  [S&amp;P Canada: [•]]  [The Notes to be issued have not been specifically rated.]</p>
<b>Section C - Notes:</b>		
C.1	Description of the Type and Class of Notes / ISIN:	<p>Notes will be issued in series (each a "<b>Series</b>"). Each Series may comprise one or more tranches ("<b>Tranches</b>") issued on different issue dates.</p> <p>Notes may be issued in (a) bearer, (b) registered or (c) in the case of Swedish Notes, dematerialized book-entry form settled in Euroclear Sweden AB ("<b>Swedish Notes</b>"). In respect of each Tranche of Notes issued in bearer form, the Issuer will deliver a temporary global note or, in respect of Notes to which U.S. Treasury Regulation §1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(C) (the "<b>TEFRA C Rules</b>") applies, a permanent global Note. Such global Note will be deposited on or before the relevant issue date therefor with a depository or a common depository for Euroclear Bank SA/NV ("<b>Euroclear</b>") and/or Clearstream Banking, société anonyme ("<b>Clearstream, Luxembourg</b>") and/or any other relevant clearing system. Each temporary global Note will be exchangeable either for a permanent global Note or, in certain cases, for Notes in definitive bearer form and/or (in the case of certain Series comprising both bearer Notes and registered Notes) registered form in accordance with its terms. Each permanent global Note will be exchangeable for Notes in definitive bearer form and/or (in the case of certain Series comprising both bearer Notes and registered Notes) registered form in accordance with its terms.</p>

		<p>Notes in definitive bearer form will, if interest-bearing, either have interest coupons ("<b>Coupons</b>") attached and, if appropriate, a talon ("<b>Talon</b>") for further Coupons. Notes in bearer form are exchangeable in accordance with the terms thereof for Notes in registered form. Notes in registered form may not be exchanged for Notes in bearer form.</p> <p>The Notes may be Fixed Rate Notes, Floating Rate Notes or Zero Coupon Notes.</p> <p><i>Issue specific summary</i>  Series Number: [•]  Tranche Number: [•]  Type of Notes: [Fixed Rate Note] [Floating Rate Note] [Zero Coupon Note]  [Bearer Notes:]  [Initially represented by a Temporary Global Note / Permanent Global Note]  [Temporary Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note or for Definitive Notes and/or (if the relevant Series comprises both Bearer Notes and Registered Notes) Registered Notes]  [Permanent Global Note exchangeable at the option of the bearer for Definitive Notes and/or (if the relevant Series comprises both Bearer Notes and Registered Notes) Registered Notes]  [Registered Notes:]  Form of Registered Notes: [•]  [Swedish Notes]  Aggregate Nominal Amount: [•]  ISIN: [•]  Common Code: [•]  Relevant clearing system: [The Notes will settle in Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg [•]]</p>
C.2	Currency:	<p>Notes may be denominated in any currency or currencies subject to compliance with all applicable legal and/or regulatory and/or central bank requirements.</p> <p><i>Issue specific summary</i>  The currency of the Notes is [•]</p>
C.5	A Description of any Restriction on the Free Transferability of Notes:	<p>Not Applicable. The Notes will be freely transferable, subject to the primary offering and selling restrictions in United Kingdom, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Sweden, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore and Switzerland and under the Prospectus Directive and the laws of any jurisdiction in which the relevant Notes are offered or sold.</p>
C.8	A Description of the Rights Attaching to the Notes, Including Ranking and any Limitation on those Rights:	<p><b>Issue Price:</b> Notes may be issued at their nominal amount or at a discount or premium to their nominal amount. The issue price will be determined by the Issuer prior to the offering of each Tranche after taking into account certain factors including market conditions.</p> <p><i>Issue specific summary</i>  [[•] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount] [plus accrued interest from [•]]</p> <p><b>Denominations:</b> Notes will be issued in such denominations as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms, subject to compliance with all legal and/or regulatory requirements.</p> <p><i>Issue specific summary</i>  [Specified Denomination(s): [•]]</p> <p><b>Ranking:</b> Notes are issued on an unsubordinated basis. None of</p>

	<p>the Notes will be deposits insured under the <i>Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act (Canada)</i>.</p> <p>Notes will constitute unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and will rank <i>pari passu</i> without any preference amongst themselves and at least <i>pari passu</i> with all other present and future unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer (including deposit liabilities), except as otherwise prescribed by law.</p> <p><b>Withholding Tax:</b> Payments in respect of Notes or Coupons will be made without withholding or deduction for any taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatsoever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of Canada, any province or territory or political subdivision thereof or, if the branch of account specified in the applicable Final Terms is London, the United Kingdom or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax, unless the withholding or deduction of such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges is required by law. In that event, the Issuer will (subject to customary exceptions) pay such additional amounts as will result in the Holders of Notes or Coupons receiving such amounts as they would have received in respect of such Notes or Coupons had no such withholding or deduction been required.</p> <p>A specification of a branch of account of the Notes is required by the <i>Bank Act (Canada)</i>. Irrespective of any specified branch of account, the Bank is the only legal entity that issues the Notes and that is obliged to repay the Notes.</p> <p>All payments in respect of the Notes will be subject in all cases to any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto, including withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code) or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder, official interpretations thereof, or any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto.</p> <p><i>Issue specific summary:</i>  [The [Toronto main branch] [London branch] is the branch of account of the Notes.]</p> <p><b>Events of Default:</b> The events of default applicable to Notes are limited to (i) non-payment of principal or non-payment (subject to a grace period) of interest and (ii) insolvency or bankruptcy, the appointment of a liquidator, receiver or receiver and manager or other officer having similar powers or the taking of control of the Bank or its assets by the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (Canada).</p> <p><b>Amendments to Terms and Conditions:</b> Meetings of Holders of Notes may be called, written resolutions prepared or electronic consents solicited to consider matters affecting their interests generally. The provisions governing such meetings, resolutions or consents permit defined majorities to bind all Holders of Notes including Holders who did not vote on the relevant resolution or consent and Holders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority.</p> <p><b>Governing law:</b> The laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.</p>
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C.9	Description of Rights Attaching to the Notes, including Nominal Interest Rate, Interest Payment Date, Maturity Date/ Repayment Procedures, Indication of Yield and Name of Representative of Debt Note Holders:	<p><b>Interest:</b> Notes may be interest bearing or non-interest bearing. Interest (if any) may accrue at a fixed rate or a floating rate. The applicable interest rate or its method of calculation may differ from time to time or be constant for any Series of Notes. Notes may have a maximum interest rate, a minimum interest rate, or both. The length of the interest periods for the Notes may also differ from time to time or be constant for any Series of Notes.</p> <p><b>Fixed Rate Notes:</b> Fixed interest will be payable in arrear on the specified date or dates in each year.</p> <p><i>Issue specific summary:</i>  [Fixed Rate Notes are not being issued]  [Rate(s)] of Interest: [•] per cent, per annum payable [•] in arrear on each Interest Payment Date  Interest Payment Date(s): [•] in each year [subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention set out below] [for payment purposes only / for payment and interest calculation purposes]  [Fixed Coupon Amount(s)]: [•] per Calculation Amount  [Broken Amount(s): [•] per Calculation Amount payable on [•]]  Business Day Convention: [•]</p> <p><b>Floating Rate Notes:</b> Floating Rate Notes will bear interest determined separately for each Series.</p> <p><i>Issue specific summary:</i>  [Floating Rate Notes are not being issued]  Rates of Interest:  [•] month [EURIBOR/LIBOR/CDOR/STIBOR/BBSW] +/- [•] per cent, per annum payable [•] in arrear on each Interest Payment Date  [Specified Period(s): [•]  Interest Payment Dates: [[•] in each year, subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention set out below]  First Interest Payment Date: [•]  Manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined: [•]  Business Day Convention: [•]</p> <p><b>Zero Coupon Notes:</b> Zero Coupon Notes may be issued at their nominal amount or at a discount to it and will not bear interest.</p> <p><i>Issue specific summary:</i>  [Zero Coupon Notes are not being issued]  Accrual Yield: [•] per cent, per annum  Reference Price: [•]</p> <p><b>Yield:</b> The yield in respect of each issue of Fixed Rate Notes is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the compound annual rate of return if the Notes were to be purchased at the Issue Price on the Issue Date and held to maturity. It is not an indication of future yield.</p> <p><i>Issue specific summary:</i>  Indication of yield: [•] [Not Applicable]</p> <p><b>Maturities:</b> Notes will have such maturities as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer, subject to such minimum or maximum maturities as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the issuer or the relevant Specified Currency</p> <p><i>Issue specific summary:</i>  Maturity Date: [•]</p> <p><b>Final Redemption:</b> Subject to any purchases and cancellations or early redemption, Notes will be redeemed on each Maturity</p>
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C.10	Derivative Component in Interest Payments:	<p><i>Issue specific summary:</i> Not applicable. [There is not a derivative component in the interest payment.] [No interest is payable on the Notes.]</p>
C.11	An indication as to whether the securities offered are or will be the object of an application for admission to trading, with a view to their distribution in a regulated market or other equivalent markets with indication of the markets in question:	<p>Applications have been made for Notes to be admitted during the period of twelve months after the date hereof to listing on the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange's Regulated Market. Notes may also be listed, or admitted to trading, as the case may be, on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange or the Nasdaq Stockholm Exchange (once the UK Listing Authority has provided the competent authority in Luxembourg or Sweden, as the case may be, with a certificate of approval attesting that this Base Prospectus has been drawn up in accordance with the Prospectus Directive together with a copy of the Base Prospectus).</p> <p><i>Issue specific summary:</i> [[Notes will be/Series [●] has been] admitted to trading on [the London Stock Exchange's Regulated Market] [the Luxembourg Stock Exchange] [the Nasdaq Stockholm Exchange] with effect from [●].]</p> <p>[The Notes are not intended to be admitted to trading on any market.]</p>

C.21	Indication of the market where the securities will be traded and for which the Base Prospectus has been published:	<p>Applications have been made for Notes to be admitted during the period of twelve months after the date hereof to listing on the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange's Regulated Market. Notes may also be listed, or admitted to trading, as the case may be, on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange or the Nasdaq Stockholm Exchange (once the UK Listing Authority has provided the competent authority in Luxembourg or Sweden, as the case may be, with a certificate of approval attesting that this Base Prospectus has been drawn up in accordance with the Prospectus Directive together with a copy of the Base Prospectus).</p> <p><i>Issue specific summary:</i>  [[Notes will be/Series [●] has been] admitted to trading on [the London Stock Exchange's Regulated Market] [the Luxembourg Stock Exchange] [the Nasdaq Stockholm Exchange] with effect from [●].]</p>
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**Section D - Risks:**

D.2	Key Information on the key risks that are specific to the Issuer:	<p>The following is a summary of the key risks relating to the Issuer:</p> <p><b>Anti-Money Laundering (AML), anti-terrorist financing, anti-bribery and anti-corruption:</b> The Issuer is subject to a highly complex and dynamic set of anti-money laundering, anti-terrorist financing, and anti-bribery and anti-corruption (collectively, AML) laws, regulations and expectations across the multiple jurisdictions in which it operates. These requirements are of critical importance to members of the international financial community, law enforcement agencies and regulatory bodies. The regulatory landscape for AML practices remains in a state of rapid change in response to globalization, proliferation of technologies to conduct financial transactions, and new and changing money laundering and terrorist financing strategies. The scope of AML activities continues to expand with evolving criminal activities, such as tax evasion, human trafficking, bribery, and corruption. Money laundering, terrorist financing, and, increasingly, bribery and corruption pose significant potential risks for RBC. The Issuer's reputation is at risk with regulators, clients and other stakeholders in the event of AML related incidence, particularly in light of the current regulatory environment. The regulatory tolerance for major AML Program failures is low as demonstrated by recent penalties and enforcement actions.</p> <p><b>Growth in wholesale credit:</b> The Issuer's wholesale loan growth has been strong in recent years, largely driven by Capital Markets. Loan growth in the U.S. has been strong given the Issuer's strategy of expanding and strengthening client relationships in that market along with strong demand. Growth has been across various sectors with strong growth in commercial real estate and leveraged financing. In the event of significant economic deterioration, this may have an adverse effect on the Issuer's results of operations and financial condition</p> <p><b>High levels of Canadian household debt:</b> Canadian household debt remains elevated as persistently low interest rates continue to fuel strong home sales, supporting home prices and limiting moderation in mortgage credit growth. The risks surrounding elevated credit balances largely stem from households' continued</p>
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ability to manage existing debt repayments when interest rates rise and a greater share of disposable income is needed to make payments. Additional risk stems from the potential for high household debt to amplify the impact of an external shock to the Canadian economy. The combination of increasing unemployment, rising interest rates and a downturn in real estate markets would pose a risk to the credit quality of the Issuer's retail lending portfolio and may negatively affect the Issuer.

**Cybersecurity:** The Issuer leverages advancements in technology to support its business model and enhance the experience of its clients on a global basis. As a result, the Issuer is exposed to risks related to cybersecurity and the increasing sophistication of cyber-attacks in the marketplace. Attacks in the industry are often focused on compromising sensitive data for inappropriate use or disrupting business operations. Such an attack could compromise the Issuer's confidential information as well as that of its clients and third parties with whom it interacts and may result in negative consequences for the Issuer including remediation costs, loss of revenue, additional regulatory scrutiny, litigation and reputational damage, all of which could adversely impact its ability to make payments and/or deliveries in respect of the Notes.

**Credit Risk:** Credit risk is the risk of loss associated with an obligor's potential inability or unwillingness to fulfil its contractual obligations. Credit risk may arise directly from the risk of default of a primary obligor of the Issuer (e.g. issuer, debtor, counterparty, borrower or policyholder), or indirectly from a secondary obligor of the Issuer (e.g. guarantor or reinsurer). Credit risk includes counterparty credit risk from both trading and non-trading activities. The failure to effectively manage credit risk across all the Issuer's products, services and activities can have a direct, immediate and material impact on the Issuer's earnings and reputation.

**Market Risk:** Market risk is defined to be the impact of market prices upon the financial condition the Issuer. This includes potential gains or losses due to changes in market determined variables such as interest rates, credit spreads, equity prices, commodity prices, foreign exchange rates and implied volatilities. Most of the market risks that have a direct impact on the Issuer's earnings results from the Issuer's trading activities, where it acts primarily as a market marker.

**Liquidity and Funding Risk:** Liquidity and funding risk (liquidity risk) is the risk that the Issuer may be unable to generate or obtain sufficient cash or its equivalent in a timely and cost-effective manner to meet its commitments as they come due (including the Notes). The nature of banking services inherently exposes the Issuer to various types of liquidity risk. The most common sources of liquidity risk arise from mismatches in the timing and value of cash inflows and outflows, both from on and off-balance sheet exposures. As the Issuer's core funding comprises capital, longer-term wholesale liabilities and a diversified pool of personal and, to a lesser extent, commercial and institutional deposits, a lowering of the Issuer's credit ratings may have potentially adverse consequences for the Issuer's funding capacity or access to capital markets, may affect its ability, and the cost, to enter into normal course derivative or hedging transactions and may require

		it to post additional collateral under certain contracts, any of which may have an adverse effect on its results of operations and financial condition.
D.3	Key Information on the key risks that are specified to the Notes:	<p>The following is a summary of the key risks that are specific to the Notes:</p> <p><b>Withholding Tax:</b> The Notes may be subject to withholding taxes in circumstances in which the Issuer is not obliged to make gross up payments and this would result in holders receiving less interest than expected and could significantly adversely affect their return on the Notes.</p> <p><b>The Secondary market:</b> Notes may have not established trading market when issued, and one may never develop, or may be illiquid. In such case, investors may not be able to sell their Notes easily or at favourable prices.</p> <p><b>Exchange rate rises and exchange controls:</b> The investment of investors whose financial activities are denominated in a currency other than the Specified Currency of the Notes may be adversely affected by changes in exchange rates or currency appreciation, or by the imposition of exchange controls.</p> <p><b>Change of law:</b> A future change in the laws of administrative practice of the governing law of the Notes affects conditions drafted on the basis of such law or practice prior to the relevant change(s) and could materially adversely impact the value of the Notes.</p> <p><b>Modifications to Conditions:</b> The conditions of the Notes contain provisions which may permit their modification without the consent of all investors.</p> <p><b>Canadian resolution power:</b> The Notes may be subject to effective write-off or write-down under current Canadian resolution powers.</p> <p><i>Issue specific summary</i></p> <p><b>[Payments in Euro:</b> If the Specified Currency is unavailable on the foreign exchange markets due to circumstances beyond its control, the Issuer will be entitled to satisfy its obligations in respect of payment on the Notes by making payment in Euro on the basis of the spot exchange rate (the "Euro FX Rate") or in its absence, a substitute rate determined by the Issuer or its Calculation Agent in its discretion. The Euro FX Rate or any such substitute rate may be such that the resulting Euro amount is zero and in such event no amount in Euro will be payable.]</p> <p><b>[Fixed Rate Notes:</b> Investment in Fixed Rate Note involves the risk that subsequent changes in market interest rates may adversely affect the value of the Fixed Rate Notes.]</p> <p><b>[Issuer Calls:</b> An optional redemption feature exercisable at the option of the Issuer may reduce the return on investment provided by a Note compared to the return that would have been achieved had the Note been redeemed at maturity and the Issuer may chose to redeem the Notes at times when prevailing interest rates may be relatively low.]</p>

		<p><b>[Fixed/Floating Rate Notes:</b> Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may bear interest at a rate that the Issuer may elect to convert from a fixed rate to a floating rate, or from a floating rate to a fixed rate. The Issuer's ability to convert the interest rate will affect the secondary market for, and the market value of, the Notes since the Issuer may be expected to convert the rate when it is likely to produce a lower overall cost of borrowing. If the Issuer converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate, the spread on the Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may be less favourable than prevailing spreads on comparable floating rate notes tied to the same reference rate. In addition, the new floating rate at any time may be lower than the rates on the Issuer's other Notes. If the Issuer converts from a floating rate to a fixed rate, the fixed rate may be lower than the prevailing rates on its other Notes.]</p> <p><b>[Renminbi Notes:</b> Securities denominated in Renminbi are subject to additional risks; Renminbi is not freely convertible or transferable and there are significant restrictions on remittance of Renminbi into and out of the People's Republic of China (excluding Hong Kong, Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and Taiwan) (the "<b>PRC</b>") which may adversely affect the liquidity of Notes denominated in Renminbi; there is only limited availability of Renminbi outside the PRC, which may affect the liquidity of such Notes and the Issuer's ability to source Renminbi outside the PRC to service such Notes; if the Issuer is unable to source Renminbi, it may pay holders of such Notes in U.S. dollars; payments in respect of Notes denominated in Renminbi will only be made to investors in the manner specified under the relevant terms and conditions.]</p>
<b>Section E – Offer:</b>		
E.2b	Reasons for Offer and Use of Proceeds:	<p>The net proceeds of the issue of the Notes will be used by the Issuer for general funding purposes or used by the Issuer and/or its affiliates for hedging the Notes. If, in respect of any particular issue, there is a particular identified use of proceeds, this will be stated in the applicable Final Terms.</p> <p><i>Issue specific summary</i> [The net proceeds after the issue of the Notes will be applied by the Issuer for [●].]</p>
E.3	A Description of the Terms and Conditions of the Offer:	Not Applicable. The Notes may only be offered within the EEA to qualified investors (as defined in the Prospectus Directive) on an exempt basis pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive.
E.4	A Description of any Interest that is Material to the Issue/Offer, including Conflicting Interests:	<p>The relevant Dealers may be paid fees in relation to any issue of Notes under the Programme. Any such Dealer and its affiliates may also have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform other services for, the Issuer and its affiliates in the ordinary course of business.</p> <p><i>[Issue specific summary:</i> The [Dealer[s]/Managers] will be paid [aggregate] commissions [equal to [•] per cent. of the [nominal amount][issue prices] of the Notes]. Any [Dealer/Manager] and its affiliates may also have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform</p>

		<p>other services for the Issuer and its affiliates in the ordinary course of business.</p> <p>[Other than as mentioned above and save for [•], ]/[Not Applicable:] so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the offer of the Notes has an interest material to the offer, including conflicting interests.]</p>
E.7	Estimated Expenses Charged to the Investor by the Issuer or the offeror:	Not Applicable.

## **RISK FACTORS**

*The Issuer believes that the following factors are material for the purpose of assessing risks associated with the Issuer. Most of these factors are contingencies which may or may not occur and the Issuer is not in a position to express a view on the likelihood of any such contingency occurring or the likelihood or extent to which any such contingencies may affect the ability of the Issuer to pay interest, principal or other amounts on or in connection with any Notes. In addition, factors, although not exhaustive, which could be material for the purpose of assessing the market risk associated with Notes issued under the Programme are also described below. Except as required by law, the Bank does not undertake to update any forward-looking statement, whether written or oral, that may be made from time to time by the Bank or on the Bank's behalf.*

*The Issuer believes that the factors described below represent the principal risks inherent in investing in Notes issued under the Programme, but the inability of the Issuer to pay interest, principal or other amounts on or in connection with any Notes may occur for other reasons and the Issuer does not represent that the statements below regarding the risks of holding any Notes are exhaustive. The risks described below are not the only risks the Issuer faces. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to the Issuer or that it currently believes to be immaterial could also have a material impact on the business operations of the Issuer or affect the ability of the Issuer to pay interest, principal or other amounts on or in connection with any Notes. Prospective Investors should also read the detailed information set out elsewhere in this document (including information incorporated by reference) to reach their own views prior to making any investment decisions.*

*Prospective investors should note that the risks relating to the Issuer, its industry and the Notes summarised in the section of this Base Prospectus headed "Summary" are the risks that the Issuer believes to be the most essential to an assessment by a prospective investor of whether to consider an investment in the Notes. However, as the risks which the Issuer faces relate to events and depend on circumstances that may or may not occur in the future, prospective investors should consider not only the information on the key risks summarised in the section of this document headed "Summary" (and set out in more detail below) but also, among other things, the other risks and uncertainties described below.*

### **Contents of the Risk Factors**

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### **1. Factors which are material for the purpose of assessing risks associated with the Issuer**

Prospective investors should consider the section entitled "Risk Factors" at pages 1 to 15 in the Registration Document as referred to in, and incorporated by reference into, this Base Prospectus as set out in "Documents Incorporated by Reference" on page 28 of this Base Prospectus.

## **2. Risks related to the structure of a particular issue of Notes**

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

If a call option is specified to be applicable in the applicable Final Terms, that is likely to limit their market value. During any period when the Issuer may elect to redeem Notes, the market value of those Notes generally will not rise substantially above the price at which they can be redeemed. This also may be true prior to any redemption period.

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

### ***Notes in New Global Notes form may not generally satisfy Eurosystem eligibility criteria***

The New Global Note form has been introduced to allow for the possibility of Notes being issued and held in a manner which will permit them to be recognised as eligible collateral for monetary policy of the central banking system for the euro (the “**Eurosystem**”) and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any or all items during their life. However in any particular case such recognition will depend upon satisfaction of the Eurosystem eligibility criteria at the relevant time. Investors who wish to use interests in New Global Notes as collateral with the Eurosystem should make their own assessment as to whether the Notes meet such Eurosystem eligibility criteria.

### ***Fixed Rate Notes bear interest at a fixed rate, which may affect the secondary market value and/or the real value of the Notes over time due to fluctuations in market interest rates and the effects of inflation***

Fixed Rate Notes bear interest at a fixed rate. Investors should note that (i) if market interest rates start to rise then the income to be paid on the Notes might become less attractive and the price the investor get if they sell such Notes could fall (however, the market price of the Notes has no effect on the interest amounts due on the Notes or what investors will be due to be repaid on the Maturity Date if the Notes are held by the investor issued until they expire) and (ii) inflation will reduce the real value of the Notes over time which may affect what investors can buy with the investments in the future and which may make the fixed interest rate on the Notes less attractive in the future.

### ***Notes with a rate of interest that may change***

If the interest rate on Notes can convert from one interest rate basis to another during the life of the Notes, including where such conversion is at the option of the Issuer, this may affect the secondary market and the market value of the Notes concerned, in particular if the conversion arises at a time when the new rate produces a lower overall cost of borrowing for the Issuer.

If the Issuer has the ability to convert the interest rate the Issuer will be expected to convert the rate when it is likely to produce a lower overall cost of borrowing. For example if the Issuer converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate, the spread on the Notes may be less favourable than then prevailing spreads on comparable floating rate Notes tied to the same reference rate(s). In addition, the new floating rate at any time may be lower than the rates on

other Notes. If the Issuer converts from a floating rate to a fixed rate, the fixed rate may be lower than then prevailing market rates on its Notes.

***Notes issued at a substantial discount or premium may experience price volatility in response to changes in interest rates***

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

**2.1 Risks related to Notes denominated in Renminbi**

Notes denominated in Renminbi ("**Renminbi Notes**") may be issued under the Programme. Renminbi Notes are subject to particular risks, including:

*Renminbi is not freely convertible; there are significant restrictions on remittance of Renminbi into and out of the PRC which may adversely affect the liquidity of Renminbi Notes.*

Renminbi is not freely convertible at present. The PRC Government continues to regulate conversion between Renminbi and foreign currencies despite significant reduction over the years by the PRC Government of control over trade transactions, import and export of goods and services, as well as other frequent routine foreign exchange transactions. These transactions are known as current account items.

However, remittance of Renminbi by foreign investors into the PRC for the purposes of capital account items, such as capital contributions, is generally only permitted upon obtaining specific approvals from, or completing specific registrations or filings with, the relevant authorities on a case-by-case basis and is subject to a strict monitoring system. Regulations in the PRC on the remittance of Renminbi into the PRC for settlement of capital account items are developing gradually.

On April 7, 2011, SAFE promulgated the "Circular on Issues Concerning the Capital Account Items in connection with Cross-border Renminbi" (the "**SAFE Circular**"), which became effective on May 1, 2011. According to the SAFE Circular, in the event that foreign investors intend to use Renminbi (including offshore Renminbi and onshore Renminbi held in the capital accounts of non-PRC residents) to make a contribution to an onshore enterprise or make payment for the transfer of equity interest of an onshore enterprise by a PRC resident, such onshore enterprise shall be required to submit the prior written consent of the relevant Ministry of Commerce ("**MOFCOM**") to the relevant local branch of SAFE of such onshore enterprise and to register for a foreign invested enterprise status. Further, the SAFE Circular clarifies that foreign debts borrowed, and foreign guarantee provided, by an onshore entity (including a financial institution) in Renminbi shall, in principle, be regulated under the current PRC foreign debt and foreign guarantee regime.

On October 13, 2011, the People's Bank of China (the "**PBoC**") promulgated the "Administrative Measures on Renminbi Settlement of Foreign Direct Investment" (the "**PBoC RMB FDI Measures**") as part of the implementation of the PBoC's detailed foreign direct investment ("**FDI**") accounts administration system. The system covers almost all aspects in relation to FDI, including capital injections, payments for the acquisition of PRC domestic enterprises, repatriation of dividends and other distributions, as well as Renminbi denominated cross-border loans. Under the PBoC RMB FDI Measures, special approval for FDI and shareholder loans from the PBoC, which was previously required, is no longer necessary. In some cases however, post-event filing with the PBoC is still necessary. On June 14, 2012, the PBoC further issued the implementing rules for the PBoC RMB FDI Measures, which provides more detailed rules relating to cross-border Renminbi direct investments and settlement. On July 5, 2013, the PBOC promulgated the "Circular on Policies related to

Simplifying and Improving Cross-border Renminbi Business Procedures", which sought to improve the efficiency of the cross-border Renminbi settlement process. For example, where automatic fund remittance occurs, the bank can debit the amount into the relevant account first and subsequently verify the relevant transaction. PBOC further issued the "Circular on the Relevant Issues on Renminbi Settlement of Investment in Onshore Financial Institutions by Foreign Investors" on September 23, 2013, which provides further details for using Renminbi to invest in a financial institution domiciled in the PRC.

On December 3, 2013, the MOFCOM promulgated the "Circular on Issues in relation to Cross-border Renminbi Foreign Direct Investment" (the "**MOFCOM Circular**"), which became effective on January 1, 2014, to further facilitate FDI by simplifying and streamlining the applicable regulatory framework. Pursuant to the MOFCOM Circular, written approval from the appropriate office of MOFCOM and/or its local counterparts specifying "Renminbi Foreign Direct Investment" and the amount of capital contribution is required for each FDI. Unlike previous MOFCOM regulations on FDI, the MOFCOM Circular removes the approval requirement for foreign investors who intend to change the currency of their existing capital contribution from a foreign currency to Renminbi. In addition, the MOFCOM Circular also clearly prohibits FDI funds from being used for any investments in securities and financial derivatives (except for investments in PRC listed companies by strategic investors) or for entrustment loans in the PRC.

As the SAFE Circular, the PBoC RMB FDI Measures and the MOFCOM Circular are relatively new circulars, they will be subject to interpretation and application by the relevant authorities in the PRC.

There is no assurance that the PRC Government will continue to liberalise control over cross-border remittance of Renminbi in the future, that any pilot schemes for Renminbi cross-border utilisation will not be discontinued or that new regulations in the PRC will not be promulgated in the future which have the effect of restricting or eliminating the remittance of Renminbi into or outside the PRC. In the event that funds cannot be repatriated outside the PRC in Renminbi, this may affect the overall availability of Renminbi outside the PRC and the ability of the Issuer to source Renminbi to finance its obligations under Renminbi Notes.

*There is only limited availability of Renminbi outside the PRC, which may affect the liquidity of Renminbi Notes and the Issuer's ability to source Renminbi outside the PRC to service such Renminbi Notes.*

As a result of the restrictions imposed by the PRC Government on cross-border Renminbi fund flows, the availability of Renminbi outside the PRC is limited. Currently, licensed banks in Singapore and Hong Kong may offer limited Renminbi-denominated banking services to Singapore residents, Hong Kong residents and specified business customers. The PBoC has also established a Renminbi clearing and settlement mechanism for participating banks in Singapore, Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan, London, Frankfurt, Seoul, Toronto, Sydney, Doha, Paris, Luxembourg, Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok. Each of Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, Singapore Branch, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited, Bank of China, Macao Branch, Bank of China, Taipei Branch, China Construction Bank (London) Limited, Bank of China, Frankfurt Branch, Bank of Communications, Seoul Branch, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Canada), Bank of China (Australia) Limited, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited, Doha Branch, Bank of China, Paris Branch, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited, Luxembourg Branch, Bank of China (Malaysia) Limited, and Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Thailand) Limited (each an "**RMB Clearing Bank**") has entered into settlement agreements with the PBoC to act as the RMB clearing bank in Singapore, Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan, London, Frankfurt, Seoul, Toronto, Sydney, Doha, Paris, Luxembourg, Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok respectively.

However, the current size of Renminbi-denominated financial assets outside the PRC is limited. Renminbi business participating banks do not have direct Renminbi liquidity support from the PBoC. They are only allowed to square their open positions with the relevant RMB Clearing Bank after consolidating the Renminbi trade position of banks outside Singapore, Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan, London, Frankfurt, Seoul, Toronto, Sydney, Doha, Paris, Luxembourg, Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok that are in the same bank group of the

participating banks concerned with their own trade position, and the relevant RMB Clearing Bank only has access to onshore liquidity support from the PBoC for the purpose of squaring open positions of participating banks for limited types of transactions, including open positions resulting from conversion services for corporations relating to cross-border trade settlement. The relevant RMB Clearing Bank is not obliged to square for participating banks any open positions as a result of other foreign exchange transactions or conversion services and the participating banks will need to source Renminbi from outside the PRC to square such open positions.

Although it is expected that the offshore Renminbi market will continue to grow in depth and size, its growth is subject to many constraints as a result of PRC laws and regulations on foreign exchange. There is no assurance that new PRC regulations will not be promulgated or the settlement agreements will not be terminated or amended in the future which will have the effect of restricting availability of Renminbi outside the PRC. The limited availability of Renminbi outside the PRC may affect the liquidity of Renminbi Notes. To the extent the Issuer is required to source Renminbi outside the PRC to service the Renminbi Notes, there is no assurance that the Issuer will be able to source such Renminbi on satisfactory terms, if at all. If Renminbi is not available in certain circumstances as described in the terms and conditions of the Renminbi Notes, the Issuer may make payments in U.S. dollars (in the case of Notes) pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Notes.

*An investment in Renminbi Notes is subject to exchange rate risks*

The value of Renminbi against the U.S. dollar and other foreign currencies fluctuates from time to time and is affected by changes in the PRC and international political and economic conditions and by many other factors. All payments of interest and principal with respect to Renminbi Notes will be made in Renminbi unless otherwise specified. As a result, the value of these Renminbi payments in U.S. dollar terms may vary with the prevailing exchange rates in the marketplace. If the value of Renminbi depreciates against the U.S. dollar or other foreign currencies, the value of investment in U.S. dollar or other applicable foreign currency terms will decline.

In the event that access to Renminbi becomes restricted to the extent that, by reason of Inconvertibility, Non-transferability or Illiquidity (as defined in the terms and conditions of the Notes), the Issuer is unable, or it is impracticable for it, to pay interest or principal in Renminbi, the terms and conditions of the Notes allow the Issuer to make payment in U.S. dollars at the prevailing spot rate of exchange, all as provided in more detail in the applicable terms and conditions. As a result, the value of these Renminbi payments may vary with the prevailing exchange rates in the marketplace. If the value of Renminbi depreciates against the U.S. dollar, the value of a holder's investment in U.S. dollar terms will decline.

*An investment in Renminbi Notes is subject to interest rate risks*

The PRC Government has gradually liberalised the regulation of interest rates in recent years. Further liberalisation may increase interest rate volatility. The Renminbi Notes may carry a fixed interest rate. Consequently, the trading price of such Renminbi Notes will vary with fluctuations in interest rates. If a holder of Renminbi Notes tries to sell such Renminbi Notes before their maturity, they may receive an offer that is less than the amount invested.

*Payments in respect of Renminbi Notes will only be made to investors in the manner specified in the terms and conditions of the relevant Notes*

Investors may be required to provide certification and other information (including Renminbi account information) in order to be allowed to receive payments in Renminbi in accordance with the Renminbi clearing and settlement system for participating banks in the Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre(s) (as defined in the terms and conditions of the Renminbi Notes). All Renminbi payments to investors in respect of Renminbi

Notes will be made solely (i) for so long as the Renminbi Notes are in global form held with the common depository or common safekeeper, as the case may be, for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg or any alternative clearing system, by transfer to a Renminbi bank account maintained in a Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre in accordance with prevailing Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg rules and procedures, or (ii) for so long as such Renminbi Notes are in definitive form, by transfer to a Renminbi bank account maintained in a Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre in accordance with prevailing rules and regulations. Other than as described in the terms and conditions of the Notes, the Issuer cannot be required to make payment by any other means (including in any other currency or in bank notes, by cheque or draft or by transfer to a bank account in the PRC).

*Gains on the transfer of the Renminbi Notes may become subject to income taxes under PRC tax laws*

Under the PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law, the PRC Individual Income Tax Law and the relevant implementation rules, as amended from time to time, any gain realised on the transfer of Renminbi Notes by non-resident enterprise holders or individual holders may be subject to PRC enterprise income tax ("EIT") or PRC individual income tax ("IIT") if such gain is regarded as income derived from sources within the PRC. While the PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law levies EIT at the rate of 20 per cent. of the gains derived by a non-PRC resident enterprise Noteholder from the transfer of the Notes, its implementation rules have reduced the EIT rate to 10 per cent. In accordance with the PRC Individual Income Tax Law and its implementation rules (as amended from time to time), any gain realised by a non-PRC resident individual Noteholder from the transfer of the Notes may be regarded as being sourced from the PRC and thus be subject to IIT at a rate of 20 per cent. However, there remains uncertainty as to whether the gain realised from the transfer of the Renminbi Notes would be treated as income derived from sources within the PRC and be subject to PRC tax. This will depend on how the PRC tax authorities interpret, apply or enforce the PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law, the PRC Individual Income Tax Law and their respective implementation rules. If such gains are determined as income sourced in the PRC by the relevant PRC tax authorities, (i) a non-PRC resident enterprise Noteholder may be subject to EIT at the rate of 10 per cent. of the gains derived by such non-PRC resident enterprise Noteholder and (ii) a non-PRC resident individual Noteholder may be subject to IIT at the rate of 20 per cent. of the gains derived by such non-PRC resident individual Noteholder, unless there is an applicable tax treaty between PRC and the jurisdiction in which such non-PRC resident enterprise or individual resides that reduces or exempts the relevant EIT or IIT, and the value of their investment in the Renminbi Notes may be materially and adversely affected.

### **3. Risks related to the Notes generally**

***The Terms and Conditions of the Notes contain provisions which may permit their modifications without the consent of all investors***

The Conditions of the Notes contain provisions for calling meetings of holders of Notes, passing written resolutions or obtaining electronic consents to consider matters affecting their interest generally. These provisions permit defined majorities to bind (and to modify or waive certain terms and conditions of the Notes or covenants and agreements made by the Issuer) all Holders including Holders who do not attend and vote at the relevant meeting, sign a written resolution or provide an electronic consent and Holders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority.

Accordingly, Noteholders are exposed to the risk that their rights in respect of the Notes are varied against their will, which may result in an investment in any Notes becoming less advantageous to a particular Noteholder depending on individual circumstances.

***Notes may be subject to write-off, write-down or conversion under current and proposed Canadian resolution powers***

The Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation, Canada's resolution authority, was granted additional powers in 2009 to transfer certain assets and liabilities of a bank to a newly created "bridge bank" for such consideration as it determines in the event of a bank getting into distress, presumably to facilitate a sale of the bank to another financial institution as a going concern. Upon exercise of such power, any remaining assets and liabilities would remain with the "bad bank" which would then be wound up. In this scenario, any liabilities of the Bank, such as the Notes, that remain with the "bad bank" would be effectively written off or subject to only partial repayment in the ensuing winding-up.

On August 1, 2014, the Government of Canada's (GoC) Department of Finance released its bail-in consultation paper, *"Taxpayer Protection and Bank Recapitalization Regime"*. The proposed regime, which applies only to domestic systemically important banks (D-SIBs), is aimed at ensuring that, (i) taxpayers are protected from having to bail out a systemically important bank in the highly unlikely event of such an institution running into difficulty; and (ii) Canada's financial system remains strong by clarifying that a bank's shareholders and creditors are responsible for bearing losses, thereby giving them stronger incentives to monitor the bank's risk-taking activities. The proposed regime focuses on a specific range of eligible liabilities (i.e. senior unsecured term wholesale debt that is tradable and transferable with an original term to maturity of over 400 days) and excludes deposits, shorter-term unsecured wholesale debt, and derivatives. In addition, insured deposits will continue to be guaranteed by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation. The GoC is proposing a statutory power allowing for the permanent conversion, in whole or in part, of the specified eligible liabilities into common shares of a bank. The GoC is also proposing that the conversion power only apply to the specified D-SIB liabilities that are issued, originated or renegotiated after an implementation date determined by the GoC. The regime would not be applied retroactively to liabilities outstanding as of the yet to be determined implementation date.

In the federal budget plan released on April 21, 2015, the GoC confirmed its intention to move forward with Taxpayer Protection and Bank Recapitalization Regime, although no firm timetable was provided. If this proposed regime is implemented as currently proposed any Notes issued after such implementation that fall within the scope of eligible liabilities would be subject to the conversion powers described above and holders of such Notes may receive common shares of the Bank in exchange for their Notes in the event that the Bank ceases or is about to cease being viable. The implementation of the proposed bail in regime could adversely affect the value of Notes issued after the implementation date. However, the proposed regime has not yet been finalized and is subject to change.

***Notes may be subject to write-off, write down or conversion under the resolution powers of authorities outside of Canada***

The Bank has operations in a number of countries outside of Canada, including in particular the United States and the United Kingdom. In accordance with the Financial Stability Board's "Key attributes of effective Resolution Regimes for Financial Institutions" dated October 15, 2014, resolution authorities should have resolution powers over local branches of foreign firms and the capacity to use their powers either to support a resolution carried out by a foreign home authority (for example, by ordering a transfer of property located in its jurisdiction to a bridge institution established by the foreign home authority) or, in exceptional cases, to take measures on its own initiative where the foreign home jurisdiction is not taking action or acts in a manner that does not take sufficient account of the need to preserve the local jurisdiction's financial stability. It is therefore possible that resolution authorities in countries where the Bank has branches or assets, including the United States and the United Kingdom, may adversely affect the rights of holders of the Notes (particularly those

governed by local law where the Branch of Account specified in the applicable Final Terms is in the relevant local jurisdiction), including by using their powers to write down or convert the Notes.

***No obligation to maintain listing***

The Issuer is not under any obligation to Holders to maintain any listing of Notes and may, in its sole discretion, determine that it is unduly burdensome to maintain such listing and seek to terminate the listing of such Notes provided it uses all reasonable efforts to seek an alternative admission to listing, trading and/or quotation of such Notes by another listing authority, securities exchange and/or quotation system that it deems appropriate (including a market which is not a regulated market for the purposes of MiFID or a market outside the EEA). However, if such alternative listing is not available or, in the opinion of the Issuer is impractical or unduly burdensome, an alternative listing may not be obtained.

Although there is no assurance as to the liquidity of any Notes as a result of the listing on a regulated market for the purposes of the MiFID in the European Economic Area or any other market, de-listing such Notes may have a material affect on an Investor's ability to (i) continue to hold such Notes or (ii) resell the Notes in the secondary market.

**The Notes may be subject to withholding taxes in circumstances where the Issuer is not obliged to make gross up payments and this would result in holders receiving less interest than expected and could adversely affect their return on the Notes.**

Under European Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income (the "**Savings Tax Directive**"), Member States are required to provide to the tax authorities of other Member States details of certain payments of interest or similar income paid or secured by a person established in a Member State to or for the account or benefit of an individual resident in another Member State or certain limited types of entities established in another Member State.

For a transitional period, Austria is required (unless during that period it elects otherwise) to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments. The end of the transitional period is dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries. A number of non-EU countries and territories including Switzerland have adopted similar measures (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland).

On March 24, 2014, the Council of the European Union adopted a Council Directive (the "**Amending Directive**") amending and broadening the scope of the requirements described above. The Amending Directive requires Member States to apply these new requirements from January 1, 2017, and if they were to take effect the changes would expand the range of payments covered by the Savings Tax Directive, in particular to include additional types of income payable on securities. They would also expand the circumstances in which payments that indirectly benefit an individual resident in a Member State must be reported or subject to withholding. This approach would apply to payments made to, or secured for, persons, entities or legal arrangements (including trusts) where certain conditions are satisfied, and may in some cases apply where the person, entity or arrangement is established or effectively managed outside of the European Union.

However, the European Commission has proposed the repeal of the Savings Directive from January 1, 2017 in the case of Austria and from January 1, 2016 in the case of all other Member States (subject to on-going requirements to fulfil administrative obligations such as the reporting and exchange of information relating to, and accounting for withholding taxes on, payments made before those dates). This is to prevent overlap

between the Savings Directive and a new automatic exchange of information regime to be implemented under Council Directive 2011/16/EU on Administrative Cooperation in the field of Taxation (as amended by Council Directive 2014/107/EU). The proposal also provides that, if it proceeds, Member States will not be required to apply the new requirements of the Amending Directive.

If a payment were to be made or collected through a Member State which has opted for a withholding system and an amount of, or in respect of, tax were to be withheld from that payment, neither the Issuer nor any Paying Agent nor any other person would be obliged to pay additional amounts with respect to any Notes as a result of the imposition of such withholding tax. The Issuer is required to maintain a Paying Agent in a Member State that is not obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to the Savings Tax Directive.

#### ***U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) withholding may affect payments on the Notes***

The reporting regime and potential withholding tax imposed by sections 1471 through 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("**FATCA**") may affect payments made to custodians or intermediaries in the subsequent payment chain leading to the ultimate investor if any such custodian or intermediary generally is unable to receive payments free of FATCA withholding. It also may affect payment to any ultimate investor that is a financial institution that is not entitled to receive payments free of withholding under FATCA, or an ultimate investor that fails to provide its broker (or other custodian or intermediary from which it receives payment) with any information, forms, other documentation or consents that may be necessary for the payments to be made free of FATCA withholding. Investors should choose the custodians or intermediaries with care (to ensure each is compliant with FATCA or other laws or agreements related to FATCA) and provide each custodian or intermediary with any information, forms, other documentation or consents that may be necessary for such custodian or intermediary to make a payment free of FATCA withholding. Investors should consult their own tax adviser to obtain a more detailed explanation of FATCA and how FATCA may affect them. Foreign financial institutions in a jurisdiction which has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the United States (an "**IGA**") are generally not expected to be required to withhold under FATCA or an IGA (or any law implementing an IGA) from payments they make. The Issuer's obligations under the Notes are discharged once it has made payment to, or to the order of, the common depository or common safekeeper for Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg (as bearer or registered holder of the Securities) or Euroclear Sweden, as applicable, and the Issuer has therefore no responsibility for any amount thereafter transmitted through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear Sweden and custodians or intermediaries.

#### ***Market perceptions concerning the instability of the euro, the potential re-introduction of individual currencies within the Euro-zone, or the potential dissolution of the euro entirely, could adversely affect the value of the Notes***

As a result of the credit crisis in Europe, in particular in Greece, Italy, Ireland, Portugal and Spain, the European Commission created the European Financial Stability Facility (the "**EFSF**") and the European Financial Stability Mechanism (the "**EFSM**") to provide funding to Euro-zone countries in financial difficulties that seek such support. In March 2011, the European Council agreed on the need for Euro-zone countries to establish a permanent stability mechanism, the European Stability Mechanism (the "**ESM**"), which will be activated by mutual agreement, to assume the role of the EFSF and the EFSM in providing external financial assistance to Euro-zone countries. As of July 1, 2013, the ESM is the sole and permanent mechanism for responding to new requirements for financial assistance by Euro-zone countries. Despite these measures, concerns persist regarding the debt burden of certain Euro-zone countries and their ability to meet future financial obligations, the overall stability of the euro and the suitability of the euro as a single currency given the diverse economic and political circumstances in individual Member States. These and other concerns

could lead to the re-introduction of individual currencies in one or more Member States, or, in more extreme circumstances, the possible dissolution of the euro entirely. Should the euro dissolve entirely, the legal and contractual consequences for holders of euro-denominated obligations would be determined by laws in effect at such time. These potential developments, or market perceptions concerning these and related issues, could adversely affect the value of the Notes.

***The value of the Notes could be adversely affected by a change in law or administrative practice***

No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible judicial decision or change to the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein or administrative practice after the date of this Base Prospectus and before the date on which the relevant Notes are issued and any such change could materially adversely impact the value of any Notes affected by it. Such changes in law may include, but are not limited to, the introduction of a “bail-in” regime which may affect the rights of holders of any Notes that fall within the scope of eligible liabilities. See “Notes may be subject to write-off, write-down or conversion under current and proposed Canadian resolution powers” above.

***Investors in Bearer Notes who hold less than the minimum Specified Denomination may be unable to sell their Bearer Notes and may be adversely affected if definitive Bearer Notes are subsequently to be issued***

In relation to any issue of Bearer Notes which has denominations consisting of a minimum Specified Denomination plus one or more higher integral multiples of another smaller amount, it is possible that such Bearer Notes may be traded in the clearing systems in amounts in excess of the minimum Specified Denomination that are not integral multiples of such minimum Specified Denomination. In such a case, a Holder who, as a result of trading such amounts, holds an amount which is less than the minimum Specified Denomination in its account with the relevant clearing system would not be able to sell the remainder of such holding without first purchasing a principal amount of Bearer Notes at or in excess of the minimum Specified Denomination such that its holding amounts to a Specified Denomination. Further, a Holder who, as a result of trading such amounts, holds an amount which is less than the minimum Specified Denomination in his account with the relevant clearing system at the relevant time may not receive a definitive Bearer Note in respect of such holding (should definitive Bearer Notes be provided) and would need to purchase a principal amount of Bearer Notes at or in excess of the minimum Specified Denomination such that its holding amounts to a Specified Denomination before definitive Bearer Notes are issued to such Holder.

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

***Minimum Trading Size Risk***

Notes may, if specified in the applicable Final Terms, be subject to a Minimum Trading Size, in which case such Notes will, for so long as they are held in a clearing system, be transferable only in a principal amount of not less than such Minimum Trading Size. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such Notes will only be transferable in accordance with the rules of the relevant clearing system.

## **Canadian Usury Laws**

The *Criminal Code* (Canada) prohibits the receipt of “interest” at a “criminal rate” (namely, an effective annual rate of interest that exceeds 60 per cent.). Accordingly, the provisions for the payment of interest or a Redemption Amount in excess of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes may not be enforceable if the provision provides for the payment of “interest” in excess of an effective annual rate of interest of 60 per cent.

### ***Notes that bear interest at rates based on LIBOR and/or EURIBOR may be adversely affected by a change in the Bank’s inter-bank lending rate reporting practices or the regulation or scrutiny of the method in which LIBOR and/or EURIBOR are determined***

Regulators and law enforcement agencies from a number of governments have been conducting investigations relating to the calculation of the London inter-bank lending rate (“**LIBOR**”) across a range of maturities and currencies, and certain financial institutions that were member banks surveyed by the British Bankers’ Association (“**BBA**”) in setting daily LIBOR have entered into agreements with the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission and/or the U.K. Financial Services Authority (now the Financial Conduct Authority (the “**FCA**”)) in order to resolve the investigations.

In September 2012, the U.K. government published the results of its review of LIBOR, which is referred to as the “Wheatley Review”. The Wheatley Review made a number of recommendations for changes with respect to LIBOR, including the introduction of statutory regulation of LIBOR, the transfer of responsibility for LIBOR from the BBA to an independent administrator, changes to the method of compilation of lending rates, new regulatory oversight and enforcement mechanisms for rate-setting and the corroboration of LIBOR, as far as possible, by transactional data. Based on the Wheatley Review, on March 25, 2013, final rules for the regulation and supervision of LIBOR by the FCA were published (the “**FCA Rules**”). In particular, the FCA Rules include requirements that (1) an independent LIBOR administrator monitor and survey LIBOR submissions to identify breaches of practice standards and/or potentially manipulative behavior, and (2) firms submitting data to LIBOR establish and maintain a clear conflicts of interest policy and appropriate systems and controls. The FCA Rules took effect on April 2, 2013.

Outside of the UK, it is anticipated that a reform of EURIBOR will be implemented also, which may (but will not necessarily) be in a similar fashion. Accordingly, EURIBOR calculation and publication could be altered, suspended or discontinued.

The European Money Markets Institute (formerly Euribor-EBF) (the “**EMMI**”) has continued in its role as administrator of EURIBOR but has also undertaken a number of reforms in relation to its governance and technical framework since January 2013 pursuant to recommendations by the European Securities and Markets Authority (“**ESMA**”) and the European Banking Authority.

It is not possible to predict the further effect of the FCA Rules, any changes in the methods pursuant to which LIBOR and/or EURIBOR rates are determined or any other reforms to or general increased regulatory scrutiny of LIBOR and/or EURIBOR that may be enacted or undertaken in the U.K., the European Union (the “**EU**”) and elsewhere, each of which may adversely affect the trading market for LIBOR-based, and/or EURIBOR based securities. A proposal for a European Regulation has been put forward by the European Commission and the dialogue negotiation process between the European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission is currently in progress and should result in a near final version of the proposed Regulation. If and when the final version of the Regulation is agreed it is likely to impact on the way in which benchmarks are regulated in the EU. In addition, such factors and any changes announced by the FCA, ICE, the EMMI, the European Commission or any other successor governance or oversight body, or future changes adopted by such body, in

the method pursuant to which LIBOR and/or EURIBOR rates are determined may result in, among other things, a sudden or prolonged increase or decrease in the reported LIBOR and/or EURIBOR rates, a delay in the publication of any such benchmark rates, trigger changes in the rules or methodologies in certain benchmarks discouraging market participants from continuing to administer or participate in certain benchmarks and, in certain situations, could result in a benchmark rate no longer being determined and published. Accordingly, in respect of a Note referencing LIBOR and/or EURIBOR, any such changes, in applicable regulation and reform could have a material adverse effect on the value of and return on such a Note (including potential rates of interest thereon).

#### **4. Risks related to the market generally**

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

***An active secondary market in respect of the Notes may never be established or may be illiquid and this would adversely affect the value at which an investor could sell his Notes***

Notes may have no established trading market when issued. There can be no assurances of a secondary market for the Notes or the continued liquidity of such market if one ever develops. The secondary market for the Notes would be affected by a number of factors independent of the creditworthiness of the Issuer which may include the method of calculating the principal or any interest to be paid in respect of the Notes, the time remaining to the maturity of such Notes, the outstanding amount of such Notes, any redemption functions of such Notes and the level, direction or volatility of market interest rates generally. Such factors will also affect the market value of the Notes. Investors may not be able to sell their Notes easily or at prices that will enable them to readily realise their anticipated yield. No investor should purchase Notes unless such investor understands and is able to bear the risk that certain Notes may not be readily saleable, that the value of the Notes will fluctuate over time and that such fluctuations may be significant. The prices at which Zero Coupon Notes, as well as other Notes issued at a substantial discount from their nominal amount payable at maturity, trade in the secondary market tend to fluctuate in relation to general changes in interest rates than do such prices for conventional interest bearing securities of comparable maturities.

The Issuer and any Dealer may, but is not so obliged, at any time purchase Notes at any price in the open market or by tender or otherwise. Any Notes so purchased may be held or resold or surrendered for cancellation as further described herein. A Dealer may, but is not obliged to, be a market-maker for an issue of Notes and may cease to do so at any time. Even if a Dealer is a market-maker for an issue of Notes, the secondary market for such Notes may be limited. In addition, affiliates of the Issuer (including RBC Europe Limited) may purchase Notes at the time of their initial distribution and from time to time thereafter. There may be no secondary market for the Notes and to the extent that an issue of Notes is or becomes illiquid, an investor may have to exercise or wait until redemption of such Notes, as applicable, to realise greater value than its then trading value.

There may be less liquidity in the market for Notes if the Notes are exclusively offered to retail investors, without any offer to institutional investors. To the extent that an issue of Notes become illiquid, an investor may have to wait until the Maturity Date of such Notes to realise value.

***If the investor holds Notes which are not denominated in the investor's home currency, they will be exposed to movements in exchange rates adversely affecting the value of this holding. In addition, the imposition of exchange controls in relation to any Notes could result in an investor not recovering payments on those Notes***

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

Government and monetary authorities may impose (as some have done in the past) exchange controls that could adversely affect an applicable exchange rate or the ability of the Issuer to make payments in respect of the Notes. As a result, the Final Redemption Amount and any interest that Investors receive may be less than expected or zero.

If the Notes are payable in a currency other than Euro and the Specified Currency is unavailable on the foreign exchange markets due to circumstances beyond its control, the Issuer will be entitled to satisfy its obligations in respect of such payment by making payment in Euro on the basis of the spot exchange rate (the "**Euro FX Rate**") or, in its absence, a substitute rate determined by the Calculation Agent in its discretion. The Euro FX Rate or any such substitute rate applied in such circumstances could result in a reduced payment to the holder and such payment amount may be zero. If the Euro is not the Investor's Currency, the holder will be subject to the risks described above. In addition, the exchange rate applied in such circumstances could result in a loss of all or a substantial portion of the principal of such Note, or the interest payable, to the Investor.

***Credit ratings assigned to the Notes might not reflect all the risks associated with an investment in these Notes***

One or more independent credit rating agencies may assign credit ratings to Notes issued under the Programme. The ratings might not reflect the potential impact of all risks related to structure, market, additional factors discussed above and other factors that may affect the value of the Notes. A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be revised, suspended or withdrawn by the rating agency at any time. Accordingly, an investor may suffer losses if the credit rating assigned to the Notes does not reflect the then creditworthiness of such Notes.

***Credit ratings of the Issuer***

The value of the Notes may be affected, in part, by investors' general appraisal of the Issuer's creditworthiness. Such perceptions are generally influenced by the ratings accorded to the Issuer's outstanding securities by rating agencies such as Moody's, S&P and Fitch. A reduction in the rating, if any, accorded to outstanding debt securities of the Issuer, by one of these rating agencies, could result in a reduction of the trading value of the Notes.

## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The following documents which have previously been published or are published simultaneously with this document and as at the date of this document have been approved by or filed with the Financial Conduct Authority are hereby incorporated in, and form part of, this document and both the Base Prospectus set out in this document (or its predecessors):

- (a) the Registration Document of the Issuer dated June 5, 2015 submitted to and filed with the UKLA which includes the following sections:
  - (i) Risk Factors on pages 1 to 15;
  - (ii) Royal Bank of Canada:
    - History and Development of the Issuer on page 19;
    - Principal Activities and Markets on pages 19 to 20;
    - Competition on page 20;
    - Organizational Structure on page 20;
    - Issuer Ratings on page 20;
    - Presentation of Financial Results on pages 21 to 23;
    - Directors on page 24 to 25;
    - Major Shareholders on page 25; and
    - Material Contracts on page 25;
  - (iii) Trend Information on pages 26 and 27.

Any non-incorporated parts of the Registration Document are either deemed not relevant for an investor or are otherwise covered elsewhere herein;

- (b) the entire Annual Information Form dated December 2, 2014 (the “**2014 AIF**”), including, without limitation, the following sections:
  - (i) “Description of the Business – General Summary” on page 3;
  - (ii) “Competition” on page 3; and
  - (iii) “Appendix A – Principal Subsidiaries” on page 25;
- (c) the following sections of the Bank’s 2014 Annual Report (the “**2014 Annual Report**”) for the year ended October 31, 2014:
  - (i) the audited consolidated financial statements, which comprise the Consolidated Balance Sheets, as at October 31, 2014, and October 31, 2013, and the Consolidated Statements of Income, Statements of Comprehensive Income, Statements of Changes in Equity, and Statements of Cash Flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended October 31, 2014, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“**IFRS**”), together with the Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm thereon (excluding-, for greater certainty-, Management’s

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and the Report of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm thereon) (the “**2014 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements**”);

- (ii) the entire Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended October 31, 2014 (the “**2014 MD&A**”), including, without limitation, a description of risk factors related to the Bank and its business, and the steps taken to manage such risks, under the heading “Risk management” on pages 46 to 82 and “Overview of other risks” on pages 82 to 85 and information about trends, commitments, events and uncertainties for the Bank and each business segment known to the Bank's management which is provided under the heading “Economic and market review and outlook – data as at December 2, 2014” on pages 12 and 13, “Outlook and priorities” on pages 23, 28, 31, 34 and 36 together with the caution provided under heading “Caution regarding forward-looking statements” on page 10.

The remainder of the 2014 Annual Report is either not relevant for an investor or is covered elsewhere in this document and is not incorporated by reference;

- (d) the following sections of the Bank's Second Quarter 2015 Report to Shareholders (the “**Second Quarter 2015 Report to Shareholders**”):

- (i) information about legal and arbitration proceedings to which the Bank is a party provided in Note 12 on pages 88 to 89;
- (ii) the entire Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 2 to 54, including, without limitation, information about trends, commitments, events and uncertainties for the Bank known to the Bank's management which is provided on pages 4 to 5 and 23 to 24 under the headings “Economic and market and regulatory review and outlook – data as at May 27, 2015” and “Quarterly results and trend analysis” together with the caution provided under the heading “Caution regarding forward-looking statements” on page 2; and
- (iii) the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the three- and six-month periods ended April 30, 2015 with comparative unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the three- and six- month periods ended April 30, 2014, and the three-month period ended January 31, 2015 (the “**Second Quarter 2015 Unaudited Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements**”), prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*, set out on pages 56 to 91 which have not been audited or reviewed by auditors pursuant to the International Standard on Review Engagements (UK and Ireland) 2410.

The remainder of the Bank's Second Quarter 2015 Report to Shareholders either is not relevant for an investor or is covered elsewhere in this document and is not incorporated by reference; and

- (f) the following sections of the Bank's Third Quarter 2015 Report to Shareholders (the “**Third Quarter 2015 Report to Shareholders**”):

- (i) information about legal and arbitration proceedings to which the Bank is a party provided in Note 12 on page 88;

- (ii) the entire Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 2 to 54, including, without limitation, information about trends, commitments, events and uncertainties for the Bank known to the Bank's management which is provided on pages 4 to 5 and 22 to 23 under the headings "Economic and market and regulatory review and outlook – data as at August 25, 2015" and "Quarterly results and trend analysis" together with the caution provided under the heading "Caution regarding forward-looking statements" on page 2; and
- (iii) the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the three- and nine-month periods ended July 31, 2015 with comparative unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the three- and nine-month periods ended July 31, 2014 and the three-month period ended April 30, 2015 (the "**Third Quarter 2015 Unaudited Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements**"), prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*, set out on pages 56 to 91 which have not been audited or reviewed by auditors pursuant to the International Standard on Review Engagements (UK and Ireland) 2410.

The remainder of the Bank's Third Quarter 2015 Report to Shareholders either is not relevant for an investor or is covered elsewhere in this document and is not incorporated by reference; and

- (g) the sections entitled "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" set out in the base prospectuses dated October 30, 2014, October 24, 2013, April 13, 2012, July 18, 2011, July 16, 2010, July 16, 2009, July 16, 2008, July 16, 2007, July 14, 2006 and July 29, 2005 relating to the Programme; for the avoidance of doubt, the applicable Final Terms for a Tranche of Notes will indicate the Terms and Conditions applicable to such Tranche and unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Final Terms, the Terms and Conditions of all Notes issued after the date hereof shall be those set out in this document,

provided that any statement contained in a document all or the relative portion of which is incorporated by reference shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purpose of this document to the extent that a statement contained herein, in the Bank's Third Quarter 2015 Report to Shareholders noted in (f) above or in any supplement hereto filed under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive or section 87G of FSMA, as the case may be, including any document incorporated therein by reference, modifies or supersedes such earlier statement (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise).

Information, documents or statements expressed to be incorporated by reference into, or that form part of one or more of, the documents noted above form part of this document but do not form part of the Base Prospectus of the Issuer approved by the UK Listing Authority for purposes of the Prospectus Directive, unless otherwise incorporated by reference.

Copies of this document and the documents incorporated by reference herein and any supplement hereto approved by the UK Listing Authority can be (1) viewed on the website of the Regulatory News Service operated by the London Stock Exchange at <http://www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-news-home.html> under the name of the Issuer and the headline "Publication of Prospectus" and (2) obtained on written request and without charge from the Issuer at 200 Bay Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, North Tower, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5J 2W7, Attention: Vice President & Head, Investor Relations and from the office of the Issuing and Paying Agent, The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch, One Canada Square, London E14 5AL, England, Attention: Manager, EMEA Corporate & Sovereign Department and from the office of the Swiss Programme and Paying Agent. Please note that websites and urls referred to herein do not form part of the Base Prospectus.

The Issuer will, in the event of any significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to the information included in the Base Prospectus which is capable of affecting the assessment of any Notes, prepare a supplement to the Base Prospectus or publish a new Prospectus for use in connection with any subsequent issue of Notes issued in circumstances requiring publication of a prospectus under the Prospectus Directive. The Issuer has undertaken to the Dealers in the Amended and Restated Distribution Agreement (as defined in "Subscription and Sale") that it will comply with section 87G of the FSMA.

Except for certain supplementary financial information in respect of the year ending October 31, 2010 included in the Bank's 2014 MD&A incorporated by reference herein (which has been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles), the financial information of the Bank incorporated by reference or otherwise contained in this document has been prepared in accordance with IFRS.

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMME

This Base Prospectus is prepared in relation to the Programme, which was approved by the Board of Directors of the Bank on February 29, 2012. Under the Programme, the Bank may from time to time issue (i) senior and subordinated notes not linked to Reference Items (including the Notes issuable under this Base Prospectus) (the “**Non-Linked Notes**”), (ii) other senior notes (the “**Reference Item Linked Notes**”) linked to one or more underlying assets, or bases of reference or any calculation thereof (each, a “**Reference Item**”), (iii) redeemable certificates (“**Redeemable Certificates**”) or exercisable certificates (“**Exercisable Certificants**”) (together, the “**Certificates**”) linked to one or more Reference Items, or (iv) warrants (“**Warrants**”) linked to one or more Reference Items, denominated in or payable in any currency agreed between the Issuer and the relevant dealer (such Certificates and Warrants together, the “**W&C Securities**” and the W&C Securities, the Non-Linked Notes and the Reference Item Linked Notes together, the “**Securities**”). Non-Linked Notes may be issued under this Base Prospectus, while Reference-Item Linked Notes and W&C Securities may be issued under one or more other prospectuses prepared and published by the Issuer.

The applicable terms of any Notes will be agreed between the Bank and the relevant Dealer(s) prior to the issue of the Notes and will be set out in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes endorsed on, or annexed to, the Notes, as completed by the applicable Final Terms attached to, or endorsed on, such Notes, as more fully described under “Terms and Conditions of the Notes”.

All Notes, Redeemable Certificates and Exercisable Certificates evidencing deposit liabilities under the *Bank Act* (Canada) issued under any prospectus prepared in connection with the Programme may not exceed U.S.\$40,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency as at the date of the issue of the relevant Notes or Certificates) in aggregate principal amount, including the aggregate principal amount then outstanding of all Notes, Redeemable Certificates and Exercisable Certificates evidencing deposit liabilities under the *Bank Act* (Canada) previously or simultaneously issued under the Programme.

All Warrants and Exercisable Certificates not evidencing deposit liabilities under the *Bank Act* (Canada) issued under any prospectus prepared in connection with the Programme may not exceed U.S.\$3,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency as at the close of issue of the relevant Warrants and Exercisable Certificates) in aggregate implied notional amount, including the aggregate implied notional amount then outstanding of all Warrants and Exercisable Certificates not evidencing deposit liabilities under the *Bank Act* (Canada) previously or simultaneously issued under the Programme.

For the purposes of calculating the U.S. dollar equivalent of the aggregate principal amount or implied notional amount, as the case may be, of relevant Securities issued under the Programme from time to time:

- (a) the U.S. dollar equivalent of Securities denominated in another Specified Currency or payable in another Settlement Currency (as applicable) will be determined as of the date of agreement to issue such Notes on the basis of the spot rate for the sale of the U.S. dollar against the purchase of such Specified Currency or Settlement Currency (as applicable) in the London foreign exchange market quoted by the Issuing and Paying Agent on such date or such other rate as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer may agree;
- (b) the U.S. dollar equivalent of dual currency notes and Reference Item Linked Notes will be calculated in the manner specified above by reference to the original principal amount of such Notes;
- (c) the principal amount of Zero Coupon Notes and other Notes issued at a discount or a premium will be deemed to be the net proceeds received by the Bank for the relevant issue of Notes;

- (d) the principal amount of Redeemable Certificates and Exercisable Certificates that constitute deposit liabilities under the *Bank Act* (Canada) will be deemed to be the net proceeds received by the Bank for the relevant issue of such Certificates; and
- (e) the face principal amount of partly-paid Notes will be taken into account regardless of the amount of the subscription price paid.

## FINAL TERMS AND DRAWDOWN PROSPECTUS

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

Any information relating to the Notes which is not included in the Base Prospectus and which is required in order to complete the necessary information in relation to a Tranche of Notes will be contained in the applicable Final Terms. Such information will be contained in the applicable Final Terms unless any of such information constitutes a significant new factor or new term relating to the information contained in the Base Prospectus in which case such information, together with all of the other necessary information in relation to the relevant Tranche of Notes, may be contained in a Drawdown Prospectus.

Each Drawdown Prospectus will be constituted by a single document containing the necessary information relating to the Issuer and the relevant Notes. The terms applicable to any particular Tranche of Notes which is the subject of a Drawdown Prospectus will be the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" as supplemented, amended and/or replaced to the extent described in the applicable Drawdown Prospectus.

In the case of a Tranche of Notes which is the subject of a Drawdown Prospectus, each reference in the Base Prospectus to information being specified or identified in the applicable "Final Terms" shall be to such information being specified or identified in the applicable Drawdown Prospectus unless the context requires otherwise.

With respect to a Tranche of Notes to be admitted to listing, the applicable Final Terms will be delivered to the UK Listing Authority and published in accordance with the Prospectus Directive on or before the date of issue of the Notes of such Tranche, and the applicable Drawdown Prospectus will be approved by the UK Listing Authority and published in accordance with the Prospectus Directive on or before the date of issue of the Notes of such Tranche.

## FORM OF THE NOTES

### Notes

The Notes of each Series will be in either (a) bearer form, with or without interest coupons and/or talons attached, or (b) registered form, without interest coupons and/or talons attached, or (c) dematerialised and uncertificated book-entry-form with interest coupons and/or talons attached settled in Euroclear Sweden (“**Swedish Notes**”). Bearer Notes will only be issued outside the United States.

### Bearer Notes

Each Tranche of Bearer Notes will be initially issued in the form of a temporary global Note without interest coupons attached (a “**Temporary Global Note**”) or, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, a permanent global Note without interest coupons attached (a “**Permanent Global Note**”) and, together with the Temporary Global Notes, the “**Bearer Global Notes**” and each a “**Bearer Global Note**”) which, in either case, will:

- (a) if the Bearer Global Notes are intended to be issued in new global Note (“**NGN**”) form, as stated in the applicable Final Terms, be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche to a common safe-keeper (the “**Common Safe-keeper**”) for Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (“**Euroclear**”) and Clearstream Banking S.A. (“**Clearstream, Luxembourg**”); and
- (b) if the Bearer Global Notes are not intended to be issued in NGN form, be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche to a common depositary (the “**Common Depositary**”) for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

If the Bearer Global Notes are stated in the applicable Final Terms to be issued in NGN form, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will be notified by or on behalf of the Issuer as to whether or not the Notes are intended to be recognised as eligible collateral for European monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem, notwithstanding that such recognition will depend upon satisfaction of the Eurosystem eligibility criteria.

While any Bearer Note is represented by a Temporary Global Note, payments of principal, interest (if any) and any other amount payable in respect of the Bearer Notes due prior to the Exchange Date (as defined below) will be made (against presentation of the Temporary Global Note if the Temporary Global Note is not intended to be issued in NGN form) only to the extent that certification to the effect that the beneficial owners of interests in such Bearer Note are not U.S. persons for U.S. federal income tax purposes or persons who have purchased for resale to any U.S. person, as required by U.S. Treasury regulations, has been received by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, has given a like certification (based on the certifications it has received) to the Issuing and Paying Agent.

On and after the date (the “**Exchange Date**”) which is 40 days after a Temporary Global Note is issued, interests in such Temporary Global Note will be exchangeable (free of charge) upon a request as described therein either for: (i) interests in a Permanent Global Note of the same Series; or (ii) for Definitive Notes of the same Series with, where applicable interest coupons and talons attached and/or (in the case of a Series comprising both Bearer Notes and Registered Notes and if so specified in the applicable Final Terms) Registered Notes in definitive form (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms and subject, in the case of Notes in definitive form, to such notice period as is specified in the applicable Final Terms), in each case against certification of non-US beneficial ownership as described above, unless such certification has already

been given.\* The holder of a Temporary Global Note will not be entitled to collect any payment of interest, principal or other amounts due on or after the Exchange Date unless, upon due certification, exchange of the Temporary Global Note for an interest in a Permanent Global Note or for Notes in definitive form is improperly withheld or refused.

If the applicable Final Terms indicate that a Temporary Global Note is exchangeable for Definitive Notes, the Specified Denominations may not include integral multiples of a lesser amount in excess of a minimum Specified Denomination.

Payments of principal, interest (if any) or any other amounts on a Permanent Global Note will be made through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (against presentation or surrender (as the case may be) of the Permanent Global Note if the Permanent Global Note is not intended to be issued in NGN form) without any requirement for certification.

The applicable Final Terms will specify that a Permanent Global Note will be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole but not in part, for Definitive Notes of the same Series with, where applicable, interest coupons and talons attached and/or (in the case of a Series comprising both Bearer and Registered Notes and if so specified in the applicable Final Terms) Registered Notes in definitive form (a) if an Event of Default occurs in respect of any Note of the relevant Series; or (b) if either Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant clearing system is closed for business for a continuous period of fourteen days (other than by reason of public holidays) or announces an intention to cease business permanently or in fact does so and the Issuer is unable to locate a qualified successor within 90 days of the occurrence of any such event.

Bearer Global Notes and Definitive Notes will be issued pursuant to the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement (as defined in the Conditions).

The following legend will appear on all Bearer Notes which have an original maturity of more than one year and on all interest coupons relating to such Bearer Notes:

“ANY UNITED STATES PERSON WHO HOLDS THIS OBLIGATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS UNDER THE UNITED STATES INCOME TAX LAWS, INCLUDING THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 165(j) AND 1287(a) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.”

The sections referred to provide that United States holders, with certain exceptions, will not be entitled to deduct any loss on Bearer Notes or interest coupons and will not be entitled to capital gains treatment of any gain on any sale, disposition, redemption or payment of principal in respect of such Bearer Notes or interest coupons.

Notes which are represented by a Bearer Global Note will only be transferable in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be.

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\* In relation to any issue of Notes which are expressed to be temporary Global Notes exchangeable for definitive Notes, such Notes shall be tradeable only in amounts of at least their Specified Denomination (or if more than one Specified Denomination, the minimum Specified Denomination and multiples thereof).

## Registered Notes

Registered Notes will be issued in the form of a global Registered Note (a “**Global Registered Note**”) deposited with a common depository for, and registered in the name of a common nominee of, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, as specified in the applicable Final Terms. Persons holding beneficial interests in Global Registered Notes will be entitled or required, as the case may be, under the circumstances described below, to receive physical delivery of Registered Notes in definitive form.

Payments of principal, interest and any other amount in respect of the Global Registered Notes will, in the absence of provision to the contrary, be made to the person shown on the Register as the registered holder of the Global Registered Note. None of the Issuer, any Paying Agent or the Registrar will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments or deliveries made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the Global Registered Notes or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

Payments of principal, interest or any other amount in respect of the Registered Notes in definitive form will, in the absence of provision to the contrary, be made to the persons shown on the Register on the relevant Record Date immediately preceding the due date for payment in the manner provided in that Condition.

Interests in a Global Registered Note will be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole but not in part, for Registered Notes in definitive form without interest coupons or talons attached (a) if an Event of Default occurs in respect of any Note of the relevant Series; or (b) if either Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant clearing system is closed for business for a continuous period of fourteen days (other than by reason of public holidays) or announces an intention to cease business permanently or in fact does so and the Issuer is unable to locate a qualified successor within 90 days of the occurrence of any such event.

Registered Notes will be issued pursuant to the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement (as defined in the Conditions).

## Direct Rights

As noted above, Notes in global form are, in certain circumstances, exchangeable for Notes in definitive form. In the event that (a) a global Note has become due and payable as a result of acceleration as described under “Terms and Conditions of the Notes – Events of Default” or that the Maturity Date in respect thereof has occurred and, in either case, payment in full of the amount due is not made before 8:00 p.m. (London time) on the relevant due date or (b) a global Note is not duly exchanged by 6:00 p.m. (London time) on the thirtieth day after the time at which the preconditions to such exchange are first satisfied, the owner of a beneficial interest in such global Note shall become entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer on the basis of statements of account provided by the relevant clearing system, as specified in the relevant global Note, a copy of which is available at the specified office of the Issuing and Paying Agent.

## Swedish Notes

Swedish Notes will be issued in dematerialized and uncertificated book-entry form in accordance with the Swedish Financial Instruments Accounts Act 1998 (Sw.: *lag (1998:1479) om kontoföring av finansiella instrument*) (the “**SFIA Act**”), other applicable Swedish legislation and the rules and regulations applicable to, and/or issued by, Euroclear Sweden. Swedish Notes will not be issued in definitive form and Swedish Notes will not be exchangeable for Registered Notes or Bearer Notes or vice versa.

Swedish Notes will be registered in the central securities depository register (Sw.: *avstämningsregister*) held by Euroclear Sweden on behalf of the Issuer (the “**Swedish Notes Register**”) and payments of principal, interest or any other amounts on Swedish Notes will be made by Euroclear Sweden on behalf of the Issuer to the persons registered as holders of such notes in the Swedish Notes Register on the fifth Banking Day (or in accordance with the rules and procedures applied by Euroclear Sweden from time to time) prior to the due date of the relevant payment.

Swedish Notes will be issued pursuant to the Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agency Agreement (as defined in the Conditions).

## **General**

Pursuant to the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement, the Issuing and Paying Agent shall arrange that, where a further Tranche of Notes is issued which is intended to form a single Series with an existing Tranche of Notes at a point after the Issue Date of the future Tranche, the Notes of such further Tranche shall be assigned a common code and ISIN and, where applicable, a CUSIP and CINS number which are different from the common code, ISIN, CUSIP and CINS assigned to Notes of any other Tranche of the same Series until such time as the Tranches are consolidated and form a single Series, which should not be prior to the expiry of 40 days after the Issue Date.

Any reference herein to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system specified in the applicable Final Terms or as may otherwise be approved by the Issuer and the Issuing and Paying Agent.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

*The following are the terms and conditions of the Notes, which as completed in relation to any Notes by the applicable Final Terms, will be applicable to each Series of Notes issued after the date of this Base Prospectus unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms. Either (i) the full text of these Terms and Conditions (subject to simplification by deletion of non-applicable provisions) together with the relevant provisions of the Final Terms or (ii) these Terms and Conditions as so completed (subject to simplification by deletion of non-applicable provisions) shall be endorsed on the definitive Bearer Notes and Registered Notes, and in the case of Global Notes, these Terms and Conditions shall be incorporated by reference into such Notes and the applicable Final Terms attached thereto. All capitalised terms that are not defined in these Terms and Conditions will have the meanings given to them in the applicable Final Terms.*

The Notes (other than Swedish Notes (as defined below)) are issued pursuant to and in accordance with an amended and restated issue and paying agency agreement dated 8 June, 2015 (as further amended, supplemented, restated or replaced, the "**Issue and Paying Agency Agreement**") and made between Royal Bank of Canada (the "**Issuer**"), The Bank of New York Mellon, London branch, in its capacities as issuing and principal paying agent and principal certificate and warrant agent (the "**Issuing and Paying Agent**", which expression shall include any successor to The Bank of New York Mellon, London branch in its capacity as such) and The Bank of New York Mellon (Luxembourg) S.A. as registrar (the "**Registrar**", which expression shall include any successor to The Bank of New York Mellon (Luxembourg) S.A. in its capacity as such and any additional registrars appointed in accordance with the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement either with respect to the Programme or with respect to a particular Series). The expression "**Paying Agents**" as used herein shall include the Issuing and Paying Agent and any additional paying agents appointed, if any, in accordance with the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement either with respect to the Programme or with respect to a particular Series. The issuance of Swedish Notes is governed by a Swedish Notes issuing and paying agent agreement (as further amended, supplemented, restated or replaced, the "**Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent Agreement**") dated 31 October, 2011 and made between the Issuer and Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) (the "**Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent**", which expression shall include any successor to Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) in its capacity as such provided that such successor is duly authorised under the Swedish Financial Instruments Accounts Act 1998 (Sw.: *Lagen (1998:1479) om kontoföring av finansiella instrument*) (the "**SFIA Act**")). Any references in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes to "Issue and Paying Agency Agreement" shall be deemed to include, where the context so admits, reference to the Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent Agreement. Copies of the Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent Agreement will be available for inspection during normal business hours at the initial specified offices of the Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent and the Issuer, respectively. All persons from time to time entitled to the benefit of obligations under any Swedish Notes shall be deemed to have notice of, and shall be bound by, all of the provisions of the Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent Agreement insofar as they relate to the relevant Swedish Notes.

The holders of Swedish Notes are entitled to the benefit of the Deed of Covenant (the "**Swedish Deed of Covenant**") dated October 30, 2015 and made by the Issuer. The original of the Swedish Deed of Covenant is held by the Issuing and Paying Agent.

Copies of the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement and the Swedish Deed of Covenant are available for inspection during normal business hours at the specified office of each of the Paying Agents and the Registrar. All persons from time to time entitled to the benefit of obligations under any Notes shall be deemed to have notice of, and shall be bound by, all of the provisions of the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement insofar as they relate to the relevant Notes.

The Notes are issued in series (each, a “**Series**”), and each Series may comprise one or more tranches (“**Tranches**” and each, a “**Tranche**”) of Notes. Each Tranche will be the subject of Final Terms (each, “**Final Terms**”), a copy of which, subject as provided below, will be available free of charge during normal business hours at the specified office of the Issuing and Paying Agent and/or, as the case may be, the applicable Registrar and each other Paying Agent.

References in these Terms and Conditions (the “**Conditions**”) to Notes are to Notes of the relevant Series and means:

- (a) in relation to any Notes represented by a global Note (a “**Global Note**”), units of the lowest Specified Denomination in the Specified Currency;
- (b) any Global Note;
- (c) any definitive Note issued on exchange for a Global Note; and
- (d) any Swedish Note.

References to Coupons (as defined in Condition 1.06) are to Coupons relating to Notes of the relevant Series.

References in these Conditions to the Final Terms are, unless otherwise stated, to Part A of the Final Terms(s) prepared in relation to the Notes of the relevant Tranche or Series.

In respect of the Notes, references herein to these Terms and Conditions are to these terms and conditions as completed by the Final Terms.

References herein to “**RMB Notes**” are to Notes denominated in Renminbi. References herein to “**Renminbi**”, “**RMB**” and “**CNY**” are to the lawful currency of the People’s Republic of China (the “**PRC**”) which, for the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, excludes the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC, the Macau Special Administrative Region of the PRC and Taiwan.

## 1. Form and Denomination

**1.01** Notes are issued in either (a) bearer form (“**Bearer Notes**”), (b) registered form (“**Registered Notes**”) or (c) dematerialised uncertificated book-entry form settled in Euroclear Sweden AB (“**Swedish Notes**”), as specified in the applicable Final Terms and, with the exception of Swedish Notes, are serially numbered. Registered Notes and Swedish Notes will not be exchangeable for Bearer Notes.

This Note may be a Note bearing interest on a fixed rate basis (“**Fixed Rate Note**”), a Note bearing interest on a floating rate basis (“**Floating Rate Note**”), a Note issued on a non-interest bearing basis (“**Zero Coupon Note**”) or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending upon the Interest Basis specified in the applicable Final Terms.

Swedish Notes are being issued in uncertificated and dematerialised book-entry form in accordance with the SFIA Act. No global or definitive Swedish Notes will be issued and these Conditions shall be construed accordingly. The Swedish Notes will be transferable only in accordance with the provisions of the SFIA Act, other applicable Swedish legislation and the rules and regulations applicable to, and/or issued by, Euroclear Sweden AB (“**Euroclear Sweden**”).

The applicable Final Terms will specify whether the Issuer shall have access to the register of creditors (Sw.: *skuldboken*) in respect of the Swedish Notes.

## **Bearer Notes**

**1.02** The Final Terms shall specify whether U.S. Treasury Regulation § 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D) (or any successor U.S. Treasury Regulation section including, without limitation, regulations issued in accordance with U.S. Internal Revenue Service Notice 2012-20 or otherwise in connection with the United States Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act of 2010) (the “**TEFRA D Rules**”) or U.S. Treasury Regulation § 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(C) (the “**TEFRA C Rules**”) (or any successor U.S. Treasury Regulation section including, without limitation, regulations issued in accordance with U.S. Internal Revenue Service Notice 2012-20 or otherwise in connection with the United States Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act of 2010) shall apply or whether the TEFRA Rules are not applicable. Each Tranche of Bearer Notes with an original maturity of more than one year is represented upon issue by a temporary global Note (a “**Temporary Global Note**”), unless the Final Terms specify otherwise, in particular, when the TEFRA C Rules apply.

Where the Final Terms applicable to a Tranche of Bearer Notes specify that the TEFRA C Rules apply or that the TEFRA Rules are not applicable, such Tranche is (unless otherwise specified in the Final Terms) represented upon issue by a permanent global Note (a “**Permanent Global Note**”).

Interests in the Temporary Global Note may be exchanged for:

- (i) interests in a Permanent Global Note; or
- (ii) if so specified in the Final Terms, definitive Bearer Notes (“**Definitive Notes**”) and/or (in the case of a Series comprising both Bearer Notes and Registered Notes and if so specified in the Final Terms) Registered Notes.

Exchanges of interests in a Temporary Global Note for Definitive Notes or, as the case may be, a Permanent Global Note will be made only on or after the Exchange Date (as specified in the Final Terms) and (unless the Final Terms specify that the TEFRA C Rules are applicable to the Notes) provided certification as to the beneficial ownership thereof as required by U.S. Treasury regulations has been received in accordance with the terms of the Temporary Global Note (each certification in such form as is required by the relevant clearing system). An exchange of interests in a Temporary Global Note or a Permanent Global Note for Registered Notes will be made at any time or from such date as may be specified in the Final Terms, in each case, without any requirement for certification.

**1.03** The bearer of any Temporary Global Note shall not (unless, upon due presentation of such Temporary Global Note for exchange (in whole but not in part only) for a Permanent Global Note or for delivery of Definitive Notes and/or Registered Notes, such exchange or delivery is improperly withheld or refused and such withholding or refusal is continuing at the relevant payment date) be entitled to collect any payment in respect of the Notes represented by such Temporary Global Note which falls due on or after the Exchange Date or be entitled to exercise any option on a date after the Exchange Date.

**1.04** Unless the Final Terms specify that the TEFRA C Rules are applicable to the Notes and subject to Condition 1.03 above, if any date on which a payment of interest is due on the Notes of a Tranche occurs while any of the Notes of that Tranche are represented by a Temporary Global Note, the related interest payment will be made on the Temporary Global Note only to the extent that certification as to the beneficial ownership thereof as required by U.S. Treasury regulations (in such form as is required by the relevant clearing system), has been received by Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (“**Euroclear**”) or Clearstream Banking S.A. (“**Clearstream, Luxembourg**”) or any other relevant clearing system in accordance with the terms of the Temporary Global Note. Payments of amounts due in respect of a Permanent Global Note or (subject to Condition 1.03 above) a Temporary Global Note will be made through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant

clearing system without any requirement for further certification. Any reference herein to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall be deemed to include a reference to any other relevant clearing system.

**1.05** Interests in a Permanent Global Note will be exchanged by the Issuer in whole but not in part only at the option of the Holder of such Permanent Global Note, for Definitive Notes and/or (in the case of a Series comprising both Bearer and Registered Notes and if so specified in the applicable Final Terms) Registered Notes, (a) if an Event of Default occurs in respect of any Note of the relevant Series; or (b) if either Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant clearing system is closed for business for a continuous period of fourteen days (other than by reason of public holidays) or announces an intention to cease business permanently or in fact does so and the Issuer is unable to locate a qualified successor within 90 days of the occurrence of any such event; in all cases at the cost and expense of the Issuer.

**1.06** Definitive Notes that are interest bearing have attached thereto, at the time of their initial delivery, coupons ("**Coupons**"), the presentation of which will be a prerequisite to the payment of interest save in certain circumstances specified herein. Definitive Notes that are interest bearing and which have more than 27 interest payments remaining at the time of their initial delivery, have attached thereto a talon ("**Talon**") for further coupons and the expression "**Coupons**" shall, where the context so requires, include Talons.

### **Registered Notes**

**1.07** Where the Final Terms applicable to a Tranche of Registered Notes so specify, such Tranche is represented upon issue by a global registered note ("**Global Registered Note**").

Interests in a Global Registered Note will be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole but not in part, for Registered Notes in definitive form without interest coupons or talons attached (a) if an Event of Default occurs in respect of any Note of the relevant Series; or (b) if either Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant clearing system is closed for business for a continuous period of fourteen days (other than by reason of public holidays) or announces an intention to cease business permanently or in fact does so and the Issuer is unable to locate a qualified successor within 90 days of the occurrence of any such event, in all cases at the cost and expense of the Issuer.

### **Denomination**

#### **Denomination of Bearer Notes**

**1.08** Bearer Notes are in the denominations (the "**Specified Denomination(s)**") specified in the applicable Final Terms. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, Bearer Notes of one denomination may not be exchanged for Bearer Notes of any other denomination.

#### **Denomination of Registered Notes**

**1.09** Registered Notes are in the Specified Denominations specified in the applicable Final Terms.

#### **Denomination of Swedish Notes**

**1.10** Swedish Notes are in the Specified Denominations specified in the applicable Final Terms.

### **Currency of Notes**

**1.11** The Notes are denominated in such currency (the "**Specified Currency**") as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms. Any currency may be so specified, subject to compliance with all applicable legal and/or regulatory and/or central bank requirements.

## 2. Title and Transfer

**2.01** Title to Bearer Notes and Coupons passes by delivery. References herein to the “**Holders**” of Bearer Notes or of Coupons are to the bearers of such Bearer Notes or such Coupons.

**2.02** Title to Registered Notes passes by due endorsement in the relevant register. The Issuer shall procure that the Registrar keep a register or registers in which shall be entered the names and addresses of the Holders of Registered Notes and particulars of the Registered Notes held by them. Such registration shall be noted on the Registered Notes by the Registrar. References herein to the “**Holders**” of Registered Notes are to the persons in whose names such Registered Notes are so registered in the relevant register.

**2.02a** The person appearing in the central securities depository register (Sw.: *avstämningsregister*) held by Euroclear Sweden on behalf of the Issuer (the “**Swedish Notes Register**”) will be treated as the holder of the relevant Swedish Notes and title to the Swedish Notes passes only by registration in the Swedish Notes Register. References herein to the “**Holders**” of Swedish Notes are to the persons in whose names such Swedish Notes are so registered in the Swedish Notes Register. Where a nominee (Sw.: *förvaltare*) is so evidenced it shall be treated as the Holder of the relevant Notes.

**2.03** The Holder of any Bearer Note, Coupon, Registered Note or Swedish Note will for all purposes of the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement and the Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent (except as otherwise required by applicable law or regulatory requirement) be treated as its absolute owner whether or not it is overdue and regardless of any notice of ownership, trust or any interest thereof or therein, any writing thereon, or any theft or loss thereof and no person shall be liable for so treating such Holder.

### **Holders of Global Notes**

**2.04** For so long as any of the Notes is represented by a Global Note held on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg or such other clearing system as set out in the applicable Final Terms, each person (other than Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or such other clearing system as set out in Part B of the applicable Final Terms) who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or such other clearing system as the holder of a particular principal amount of such Notes (a “**Relevant Account Holder**”) (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or such other clearing system as to the principal amount of such Notes standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest or proven error) shall be treated by the Issuer, the Issuing and Paying Agent, the Registrar and any other Paying Agent as the holder of such principal amount of such Notes for all purposes other than with respect to the payment of principal or interest on the Notes, for which purpose the bearer of the relevant Temporary Global Note and/or Permanent Global Note or registered holder of a Global Note shall be treated by the Issuer, the Issuing and Paying Agent and any Paying Agent and any Registrar as the holder of such principal amount of such Notes in accordance with and subject to the terms of the Global Note and/or the Deed of Covenant, as the case may be, and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly. Notes which are represented by a Global Note will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures of Euroclear or of Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant clearing system, as the case may be in force from time to time.

### ***Transfer of Registered Notes and exchange of Bearer Notes for Registered Notes***

**2.05** A Registered Note may, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement and as required by law, be transferred in whole or in part only (provided that such part is, or is an integral multiple of, the minimum Specified Denomination specified in the applicable Final Terms) upon the surrender of the Registered Note to be transferred, together with a form of transfer duly completed and

executed, at the specified office of the Registrar. A new Registered Note will be issued to the transferee and, in the case of a transfer of part only of a Registered Note, a new Registered Note in respect of the balance not transferred will be issued to the transferor.

**2.06** If so specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Holder of Bearer Notes may exchange the same for the same aggregate principal amount of Registered Notes upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement and as may be required by law. In order to exchange a Bearer Note for a Registered Note, the Holder thereof shall surrender such Bearer Note at the specified office outside the United States of America (the “**United States**”) of the Issuing and Paying Agent or of the Registrar, together with a written request for the exchange. Each Bearer Note so surrendered must be accompanied by all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto other than any Coupon where the exchange date (as defined in Condition 2.07) would, but for the provisions of Condition 2.06, occur between the Record Date (as defined in Condition 8.10) for such payment of interest and the next Interest Payment Date for such Coupon.

**2.07** Each new Registered Note to be issued upon the registration of the transfer of a Registered Note or the exchange of a Bearer Note for a Registered Note will, within three Relevant Banking Days of the transfer date or, as the case may be, the exchange date be available for collection by each relevant Holder at the specified office of the Registrar or, at the option of the Holder requesting such exchange or transfer, be mailed (by uninsured post at the risk of the Holder(s) entitled thereto) to such address(es) as may be specified by such Holder. For these purposes, a form of transfer or request for exchange received by the Registrar or the Issuing and Paying Agent after the Record Date in respect of any payment due in respect of Registered Notes shall be deemed not to be effectively received by the Registrar or the Issuing and Paying Agent until the day following the due date for such payment.

For the purposes of these Conditions:

- (i) “**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 and, in the case only of an exchange of a Bearer Note for a Registered Note where such request for exchange is made to the Issuing and Paying Agent, in the place where the specified office of the Issuing and Paying Agent is located;
- (ii) the “**exchange date**” shall be the Relevant Banking Day following the day on which the relevant Bearer Note shall have been surrendered for exchange in accordance with Condition 2.05; and
- (iii) the “**transfer date**” shall be the Relevant Banking Day following the day on which the relevant Registered Note shall have been surrendered for transfer in accordance with Condition 2.04.

**2.08** The issue of new Registered Notes on transfer or on the exchange of Bearer Notes for Registered Notes will be effected without charge by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Issuing and Paying Agent or the Registrar, but upon payment by the applicant of (or the giving by the applicant of such indemnity as the Issuer, the Issuing and Paying Agent or the Registrar may require in respect of) any tax, duty or other governmental charges which may be imposed in relation thereto.

#### ***Minimum Trading Size***

**2.09** Notes represented by a Global Note may, if specified in the applicable Final Terms, be subject to a Minimum Trading Size, in which case such Notes will, for so long as they are cleared through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, be transferrable only in a principal amount of not less than such Minimum Trading

Size. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such Notes will only be transferrable in accordance with the rules of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg.

### 3. Status of the Notes

The Notes constitute legal, valid and binding direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves and at least *pari passu* with all other present and future unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer (including deposit liabilities), except as otherwise prescribed by law.

### 4. Interest

#### *Interest*

**4.01** Notes may be interest-bearing or non interest-bearing. The Interest Basis is specified in the applicable Final Terms. Words and expressions appearing in this Condition 4 and not otherwise defined herein or in the applicable Final Terms shall have the meanings given to them in Condition 4.11.

**4.01a** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Conditions (and in particular this Condition 4), interest on Swedish Notes shall accrue and be calculated from (but excluding) the Interest Commencement Date to (and including) the first Interest Payment Date and following the first Interest Payment Date from (but excluding) an Interest Payment Date to (and including) the next occurring Interest Payment Date and the definition of "Interest Period" shall be construed accordingly.

#### ***Interest on Fixed Rate Notes other than Fixed Rates denominated in Renminbi or Hong Kong Dollars without Fixed Coupon Amounts***

*This Condition 4.02 applies to Fixed Rate Notes only but does not apply where Fixed Rate Notes denominated in Renminbi or Hong Kong Dollars without Fixed Coupon Amounts are specified in the applicable Final Terms. The applicable Final Terms contains provisions applicable to the determination of fixed rate interest and must be read in conjunction with this Condition 4.02 for full information on the manner in which interest is calculated on Fixed Rate Notes. In particular, the applicable Final Terms will specify the Interest Commencement Date, the Rate of Interest, the Interest Payment Date(s), the Maturity Date, the Fixed Coupon Amount, any applicable Broken Amount, the Business Day Convention (if any) applicable to any Interest Payment Date, the Day Count Fraction, any applicable Determination Date and whether any Coupon Switch Option is applicable.*

**4.02** Each Fixed Rate Note bears interest on its Outstanding Principal Amount from and including the Interest Commencement Date at the rate(s) per annum equal to the Rate(s) of Interest specified in the applicable Final Terms. Interest will be payable in arrear on the Interest Payment Date(s) in each year up to and including the Maturity Date if that does not fall on an Interest Payment Date.

Where a Fixed Coupon Amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the amount of interest payable on each Interest Payment Date in respect of the Fixed Interest Period ending on, but excluding, such date will amount to such Fixed Coupon Amount, as specified in respect of any Calculation Amount based on the applicable Rate of Interest and any applicable Day Count Fraction (if any) and if the amount of interest payable on the Interest Payment Date is specified as other than the Fixed Coupon Amount, such amount will be a "**Broken Amount**" specified in the applicable Final Terms.

Where the Notes are represented by a Global Note or where the Specified Denomination of Note in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Note shall be the aggregate of the Fixed Coupon Amounts or Broken Amounts, as the case may be, for each Calculation

Amount comprising the Outstanding Principal Amount of the Global Note or the Specified Denomination of a Note in definitive form, without any further rounding.

As used in these Conditions, “**Fixed Interest Period**” means the period from and including an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to but excluding the next (or first) Interest Payment Date.

Interest will be calculated on the Calculation Amount of the Fixed Rate Notes. If interest is required to be calculated for a period ending other than on an Interest Payment Date, or if a Fixed Coupon Amount is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, such interest shall be calculated in accordance with Condition 4.09.

**4.02a Interest on Fixed Rate Notes denominated in Renminbi or Hong Kong Dollars without Fixed Coupon Amounts**

*This Condition 4.02a applies where Fixed Rate Notes denominated in Renminbi or Hong Kong dollars only without Fixed Coupon Amounts are specified in the applicable Final Terms. The applicable Final Terms contains provisions applicable to the determination of fixed rate interest and must be read in conjunction with this Condition 4.02a for full information on the manner in which interest is calculated on Fixed Rate Notes denominated in Renminbi or Hong Kong dollars without Fixed Coupon Amounts. In particular, the applicable Final Terms will specify the Interest Commencement Date, the rate(s) of interest, the Interest Payment Date(s), the Maturity Date, the Calculation Amount, the Day Count Fraction, the Business Day Convention and any applicable Interest Determination Date.*

Notwithstanding the foregoing, each RMB Note or Note denominated in Hong Kong dollars, which is a Fixed Rate Note, bears interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date at the rate per annum equal to the Rate of Interest. For the purposes of calculating the amount of interest, if any Interest Payment Date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, it shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month in which case it shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day. Interest will be payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date.

The Calculation Agent will, as soon as practicable after the Relevant Time on each Interest Determination Date, calculate the amount of interest payable per Calculation Amount for the relevant Interest Period. The determination of the amount of interest payable per Calculation Amount by the Calculation Agent shall (in the absence of manifest error and after confirmation by the Issuer) be final and binding upon all parties.

The Calculation Agent will cause the amount of interest payable per Calculation Amount for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date to be notified to each of the Paying Agents and to be notified to Holders as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than the fourth Business Day thereafter. The amount of interest payable per Calculation Amount and Interest Payment Date so published may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. If the Notes become due and payable under Condition 6, the accrued interest per Calculation Amount shall nevertheless continue to be calculated as previously by the Calculation Agent in accordance with this provision but no publication of the amount of interest payable per Calculation Amount so calculated need be made.

Interest shall be calculated in respect of any period by applying the Rate of Interest to the Calculation Amount, multiplying such product by the actual number of days in the relevant Interest Period or, as applicable, other period concerned and dividing it by 365, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest Renminbi or Hong Kong dollar sub-unit, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention.

Where the Notes are represented by a Global Note or where the Specified Denomination of a Note in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Note shall be the aggregate of the amounts (determined in the manner provided above) for each Calculation Amount comprising the Outstanding Principal Amount of the Global Note or the Specified Denomination of a Note in definitive form, without any further rounding.

#### **4.03 Interest on Floating Rate Notes**

*This Condition 4.03 applies to Floating Rate Notes only. The applicable Final Terms contains provisions applicable to the determination of floating rate interest and must be read in conjunction with this Condition 4.03 for full information on the manner in which interest is calculated on Floating Rate Notes. In particular, the applicable Final Terms will identify Specified Interest Payment Date(s), the First Interest Payment Date, the Maturity Date, any Interest Period, the Interest Commencement Date, the Business Day Convention, any Business Centre(s), whether ISDA Determination or Screen Rate Determination applies to the calculation of interest, the party who will calculate the amount of interest due if it is not the Issuing and Paying Agent, the Margin, any maximum or minimum interest rates and the Day Count Fraction and whether any Switch Coupon Option is applicable. Where ISDA Determination applies to the calculation of interest, the applicable Final Terms will also specify the applicable Floating Rate Option, Designated Maturity and Reset Date. Where Screen Rate Determination applies to the calculation of interest, the applicable Final Terms will also specify the applicable Reference Rate, Relevant Financial Centre, Interest Determination Date(s) and Relevant Screen Page.*

##### *(i) Interest Payment Dates*

Each Floating Rate Note bears interest on its Outstanding Principal Amount from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and such interest will be payable in arrear on either:

- (A) the Specified Interest Payment Date(s) (each an “**Interest Payment Date**”) in each year specified in the applicable Final Terms with the first Interest Payment Date (the “**First Interest Payment Date**”) being as specified in the applicable Final Terms; or
- (B) if no Specified Interest Payment Date(s) is/are specified in the applicable Final Terms, each date (each an “**Interest Payment Date**”) which falls the number of months or other period specified as the Specified Period(s) in the applicable Final Terms after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.

Such interest will be payable in respect of each Interest Period (which expression, shall, in these Conditions, mean the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date. Interest will be calculated on the Calculation Amount of the Floating Rate Notes.

##### *(ii) Rate of Interest*

The Rate of Interest payable from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes will be determined in one of the manners set out below and specified in the applicable Final Terms.

##### *(iii) Screen Rate Determination*

Where the Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest will be determined as provided below.

(A) Where the Reference Rate is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being LIBOR, EURIBOR, CNH HIBOR or STIBOR:

- (i) the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be either:
  - (1) the offered quotation, or
  - (2) the arithmetic mean (rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one-hundred thousandth of a percentage point, 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations  
(expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate for deposits in the Specified Currency for that Interest Period which appears or appear, as the case may be, on the Relevant Screen Page as of the Relevant Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date, all as determined by the Calculation Agent;
- (ii) if, on any Interest Determination Date, no such Reference Rate so appears or, as the case may be, if fewer than two offered quotations so appear or if the Relevant Screen Page is unavailable or if the offered rate or rates which appear as at the Relevant Time do not apply to a period or duration equal to the Interest Period, the Calculation Agent will request appropriate quotations and will determine the arithmetic mean (rounded as aforesaid) of the rates at which deposits in the relevant currency are offered by the principal Relevant Financial Centre office of the Reference Banks at approximately the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date to prime banks in the Relevant Financial Centre interbank market for a period of the duration of the relevant Interest Period and in an amount that is representative for a single transaction in the relevant market at the relevant time;
- (iii) if, on any Interest Determination Date, only two or three rates are so quoted, the Calculation Agent will determine the arithmetic mean (rounded as aforesaid) of the rates so quoted; or
- (iv) if, on any Interest Determination Date, fewer than two rates are so quoted, the Calculation Agent will determine the arithmetic mean (rounded as aforesaid) of the rates quoted by four major banks in the Principal Financial Centre as selected by the Calculation Agent, at the Relevant Time on the first day of the relevant Interest Period for loans in the relevant currency to leading European banks for a period for the duration of the relevant Interest Period and in an amount that is representative for a single transaction in the relevant market at the relevant time,

and the Rate of Interest applicable to such Notes during such Interest Period will be the rate or, as the case may be, the arithmetic mean (rounded as aforesaid) of the rates so determined plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin, if any, provided however that if the Calculation Agent is unable to determine a rate or, as the case may be, an arithmetic mean of rates in accordance with the above provisions in relation to any Interest Period, the Rate of Interest applicable to such Notes during such Interest Period will be the rate or, as the case may be, the arithmetic mean (rounded as aforesaid) of the rates determined in relation to such Notes in respect of the last preceding Interest Period plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin, if any.

(B) Where the Reference Rate is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being the “**Canadian Dollar Bankers’ Acceptance Rate**”, the average bid rate for bankers’ acceptances in Canadian dollars for the relevant Interest Period which appears on the Reuters Screen CDOR Page (being the Relevant Screen Page) as of 10:00 a.m. (Toronto time) on the Interest Determination Date in question plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

If the Canadian Dollar Bankers' Acceptance Rate does not appear on Reuters Screen CDOR Page or the Reuters Screen CDOR Page is not available, the Calculation Agent shall request the principal Toronto office of each of four Schedule I Canadian chartered banks to provide the Calculation Agent with its bid rate of interest (expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for bankers' acceptances in Canadian dollars, in an amount approximately equal to the aggregate nominal amount of the Notes, for the relevant Interest Period accepted by such Reference Banks as at approximately 10:00 a.m. (Toronto time) on the Interest Determination Date. If two or more of such banks provide the Calculation Agent with such bid rates of interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of such bid rates, plus or minus (as appropriate) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Calculation Agent. If fewer than two such banks provide the Calculation Agent with its respective bid rate of interest, the Reference Rate for such Interest Determination Date shall be the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.00005 being rounded upwards) of the bid rates quoted by major banks in Toronto, selected by the Calculation Agent, for bankers' acceptance in Canadian dollars, in an amount approximately equal to the aggregate nominal amount of the Notes, for the relevant Interest Period accepted by such banks as at approximately 10:00 a.m. (Toronto time) on the Interest Determination Date, for the relevant Interest Period for settlement on such Interest Determination Date, plus or minus (as appropriate) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Calculation Agent, provided that, if the Rate of Interest cannot be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the Rate of Interest shall be determined as at the last preceding Interest Determination Date (though substituting, where a different Margin is to be applied to the relevant Interest Period from that which applied to the last preceding Interest Period, the Margin relating to the relevant Interest Period in place of the Margin relating to that last preceding Interest Period).

(C) Where the Reference Rate is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being "**BBSW**", the Interest Rate applicable to the Floating Rate Notes for each Interest Period is the sum of the Margin and the Bank Bill Rate.

In this Condition "**Bank Bill Rate**" means, for an Interest Period, the rate for prime bank eligible securities having a tenor closest to the Interest Period, which is designated as the "AVG MID" on the Reuters Screen BBSW page, at approximately 10:10 am (Sydney time) on the first day of that Interest Period.

However, if such rate does not appear on Reuters Screen BBSW Page by 10:30 am (Sydney time) on that day, or if it is displayed but the Issuer or the Calculation Agent determines that there is an obvious error in that rate, Bank Bill Rate means the rate determined by the Calculation Agent having regard to comparable indices then available. The rate calculated or determined by the Calculation Agent must be expressed as a percentage rate per annum and will be rounded up, if necessary, to the next higher one ten-thousandth of a percentage point (0.0001 per cent.).

### ***ISDA Rate Determination***

**4.04** Where ISDA Determination is specified in the Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will be the relevant ISDA Rate plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin, if any. For purposes of this Condition 4.04, "**ISDA Rate**" for an Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rates that will be calculated by the Issuing and Paying Agent under an interest rate swap transaction if the Issuing and Paying Agent were acting as Calculation Agent for that swap transaction under the terms of an agreement to which the ISDA Definitions applied and under which:

- the Floating Rate Option (which may refer to a Rate Option or a Price Option, specified in the ISDA Definitions) is as specified in the applicable Final Terms;

- the Designated Maturity is the period specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- the relevant Reset Date is either (i) if the applicable Floating Rate Option is based on the London inter-bank offered rate (“**LIBOR**”) or on the Euro-zone inter-bank offered rate (“**EURIBOR**”) for a currency, the first day of that Interest Period or (ii) in any other case, as specified in the applicable Final Terms;

For the purposes of this Condition 4.04 “**Floating Rate**”, “**Calculation Agent**”, “**Floating Rate Option**”, “**Designated Maturity**” and “**Reset Date**” have the meanings given to those terms in the ISDA Definitions.

#### ***Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest***

**4.05** If any Maximum Rate of Interest or Minimum Rate of Interest is specified in the applicable Final Terms, then the Rate of Interest shall in no event be greater than the maximum or be less than the minimum so specified.

#### ***Linear Interpolation***

**4.06** Where Linear Interpolation is specified as applicable in respect of an Interest Period in the applicable Final Terms, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be calculated by the Calculation Agent by straight line linear interpolation by reference to two rates based on the relevant Reference Rate (where Screen Rate Determination is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms) or the relevant Floating Rate Option (where ISDA Determination is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms), one of which shall be determined as if the Designated Maturity were the period of time for which rates are available next shorter than the length of the relevant Interest Period and the other of which shall be determined as if the Designated Maturity were the period of time for which rates are available next longer than the length of the relevant Interest Period provided however that if there is no rate available for a period of time next shorter or, as the case may be, next longer, then the Calculation Agent shall determine such rate at such time and by reference to such sources as it determines appropriate.

“**Designated Maturity**” means, in relation to Screen Rate Determination, the period of time designated in the Reference Rate.

#### ***Accrual of Interest***

**4.07** Interest on a Note will cease to accrue from the due date for its redemption unless upon due presentation or surrender thereof (if required), payment in full of the Final Redemption Amount is improperly withheld or refused or default is otherwise made in the payment thereof. In such event, interest shall continue to accrue on the principal amount in respect of which payment has been improperly withheld or refused or default has been made (as well after as before any demand or judgment) at the Rate of Interest then applicable or such other rate as may be specified for this purpose in the applicable Final Terms if permitted by applicable law (“**Default Rate**”) until the date on which, upon due presentation or surrender of the relevant Note (if required), the relevant payment is made or, if earlier, the seventh day after the date on which, the Issuing and Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Registrar having received the funds required to make such payment, notice is given to the Holders of the Notes in accordance with Condition 13 that the Issuing and Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Registrar has received the required funds (except to the extent that there is failure in the subsequent payment thereof to the relevant Holder).

### ***Interest Amount(s), Calculation Agent and Reference Banks***

**4.08** If a Calculation Agent is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Calculation Agent, as soon as practicable after the Relevant Time on each Interest Determination Date will determine the Rate of Interest and calculate the amount(s) of interest payable (the “**Interest Amount(s)**”) in the manner specified in Condition 4.09 below, obtain such quote or make such determination or calculation, as the case may be, and cause the Rate of Interest and the Interest Amounts for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date to be notified to the Issuing and Paying Agent, the Registrar (in the case of Registered Notes), the Issuer, the Holders in accordance with Condition 13 and, if the Notes are listed on a stock exchange or admitted to listing by any other authority and the rules of such exchange or other relevant authority so require, such exchange or listing authority as soon as possible after their determination or calculation but in no event later than the fourth London Banking Day thereafter or, if earlier in the case of notification to the stock exchange or other relevant authority, the time required by the relevant stock exchange or listing authority. The Interest Amounts and the Interest Payment Date so notified may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. If the Notes become due and payable under Condition 6, the Rate of Interest and any accrued interest payable in respect of the Notes shall nevertheless continue to be calculated in accordance with this Condition but no publication of the Rate of Interest or the Interest Amount so calculated need be made. The determination of each Rate of Interest, Interest Amount, the obtaining of each quote and the making of each determination or calculation by the Calculation Agent shall (in the absence of manifest or proven error) be final and binding upon the Issuer and the Holders and neither the Calculation Agent nor any Reference Bank shall have any liability to the Holders in respect of any determination, calculation, quote or rate made or provided by it.

The Issuer will procure that there shall at all times be such Reference Banks as may be required for the purpose of determining the Rate of Interest applicable to the Notes and a Calculation Agent, if provision is made for one in the Conditions.

If the Calculation Agent is incapable or unwilling to act as such or if the Calculation Agent fails duly to establish the Rate of Interest for any Interest Period or to calculate the Interest Amounts or any other requirements, the Issuer will appoint the London office of a leading bank engaged in the London interbank market to act as such in its place. The Calculation Agent may not resign its duties without a successor having been appointed as aforesaid.

### ***Calculations and Adjustments***

**4.09** The amount of interest payable in respect of any Note for any period shall be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest to the Calculation Amount, and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the Day Count Fraction, save that in the case of Fixed Rate Notes where Fixed Coupon Amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the interest shall be calculated in accordance with Condition 4.02.

For the purposes of any calculations referred to in these Conditions (unless otherwise specified in the Final Terms), (a) all percentages resulting from such calculations will be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point (with 0.000005 per cent. being rounded up to 0.00001 per cent.), (b) all Japanese Yen amounts used in or resulting from such calculations will be rounded downwards to the next lower whole Japanese Yen amount and (c) all amounts denominated in any other currency used in or resulting from such calculations will be rounded to the smallest sub-unit of such currency, with halves being rounded upwards.

Where the Notes are represented by a Global Note or where the Specified Denomination of a Note in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Note shall be

the aggregate of the amounts (determined in the manner provided above) for each Calculation Amount comprising the Outstanding Principal Amount of the Global Note or the Specified Denomination of a Note in definitive form, without any further rounding.

#### **4.10 Coupon Switch Option Provisions**

This Condition 4.10 is applicable to the Notes only if the Coupon Switch Option is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable and each Note shall bear interest on the following basis.

The Final Terms shall specify whether the Fixed Rate Note Provisions or, as the case may be, the Floating Rate Note Provisions are applicable to the Notes from and including the Issue Date to but excluding the Coupon Switch Option Date. Upon the Issuer giving the requisite notice (which, for the purposes of this Condition 4.10 only, shall be five Business Days prior to the Coupon Switch Option Date or such other notice period as may be specified in the Final Terms) to exercise its Coupon Switch Option, from and including the Coupon Switch Option Date, interest shall accrue on a different basis from the basis which was applicable prior to such Coupon Switch Option Date. The Final Terms shall specify whether the Fixed Rate Note Provisions or, as the case may be, the Floating Rate Note Provisions are applicable, upon the exercise by the Issuer of the Coupon Switch Option, from and including such Coupon Switch Option Date to but excluding the Maturity Date.

For the purposes of this Condition 4.10, “**Business Day**” means a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealings in foreign currency deposits) in the Principal Financial Centre and any Business Centre(s) specified in the applicable Final Terms.

#### **Definitions**

**4.11** In these Conditions, unless the context otherwise requires, the following defined terms shall have the meanings set out below:

“**Banking Day**” means, in respect of any city, a day on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in that city.

“**BBSW**” means the Australian Bank Bill Swap Rate.

“**Business Day**” means:

- (i) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in London;
- (ii) either (A) in relation to Notes payable in a Specified Currency other than euro and Renminbi, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) and settle payments in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency specified in the applicable Final Terms or (B) in relation to Notes payable in euro, a day which is a TARGET Business Day (as defined below) or (C) in relation to any sum payable in Renminbi, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business and settlement of Renminbi payments in each Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre, as defined in Condition 8.17 below; and
- (iii) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the Business Centre(s)

specified in the applicable Final Terms and, if TARGET is specified in the applicable Final Terms as a relevant Business Centre, a day which is a TARGET Business Day.

**“Business Day Convention”** means a convention for adjusting any date if (i) it would otherwise fall on a day that is not a Business Day or (ii) there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month(s) in which such date should occur, and the following Business Day Conventions, where specified in the Final Terms in relation to any date applicable to any Notes, shall have the following meanings:

- (A) **“Following Business Day Convention”** means that such date shall be postponed to the first following day that is a Business Day;
- (B) **“Modified Following Business Day Convention”** or **“Modified Business Day Convention”** means that such date shall be postponed to the first following day that is a Business Day unless that day falls in the next calendar month in which case that date will be the first preceding day that is a Business Day;
- (C) **“Preceding Business Day Convention”** means that such date shall be brought forward to the first preceding day that is a Business Day; and
- (D) **“FRN Convention”** or **“Eurodollar Convention”** means that each such date shall be the date which numerically corresponds to the preceding such date in the calendar month which is the number of months specified in the Final Terms after the calendar month in which the preceding such date occurred, provided that:
  - (1) if there is no such numerically corresponding day in the calendar month in which any such date should occur, then such date will be the last day which is a Business Day in that calendar month;
  - (2) if any such date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then such date will be the first following day which is a Business Day unless that day falls in the next calendar month, in which case it will be the first preceding day which is a Business Day; and
  - (3) if the preceding such date occurred on the last day in a calendar month which was a Business Day, then all subsequent such dates will be the last day which is a Business Day in the calendar month which is the specified number of months after the calendar month in which the preceding such date occurred.

**“Calculation Agent”** means such agent as may be specified in the Final Terms as the Calculation Agent.

**“CDOR”** means the Canadian dollar offered rate.

**“CNH HIBOR”** means CNH Hong Kong inter-bank official rate.

**“Day Count Fraction”** means, in respect of the calculation of an amount for any period of time (each such period an **“Accrual Period”**), such day count fraction as may be specified in the Final Terms and:

- (a) if **“Actual/Actual”** or **“Actual/Actual (ISDA)”** is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Accrual Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of the Accrual Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Accrual Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Accrual Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);

- (b) if “**Actual/365 (Fixed)**” is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Accrual Period divided by 365;
- (c) if “**Actual/365 (Sterling)**” is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Accrual Period divided by 365 or, in the case of an Interest Payment Date falling in a leap year, 366;
- (d) if “**Actual/360**” is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Accrual Period divided by 360;
- (e) if “**30E/360**” or “**Eurobond Basis**” is so specified, means the number of days in the Accrual Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

where,

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (f) if “**30/360**”, “**360/360**” or “**Bond Basis**” is so specified, means the number of days in the Accrual Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

where,

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (g) if “**30E/360 (ISDA)**” is so specified, means the number of days in the Accrual Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

where,

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (h) if “**Actual/Actual (ICMA)**” is so specified:

(i) if the Accrual Period is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period during which it falls, the number of days in the Accrual Period divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Interest Payment Dates that would occur in one calendar year assuming interest was to be payable in respect of the whole of that year; or

(ii) if the Accrual Period is longer than the Determination Period, the sum of:

(x) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the Determination Period in which it begins divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Interest Payment Dates that would occur in one calendar year assuming interest was to be payable in respect of the whole of that year; and

(y) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Interest Payment Dates that would occur in one calendar year assuming interest was to be payable in respect of the whole of that year

where:

“**Determination Date**” means such dates as specified in the applicable Final Terms; and

“**Determination Period**” means the period from and including a Determination Date in any year to but excluding the next Determination Date (including, where either the Interest Commencement Date or the final Interest Payment Date is not a Determination Date, the period commencing on the first Determination Date prior to, and ending on the first Determination Date falling after, such date); and

- (i) if “**RBA Bond Basis**” is so specified, means one divided by the number of Interest Payment Dates in each twelve-month period (or, where the Accrual Period does not constitute an Interest Period, the actual number of days in the Accrual Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of the calculation period falls in a leap year, the sum of (x) the actual number of days in that portion of the Accrual Period falling in a leap year divided by 366; and (y) the actual number of days in that portion of the Accrual Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365)).

“**euro**” means the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as amended.

“**EURIBOR**” means the European inter-bank offered rate.

“**Euro-zone**” means the region comprised of those member states of the European Union participating in the European Monetary Union from time to time.

“**Interest Commencement Date**” means the date of issue (the “**Issue Date**”) of the Notes (as specified in the Final Terms) or such other date as may be specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

“**Interest Determination Date**” means, in respect of any Interest Period, the date specified in the applicable Final Terms, or if none is specified:

- (i) the first day of such Interest Period; or
- (ii) in the case of LIBOR (other than Sterling LIBOR) or EURIBOR, the date falling two London Banking Days (or, in the case of EURIBOR or EUROLIBOR, two TARGET Business Days) prior to the first day of such Interest Period; or
- (iii) in the case of CNH HIBOR, the date falling two Hong Kong Business Days prior to the first day of such Interest Period.

“**Interest Payment Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in, or determined in accordance with the provisions of, the applicable Final Terms and, as the same may be adjusted in accordance with the Business Day Convention, if any, specified in the applicable Final Terms or if the Business Day Convention is the FRN Convention and an interval of a number of calendar months is specified in the Final Terms as being the Specified Period, each of such dates as may occur in accordance with the FRN Convention at such specified period of calendar months following the Interest Commencement Date of the Notes (in the case of the first Interest Payment Date) or the previous Interest Payment Date (in any other case).

“**Interest Period**” means each successive period beginning on and including an Interest Payment Date and ending on but excluding the next succeeding Interest Payment Date, provided always that the first Interest Period shall commence on and include the Interest Commencement Date and the final Interest Period shall end on but exclude the Maturity Date.

“**ISDA Definitions**” means the 2006 ISDA Definitions (as amended, supplemented and updated as at the date of issue of the first Tranche of the Notes of the relevant Series (as specified in the Final Terms) as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.).

“**LIBOR**” means the London inter-bank offered rate.

“**Minimum Trading Size**” has the meaning ascribed to it in the applicable Final Terms.

“**Outstanding Principal Amount**” means, in respect of a Note, its principal amount less, in respect of any Instalment Note, any principal amount on which interest shall have ceased to accrue in accordance with Condition 4.07.

“**Principal Financial Centre**” means such financial centre or centres as may be specified in relation to the Specified Currency for the purposes of the definition of “Business Day” in the ISDA Definitions or indicated in the applicable Final Terms or, in the case of Notes denominated in euro, such financial centre or centres as the Calculation Agent may select.

“**Rate of Interest**” means the rate or rates (expressed as a percentage per annum) or amount or amounts (expressed as a price per unit of relevant currency) of interest payable in respect of the Notes specified in the applicable Final Terms.

“**Reference Banks**” means such banks as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms as the Reference Banks, or, if none are specified, “**Reference Banks**” has the meaning given in the ISDA Definitions, *mutatis mutandis*.

“**Reference Rate**” means either LIBOR, EURIBOR, CDOR, STIBOR or BBSW as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

“**Relevant Financial Centre**” has the meaning ascribed to it in the applicable Final Terms.

“**Relevant Screen Page**” means the page, section or other part of a particular information service (including, without limitation, Reuters) specified as the “Relevant Screen Page” in the applicable Final Terms, or such other page, section or other part as may replace it in that information service, in each case, as may be nominated by the person providing or sponsoring the information appearing there for the purpose of displaying rates or prices comparable to the Reference Rate.

“**Relevant Time**” means the time as of which any rate is to be determined as specified in the Final Terms (which in the case of LIBOR means 11.00 a.m. London time or in the case of EURIBOR means 11.00 a.m. Brussels time, or in the case of CNH HIBOR, means 11.15 a.m. Hong Kong time or if, at or around that time it is notified that the fixing will be published at 2.30 p.m. Hong Kong time, then 2.30 p.m. Hong Kong time) or, if none is specified, at which it is customary to determine such rate) or, if none is specified, the time at which it is customary to determine such rate.

“**Reuters Screen**” means, when used in connection with a designated page and any designated information, the display page so designated on the Reuters Market 3000 (or such other page as may replace that page on that service for the purpose of displaying rates or prices comparable to the Reference Rate).

“**STIBOR**” the Stockholm inter-bank offered rate.

“**TARGET Business Day**” means a day in which the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System is open.

## ***Zero-Coupon Notes***

**4.12** If any Final Redemption Amount in respect of any Zero Coupon Note is not paid when due, interest shall accrue on the overdue amount at a rate per annum (expressed as a percentage per annum) equal to the Accrual Yield defined in, or determined in accordance with the provisions of, the applicable Final Terms or at such other Default Rate as may be specified for this purpose in the applicable Final Terms until the date on which, upon due presentation or surrender of the relevant Note (if required), the relevant payment is made or, if earlier, the seventh day after the date on which, the Issuing and Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Registrar having received the funds required to make such payment, notice is given to the Holders of the Notes in accordance with Condition 13 that the Issuing and Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Registrar has received the required funds (except to the extent that there is failure in the subsequent payment thereof to the relevant Holder). The amount of any such interest shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of Condition 4.09 as if the Rate of Interest was the Accrual Yield (or such other Default Rate specified in the applicable Final Terms), the Outstanding Principal Amount was the overdue sum and the Day Count Fraction was as specified for this purpose in the applicable Final Terms or, if not so specified, 30E/360 (as defined in Condition 4.11).

## **5. Redemption and Purchase**

### ***Redemption at Maturity***

**5.01** Unless previously redeemed, or purchased and cancelled each Note shall be redeemed at its Final Redemption Amount specified in the applicable Final Terms (which shall be par, save in the case of Zero Coupon Notes in respect of which the Final Redemption Amount shall be the amount per Calculation Amount specified in the applicable Final Terms, which amount is at least equal to a 100 per cent. of such Calculation Amount) in the Specified Currency on the Maturity Date.

### ***Early Redemption for Taxation Reasons***

**5.02** If, in relation to any Series of Notes (i) as a result of any change in the laws or regulations of Canada or any province or territory thereof or any authority or agency therein or thereof having power to tax or, in the case of Notes issued by a branch of the Issuer outside Canada, of the country in which such branch is located or of any political subdivision thereof or any authority or agency therein or thereof having power to tax or in the interpretation or administration of any such laws or regulations which become effective on or after the Issue Date of such Notes or any other date specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer would be required to pay additional amounts as provided in Condition 7, (ii) such obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer taking reasonable measures available to it and (iii) such circumstances are evidenced by the delivery by the Issuer to the Issuing and Paying Agent of a certificate signed by two senior officers of the Issuer stating that the said circumstances prevail and describing the facts leading thereto and an opinion of independent legal advisers of recognised standing to the effect that such circumstances prevail, the Issuer may, at its option and having given no less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice (ending, in the case of Floating Rate Notes, on an Interest Payment Date) to the Holders of the Notes in accordance with Condition 13 (which notice shall be irrevocable), redeem all (but not some only) of the outstanding Notes at their Outstanding Principal Amount or, in the case of Zero Coupon Notes, their Amortised Face Amount (as defined in Condition 5.09) or such Early Redemption Amount as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms, together with accrued interest (if any) thereon, provided, however, that no such notice of redemption may be given earlier than 90 days (or, in the case of Floating Rate Notes a number of days which is equal to the aggregate of the number of days falling within the then current Interest Period plus 60 days) prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obliged to pay such additional amounts were a payment in respect of the Notes then due.

The Issuer may not exercise such option in respect of any Note which is the subject of the prior exercise by the Holder thereof of its option to require the redemption of such Note under Condition 5.06.

### **Call Option**

*This Condition 5.03 applies to Notes which are subject to redemption prior to the Maturity Date at the option of the Issuer (other than for taxation reasons), such option being referred to as an "Issuer Call". The applicable Final Terms contains provisions applicable to any Issuer Call and must be read in conjunction with this Condition 5.03 for full information on any Issuer Call. In particular, the applicable Final Terms will identify the Optional Redemption Date(s), the Optional Redemption Amount, any minimum or maximum amount of Notes which can be redeemed and the applicable notice periods.*

**5.03** If Call Option is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being applicable, then the Issuer may, having given the appropriate notice to the Holders in accordance with Condition 13, which notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify the date fixed for redemption, and subject to such conditions as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms, redeem all or, if specified in the applicable Final Terms, some only of the Notes of this Series outstanding on any Optional Redemption Date at the Optional Redemption Amount(s) specified in, or determined in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms together with accrued interest (if any) thereon on the date specified in such notice.

The Issuer may not exercise such option in respect of any Note which is the subject of the prior exercise by the Holder thereof of its option to require the redemption of such Note under Condition 5.06.

**5.04** The appropriate notice referred to in Condition 5.03 is a notice given by the Issuer to the Holders of the Notes of the relevant Series in accordance with Condition 13, which notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify:

- the Series of Notes subject to redemption;
- whether such Series is to be redeemed in whole or in part only and, if in part only, the aggregate principal amount of and (except in the case of a Temporary Global Note or Permanent Global Note) the serial numbers of the Notes of the relevant Series which are to be redeemed;
- the due date for such redemption, which shall be not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days (or such other notice period as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms) after the date on which such notice is given and which shall be such date or the next of such dates ("**Call Option Date(s)**") or a day falling within such period ("**Call Option Period**"), as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms and which is, in the case of Notes which bear interest at a floating rate, a date upon which interest is payable; and
- the Optional Redemption Amount at which such Notes are to be redeemed.

### **Partial Redemption**

**5.05** If the Notes are to be redeemed in part only on any date in accordance with Condition 5.03:

- such redemption must be for an amount not less than the Minimum Redemption Amount nor more than the Maximum Redemption Amount, in each case as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms;

- in the case of a partial redemption of Definitive Notes, the Notes to be redeemed shall be drawn by lot in such European city as the Issuing and Paying Agent may specify, or identified in such other manner or in such other place as the Issuing and Paying Agent may approve and deem appropriate and fair;
- in the case of a Global Note, the Notes to be redeemed shall be selected in accordance with the rules of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system (to be reflected in the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg or such other relevant clearing system as either a pool factor or a reduction in principal amount, at their discretion); and
- in the case of Registered Notes and Swedish Notes, the Notes shall be redeemed (so far as may be practicable) *pro rata* to their principal amounts, provided always that the amount redeemed in respect of each Note shall be equal to the minimum Specified Denomination thereof or an integral multiple thereof,

subject always to compliance with all applicable laws and the requirements of any stock exchange on which the relevant Notes may be listed.

In the case of the redemption of part only of a Registered Note, a new Registered Note in respect of the unredeemed balance shall be issued in accordance with Conditions 2.04 to 2.08, which shall apply as in the case of a transfer of Registered Notes as if such new Registered Note were in respect of the untransferred balance.

### **Put Option**

**5.06** If Put Option is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being applicable, upon the Holder of any Note of this Series giving the required notice to the Issuer specified in the applicable Final Terms (which notice shall be irrevocable), the Issuer will, upon expiry of such notice, redeem such Note subject to and in accordance with the terms specified in the applicable Final Terms in whole (but not in part only) on the Optional Redemption Date and at the Optional Redemption Amount specified in, or determined in accordance with the provisions of, the applicable Final Terms, together with accrued interest (if any) thereon. In order to exercise such option, the Holder must, not less than 45 days before the Optional Redemption Date (or such other notice period as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms) deposit the relevant Note (together, in the case of a Definitive Note that is not a Zero Coupon Note, with all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto other than any Coupon maturing on or before the Optional Redemption Date (failing which the provisions of Condition 8.06 apply)) during normal business hours at the specified office of, in the case of a Bearer Note, any Paying Agent or, in the case of a Registered Note, the Registrar together with a duly completed early redemption notice ("**Put Notice**") in the form which is available from the specified office of any Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Registrar specifying, in the case of a Global Note or Registered Note, the aggregate principal amount in respect of which such option is exercised (which must be the minimum Specified Denomination specified in the applicable Final Terms or an integral multiple thereof). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Notes represented by a Global Note or Registered Note shall be deemed to be deposited with a Paying Agent or the Registrar, as the case may be, for purposes of this Condition 5.06 at the time a Put Notice has been received by the Paying Agent or Registrar, as the case may be, in respect of such Notes. No Note so deposited and option exercised may be withdrawn (except as provided in the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement).

In the case of the redemption of part only of a Registered Note, a new Registered Note in respect of the unredeemed balance shall be issued in accordance with Conditions 2.04 to 2.08 which shall apply as in the

case of a transfer of Registered Notes as if such new Registered Note were in respect of the untransferred balance.

The Holder of a Note may not exercise such Put Option in respect of any Note which is the subject of an exercise by the Issuer of its option to redeem such Note under either Condition 5.02 or 5.03.

### ***Purchase of Notes***

**5.07** The Issuer or any of its subsidiaries may at any time purchase Notes in the open market or otherwise and at any price provided that all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto are purchased therewith. If purchases are made by tender, tenders must be available to all Holders of the relevant Notes alike.

### ***Cancellation of Redeemed and Purchased Notes***

**5.08** All unmatured Notes and Coupons redeemed in accordance with this Condition 5 will be cancelled forthwith and may not be reissued or resold. All unmatured Notes and Coupons purchased in accordance with Condition 5.07 may be cancelled or may be reissued or resold.

**5.09** Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Redemption Amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Note shall be the Amortised Face Amount of such Note. The “**Amortised Face Amount**” shall be an amount equal to the sum of:

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

Where such calculation is to be made for a period which is not a full year, the calculation in respect of the period of less than a full year shall be made on the basis of the Day Count Fraction (as defined in Condition 4.11) specified in the applicable Final Terms which will be either (i) 30/360 (in which case the numerator will be equal to the number of days (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of 12 months of 30 days each) from (and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable and the denominator 360), (ii) Actual/360 (in which case the numerator will be equal to the actual number of days from (and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable and the denominator will be 360), (iii) Actual/365 (in which case the numerator will be equal to the actual number of days from (and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable and the denominator will be 365) or (iv) Actual/Actual (ICMA) (in which case the Accrual Period will commence on (and include) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes and end on (but exclude) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable).

**5.10** If any Redemption Amount (other than the Final Redemption Amount) of any Zero Coupon Note is improperly withheld or refused or default is otherwise made in the payment thereof, the Amortised Face Amount shall be calculated as provided in Condition 5.09 but as if references in subparagraph (ii) to the date fixed for redemption or the date upon which such Zero Coupon Note becomes due and repayable were replaced by references to the date (the “**Reference Date**”) which is the earlier of:

- (i) the date on which, upon due presentation or surrender of the relevant Note (if required), all amounts due have been paid; and
- (ii) the seventh day after the date on which, the Issuing and Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Registrar having received the funds required to make such payment, notice is given to the Holders of the Notes in accordance with Condition 13 of that circumstance (except to the extent that there is a failure in the subsequent payment thereof to the relevant Holder). The calculation of the Amortised Face Amount in accordance with this sub-paragraph will continue to be made, after as well as before judgement, unless the Reference Date falls on or after the Maturity Date, in which case the amount due and repayable shall be the scheduled Final Redemption Amount of the Note on the Maturity Date together with interest which may accrue in accordance with Condition 4.07.

## **6. Events of Default**

**6.01** The following events or circumstances (each an “**Event of Default**”) shall be acceleration events in relation to the Notes of any Series, namely:

- (i) the Issuer fails to pay any Outstanding Principal Amount or deliver any Entitlement in respect of the Notes of the relevant Series or any of them on the due date for payment or delivery thereof or fails to pay any amount of interest in respect of the Notes of the relevant Series or any of them within 30 days of the due date of payment thereof; or
- (ii) if the Issuer shall have become insolvent or bankrupt, or if a liquidator, receiver or receiver and manager of the Issuer or any other officer having similar powers shall be appointed, or if the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (Canada) shall have taken control of the assets of the Issuer or of the Issuer itself.

**6.02** If any Event of Default shall occur in relation to any Series of Notes, any Holder of a Note of the relevant Series may, by written notice to the Issuer, at the specified office of the Paying Agents, declare that such Note and (unless the Note is a Zero Coupon Note) all interest then accrued on such Note shall be forthwith due and payable, whereupon the same shall become immediately due and payable at its Outstanding Principal Amount or, if such Note is a Zero Coupon Note, its Amortised Face Amount (as defined in Condition 5.09) or such other Early Redemption Amount as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms, together with all interest (if any) accrued thereon without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which the Issuer will expressly waive, anything contained in such Notes to the contrary notwithstanding, unless, prior thereto, all Events of Default in respect of the Notes of the relevant Series shall have been cured.

## **7. Taxation**

**7.01** All amounts payable (whether in respect of principal, interest or otherwise) in respect of the Notes or Coupons by or on behalf of the Issuer will be paid free and clear of and without withholding or deduction for or on account of any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of Canada, any province or territory or political subdivision thereof or any authority or agency therein or thereof having power to tax and, in the case of Notes issued by a branch of the Issuer located outside Canada, the country in which such branch is located or any political subdivision thereof or any authority or agency therein or thereof having power to tax, unless the withholding or deduction of such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges is required by law or the interpretation or administration thereof. In that event, the Issuer will pay such additional amounts as may be necessary in order that the net amounts received by the holder after such withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts of principal, interest or other amounts which would have been received in respect of the Notes or Coupons (as

the case may be), in the absence of such withholding or deduction; except that no additional amounts shall be payable with respect to any payment in respect of any Note or Coupon:

- (i) to, or to a third party on behalf of, a holder who is liable for such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges in respect of such Note, or Coupon by reason of his having some connection with Canada or the country in which such branch is located otherwise than the mere holding of such Note or Coupon; or
- (ii) to, or to a third party on behalf of, a holder in respect of whom such tax, duty, assessment or governmental charge is required to be withheld or deducted by reason of the holder being a person with whom the Issuer is not dealing at arm's length (within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada)); or
- (iii) to, or to a third party on behalf of, a holder who is, or who does not deal at arm's length with a person who is, a "specified shareholder" (as defined in subsection 18(5) of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada)) of the Issuer; or
- (iv) where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment to an individual and is required to be made pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive; or
- (v) presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder who would be able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Note or Coupon to another Paying Agent in a member state of the European Union; or
- (vi) presented for payment more than 30 days after the Relevant Date except to the extent that the holder thereof would have been entitled to such additional amount on presenting the same for payment on the thirtieth such day; or
- (vii) for or on account of any withholding tax or deduction imposed or collected pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "**Code**"), any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof, any agreement entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b) of the Code, or any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules or practices adopted pursuant to any intergovernmental agreement entered into in connection with the implementation of such Sections of the Code, whether currently in effect or as published and amended from time to time (the "**FATCA Withholding Tax Rules**").

**7.02** For the purposes of these Conditions:

"**Relevant Date**" means, in respect of any Note or Coupon, the date on which payment thereof first become due and payable, or, if the full amount of the moneys payable has not been received by the Issuing and Paying Agent, or as the case may be, the Registrar on or prior to such due date, the date on which, the full amount of such moneys shall have been so received and notice to that effect shall have been duly given to the Holders in accordance with Condition 13.

**7.03** If the Issuer becomes subject generally at any time to any taxing jurisdiction other than or in addition to Canada or the country in which the relevant Branch of Account is located, references in Condition 5.02, Condition 7.01 or Condition 17.03 to Canada or the jurisdiction in which the relevant branch is located shall be read and construed as references to Canada or the country in which such branch is located and/or to such other jurisdiction(s).

**7.04** Unless the context otherwise requires, any reference in these Conditions to any payment due in respect of the Notes or Coupons shall be deemed to include any additional amounts which may be payable under this Condition 7. Unless the context otherwise requires, any reference in these Conditions to “**principal**” shall include any premium payable in respect of a Note, Redemption Amount and any other amounts in the nature of principal payable pursuant to these Conditions and “**interest**” shall include all amounts payable pursuant to Condition 4 and any other amounts in the nature of interest payable pursuant to these Conditions.

## **8. Payments**

### ***Payments – Bearer Notes***

**8.01** Conditions 8.01 to 8.07 are applicable in relation to Notes in bearer form.

**8.02** Payment of amounts (other than interest) due in respect of Bearer Notes will be made against presentation and (save in the case of partial payment) surrender of the relevant Bearer Notes at the specified office of any of the Paying Agents.

Payment of Instalment Amounts in respect of an Instalment Note which is a Definitive Note with Receipts will be made against presentation of the Note together with the relevant Receipt and surrender of such Receipt.

**8.03** Payment of amounts in respect of interest on Bearer Notes will be made:

- (i) in the case of a Temporary Global Note or Permanent Global Note, against presentation of the relevant Temporary Global Note or Permanent Global Note at the specified office of any of the Paying Agents outside (unless Condition 8.04 applies) the United States and, in the case of a Temporary Global Note, upon due certification as required therein;
- (ii) in the case of Definitive Notes without Coupons attached thereto at the time of their initial delivery, against presentation of the relevant Definitive Notes at the specified office of any of the Paying Agents outside (unless Condition 8.04 applies) the United States; and
- (iii) in the case of Definitive Notes delivered with Coupons attached thereto at the time of their initial delivery, against surrender of the relevant Coupons or, in the case of interest due otherwise than on an Interest Payment Date, against presentation of the relevant Definitive Notes, in either case at the specified office of any of the Paying Agents outside (unless Condition 8.04 applies) the United States.

**8.04** Notwithstanding the foregoing (and in relation to payments in U.S. dollars only), payments of amounts due in respect of interest on the Bearer Notes and exchanges of Talons for Coupon sheets in accordance with Condition 8.07 will not be made at the specified office of any Paying Agent in the United States (as defined in the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and Regulations promulgated thereunder) unless (i) payment in full of amounts due in respect of interest on such Notes when due or, as the case may be, the exchange of Talons at all the specified offices of the Paying Agents outside the United States is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions and (ii) such payment or exchange is permitted by applicable United States law. If clauses (i) and (ii) of the previous sentence apply, the Issuer shall forthwith appoint a further Paying Agent with a specified office in New York City.

**8.05** If the due date for payment of any amount due in respect of any Bearer Note is not a Payment Date (as defined in Condition 8.14), then the Holder thereof will not be entitled to payment thereof until the next day which is a Payment Date and no further payment on account of interest or otherwise shall be due in respect of

such postponed payment unless there is a subsequent failure to pay in accordance with these Conditions in which event interest shall continue to accrue as provided in Condition 4.07 or, if appropriate, Condition 4.10.

**8.06** Each Definitive Note initially delivered with Coupons or Talons attached thereto should be presented and, save in the case of partial payment of the Redemption Amount, surrendered for final redemption together with all unmatured Coupons and Talons relating thereto, failing which:

- (i) if the Final Terms specify that this paragraph (i) of Condition 8.06 is applicable (and, in the absence of specification, this paragraph (i) shall apply to Definitive Notes which bear interest at a fixed rate or in fixed amounts), the amount of any missing unmatured Coupons (or, in the case of a payment not being made in full, that portion of the amount of such missing Coupon which the Redemption Amount paid bears to the Redemption Amount due) relating to Definitive Notes that are Fixed Rate Notes or bear interest in fixed amounts will be deducted from the amount otherwise payable on such final redemption, the amount so deducted being payable against surrender of the relevant Coupon at the specified office of any of the Paying Agents at any time within two years of the Relevant Date applicable to payment of such Redemption Amount (whether or not the Issuer's obligation to make payment in respect of such Coupon would otherwise have ceased under Condition 9);
- (ii) if the Final Terms specify that this paragraph (ii) of Condition 8.06 is applicable (and, in the absence of specification, this paragraph (ii) shall apply to Notes which bear interest at a floating rate or rates in variable amounts), all unmatured Coupons relating to such Definitive Notes that are Floating Rate Notes or that bear interest in variable amounts (whether or not such Coupons are surrendered therewith) shall become void and no payment shall be made thereafter in respect of them; and
- (iii) in the case of Definitive Notes initially delivered with Talons attached thereto, all unmatured Talons (whether or not surrendered therewith) shall become void and no exchange for Coupons shall be made thereafter in respect of them.

The provisions of paragraph (i) of this Condition 8.06 notwithstanding, if any Definitive Notes should be issued with a Maturity Date and Rate or Rates of Interest such that, on the presentation for payment of any such Definitive Note without any unmatured Coupons attached thereto or surrendered therewith, the amount required by paragraph (i) to be deducted would be greater than the Redemption Amount otherwise due for payment, then, upon the due date for redemption of any such Definitive Note, such unmatured Coupons (whether or not attached) shall become void (and no payment shall be made in respect thereof) as shall be required so that, upon application of the provisions of paragraph (i) in respect of such Coupons as have not so become void, the amount required by paragraph (i) to be deducted would not be greater than the Redemption Amount otherwise due for payment. Where the application of the foregoing sentence requires some but not all of the unmatured Coupons relating to a Definitive Note to become void, the relevant Paying Agent shall determine which unmatured Coupons are to become void, and shall select for such purpose Coupons maturing on later dates in preference to Coupons maturing on earlier dates.

**8.07** In relation to Definitive Notes initially delivered with Talons attached thereto, on or after the Interest Payment Date of the final Coupon comprised in any Coupon sheet, the Talon comprised in the Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside (unless Condition 8.04 applies) the United States in exchange for a further Coupon sheet (including any appropriate further Talon), subject to the provisions of Condition 9 below. Each Talon shall, for the purpose of these Conditions, be deemed to mature on the Interest Payment Date on which the final Coupon comprised in the relevant Coupon sheet matures.

### ***Payments – Registered Notes***

**8.08** Conditions 8.08 to 8.11 are applicable in relation to Registered Notes.

**8.09** Payment of the Final Redemption Amount (together with accrued interest) due in respect of Registered Notes will be made against presentation and, save in the case of partial payment of the Final Redemption Amount, surrender of the relevant Registered Notes at the specified office of the Registrar. If the due date for payment of the Final Redemption Amount of any Registered Note is not a Payment Date (as defined in Condition 8.14), then the Holder thereof will not be entitled to payment thereof until the next day which is a Payment Date, and no further payment on account of interest or otherwise shall be due in respect of such postponed payment unless there is a subsequent failure to pay in accordance with these Conditions in which event interest shall continue to accrue as provided in Condition 4.07 or, as appropriate, Condition 4.12.

**8.10** Payment of amounts (whether principal, interest or otherwise) due (other than the Final Redemption Amount and accrued interest in respect thereof) in respect of Registered Notes will be paid to the Holder thereof (or, in the case of joint Holders, the first-named) as appearing in the register kept by the Registrar (i) where in global form, at the close of the business day (being for this purpose a day on which Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg are open for business) before the relevant due date and (ii) where in definitive form, as at opening of business (local time in the place of the specified office of the Registrar) on the fifteenth Relevant Banking Day (as defined in Condition 2.07) before the due date for such payment (the “**Record Date**”).

**8.11** Notwithstanding the provisions of Condition 8.13, payment of amounts (whether principal, interest or otherwise) due (other than the Final Redemption Amount and accrued interest in respect thereof) in respect of Registered Notes will be made in the currency in which such amount is due by cheque and posted to the address (as recorded in the register held by the Registrar) of the Holder thereof (or, in the case of Joint Holders, the first-named) on the Relevant Banking Day (as defined in Condition 2.07) not later than the relevant due date for payment unless prior to the relevant Record Date the Holder thereof (or, in the case of joint Holders, the first-named) has applied to the Registrar and the Registrar has acknowledged such application for payment to be made to a designated account denominated in the relevant currency in which case payment shall be made on the relevant due date for payment by transfer to such account. In the case of payment by transfer to an account, if the due date for any such payment is not a Payment Date, then the Holder thereof will not be entitled to payment thereof until the first day thereafter which is a Payment Date and a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the relevant currency in the place where the relevant designated account is located and no further payment on account of interest or otherwise shall be due in respect of such postponed payment unless there is a subsequent failure to pay in accordance with these Conditions in which event interest shall continue to accrue as provided in Condition 4.05 or, as appropriate, Condition 4.12.

### ***Payments – Swedish Notes***

**8.11a** Payments in respect of Swedish Notes will be made on the due date for payments to the persons registered as Holders in the Swedish Notes Register on the fifth (5) Banking Day (or in accordance with the rules and procedures applied by Euroclear Sweden from time to time), prior to the due date for such payment. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of Swedish Notes is not a Payment Date, the holder thereof shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Date and shall not be entitled to interest or other payment in respect of such delay.

## **Payments – General Provisions**

**8.12** Save as otherwise specified in these Conditions, Conditions 8.13 to 8.16 are applicable in relation to Bearer Notes, Registered Notes and Swedish Notes.

**8.13** Payments of amounts due (whether principal, interest or otherwise) in respect of Notes (other than Swedish Notes) will be made in the currency in which such amount is due (a) by cheque or (b) at the option of the payee, by transfer to an account denominated in the relevant currency (or in the case of euro, an account to which euro may be credited or transferred) specified by the payee. In the case of Bearer Notes, if payments are made by transfer, such payments will only be made by transfer to an account maintained by the payee outside of the United States. In no event will payment of amounts due in respect of Bearer Notes be made by a cheque mailed to an address in the United States.

Payments of amounts due (whether principal, interest or otherwise) in respect of Swedish Notes will be made in accordance with Condition 8.11a in the currency in which such amount is due by transfer to an account denominated in the relevant currency (or in the case of euro, an account to which euro may be credited or transferred) specified by the payee.

Payments of amounts in Renminbi will be made by credit or transfer to a Renminbi account maintained by or on behalf of the payee with a bank in any Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre as specified in the applicable Final Terms in accordance with applicable laws, rules, regulations and guidelines issued from time to time (including all applicable laws and regulations with respect to settlement in Renminbi in the relevant Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre).

Payments will, without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 7, be subject in all cases to (i) any applicable fiscal or other laws and regulations and (ii) any withholding or deduction required, including pursuant to the FATCA Withholding Tax Rules.

**8.14** For the purposes of these Conditions (other than with respect to payments to be made on Swedish Notes) “**Payment Date**” means:

- (i) a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in (A) in the case of Notes in definitive form only, the place of presentation of the relevant Note or, as the case may be, Coupon and (B) each Financial Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- (ii) if TARGET is specified in the applicable Final Terms, a day which is a TARGET Business Day; and
- (ii) either (A) in the case of any currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the principal financial of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (if other than the place of presentation and any Financial Centre and which if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars shall be Sydney and Auckland, respectively); or (B) in the case of payment in euro, a day which is a TARGET Business Day.

**8.14a** In relation to payments to be made on Swedish Notes, for the purposes of these Conditions, “**Payment Date**” means any day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which commercial banks are generally open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in Stockholm.

**8.15** No commissions or expenses shall be charged to the Holders of Notes or Coupons in respect of such payments.

**8.16** If the Issuer is due to make a payment in a currency (the “**original currency**”) other than euro in respect of any Note or Coupon and the original currency is not available on the foreign exchange markets due to the imposition of exchange controls, the original currency’s replacement or disuse or other circumstances beyond the Issuer’s control, the Issuer will be entitled to satisfy its obligations in respect of such payment by making payment in euro on the basis of the spot exchange rate (the “**Euro FX Rate**”) at which the original currency is offered in exchange for euro in the London foreign exchange market (or, at the option of the Calculation Agent, in the foreign exchange market of any other financial centre which is then open for business) at noon, London time, two London Banking Days prior to the date on which payment is due or, if the Euro FX Rate is not available on that date, on the basis of a substitute exchange rate determined by the Calculation Agent acting in its absolute discretion from such source(s) and at such time as it may select. For the avoidance of doubt, the Euro FX Rate or substitute exchange rate as aforesaid may be such that the resulting euro amount is zero and in such event no amount of euro or the original currency will be payable. Any payment made in euro or non-payment in accordance with this paragraph will not constitute an Event of Default under Condition 6.

For the purpose of this Condition 8.16, “**Calculation Agent**” means the relevant Fiscal Agent or such other entity specified in the applicable Final Terms as the person responsible for the calculation of the Rate(s) of Interest and the Interest Amount(s) or such other amounts as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**8.17** Notwithstanding any other provision in these Conditions, if Inconvertibility, Non-Transferability or Illiquidity occurs or if Renminbi is otherwise not available to the Issuer as a result of circumstances beyond its control and such unavailability has been confirmed by a Renminbi Dealer, acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner, following which the Issuer is unable to satisfy payments of principal or interest (in whole or in part) in respect of RMB Notes, the Issuer on giving not less than five nor more than 30 days irrevocable notice to the Holders prior to the due date for payment, may settle any such payment (in whole or in part) in U.S. dollars on the due date at the U.S. dollars Equivalent of any such Renminbi denominated amount.

In such event, payments of the U.S. dollars Equivalent of the relevant principal or interest in respect of the Notes shall be made by transfer to the U.S. dollars account of the Relevant Account Holders for the benefit of the Holders. For the avoidance of doubt, no such payment of the U.S. dollars Equivalent shall by itself constitute a default in payment within the meaning of Condition 6.

All notifications, opinions, determinations, certificates, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of this Condition 8.17 by the RMB Rate Calculation Agent, will (in the absence of manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Paying Agent and all Holders and (in the absence of manifest error) no liability to the Issuer, the Paying Agent and all Holders shall attach to the RMB Rate Calculation Agent in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions pursuant to such provisions.

For the purposes of these Conditions:

“**Governmental Authority**” means any *de facto* or *de jure* government (or any agency or instrumentality thereof), court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority or any other entity (private or public)

charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) of each Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre.

**"Hong Kong"** means the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

**"Illiquidity"** means that the general Renminbi exchange market in each Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre becomes illiquid, other than as a result of an event of Inconvertibility or Non-Transferability, as determined by the Issuer in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner following consultation with two Renminbi Dealers.

**"Inconvertibility"** means the occurrence of any event that makes it impossible for the Issuer to convert any amount due in respect of RMB Notes in the general Renminbi exchange market in each Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre, other than where such impossibility is due solely to the failure of the Issuer to comply with any law, rule or regulation enacted by any Governmental Authority (unless such law, rule or regulation is enacted after the Issue Date and it is impossible for the Issuer, due to an event beyond its control, to comply with such law, rule or regulation).

**"Non-Transferability"** means the occurrence in each Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre of any event that makes it impossible for the Issuer to transfer Renminbi (A) between accounts inside a Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre, (B) from an account inside a Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre to an account outside such Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre, or (C) from an account outside a Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre to an account inside such Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre; in each case other than where such impossibility is due solely to the failure of the Issuer to comply with any law, rule or regulation enacted by any Governmental Authority (unless such law, rule or regulation is enacted after the Issue Date and it is impossible for the Issuer, due to an event beyond its control, to comply with such law, rule or regulation).

**"Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre"** means each of the jurisdiction(s) specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or if no Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre shall mean Hong Kong only.

**"Renminbi Dealer"** means an independent foreign exchange dealer of international repute active in the Renminbi exchange market in any Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre reasonably selected by the Issuer.

**"RMB Rate Calculation Agent"** means the agent appointed from time to time by the Issuer for the determination of the RMB Spot Rate or identified as such in the relevant Final Terms.

**"RMB Rate Calculation Business Day"** means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange) in each Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre and in New York City.

**"RMB Rate Calculation Date"** means the day which is two RMB Rate Calculation Business Days before the due date for payment of the relevant Renminbi amount under the Conditions.

**"RMB Spot Rate"** for a RMB Rate Calculation Date means the spot CNY/U.S. dollars exchange rate for the purchase of U.S. dollars with RMB in the over-the-counter RMB exchange market in the Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre in which the RMB Rate Calculation Agent is located for settlement on the relevant due date for payment, as determined by the RMB Rate Calculation Agent at or around 11.00 a.m. (local time of the Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre) on such RMB Rate Calculation Date, on a deliverable basis by reference to Reuters Screen Page TRADCN3 or if no such rate is available on a non deliverable basis by reference to Reuters Screen Rate TRADNDF. If neither rate is available, the RMB Rate Calculation Agent will

determine the RMB Spot Rate at or around 11.00 a.m. (local time of the Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre) on the RMB Rate Calculation Date as the most recently available CNY/U.S. dollar official fixing rate for settlement on the relevant due date for payment reported by the PRC, which is reported on the Reuters Screen Page CNY=SAEC. Reference to a page on the Reuters Screen means the display page so designated on the Reuter Monitor Money Rates Service (or any successor service) or such other page as may replace that page for the purpose of displaying a comparable currency exchange rate.

"**U.S. dollars Equivalent**" means the Relevant Renminbi amount converted into U.S. dollars using the RMB Spot Rate for the relevant RMB Rate Calculation Date, as calculated by the RMB Rate Calculation Agent.

## **9. Prescription**

**9.01** Subject to applicable law, the Issuer's obligation to pay an amount of principal and interest in respect of Notes will cease if the Notes or Coupons, as the case may be, are not presented within two years after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 7.02) for payment thereof, or such other length of time as is specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**9.02** In relation to Definitive Notes initially delivered with Talons attached thereto, there shall not be included in any Coupon sheet issued upon exchange of a Talon any Coupon which would be void pursuant to Condition 8.06 or this Condition 10 or the maturity date or due date for the payment of which would fall after the due date for the redemption of the relevant Note, or any Talon the maturity date of which would fall after the due date for the redemption of the relevant Note.

**9.03** In relation to Swedish Notes, the Issuer's obligation to pay an amount of principal or interest in respect of such Notes will cease if a claim for payment of such principal is not made within ten years after the Relevant Date.

For the purposes of this Condition 9.03, "**Relevant Date**" means the date on which such payment first becomes due, or such later date on which an interruption of the period of limitation (Sw.: *preskriptionsavbrott*) is made in accordance with the Swedish Limitations Act 1981 (Sw.: *preskriptionslagen (1981: 130)*).

## **10. The Paying Agents, the Registrar and the Calculation Agent**

**10.01** The Issuing and Paying Agent and the Registrar and their respective initial specified offices are specified below. The Calculation Agent in respect of any Notes and any additional or other Paying Agents shall be specified in Part A or Part B of the applicable Final Terms. The Issuer reserves the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of any Paying Agent (including the Issuing and Paying Agent) or the Registrar or the Calculation Agent and to appoint additional or other Paying Agents or another Registrar or another Calculation Agent provided that it will at all times maintain (i) an Issuing and Paying Agent, (ii) in the case of Registered Notes, a Registrar, (iii) following the issue of Definitive Notes, and while any such Definitive Notes are outstanding, a Paying Agent (which may be the Issuing and Paying Agent) with a specified office in a continental European city, (iv) a Paying Agent in a member state of the European Union that is not obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive (v) so long as the Notes are admitted to the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange and/or admitted to listing or trading on any other stock exchange or relevant authority and the rules of such exchange or relevant authority so require, a Paying Agent (which may be the Issuing and Paying Agent) and a Registrar each with a specified office in London and/or in such other place as may be required by the rules of such other stock exchange or other relevant authority, (vi) in the circumstances described in Condition 8.04, a Paying Agent with a specified office in New York City, and (vii) a Calculation Agent where required by the Conditions

applicable to any Notes (in the case of (i), (ii), (iii) and (vii) with a specified office located in such place (if any) as may be required by the Conditions). The Paying Agents, the Registrar and the Calculation Agent reserve the right at any time to change their respective specified offices to some other specified office in the same metropolitan area. Notice of all changes in the identities or specified offices of any Paying Agent, the Registrar or the Calculation Agent will be given promptly by the Issuer to the Holders in accordance with Condition 13.

**10.01a** The Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent and its initial specified offices are specified below. The Issuer reserves the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of the Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent provided that the Issuer shall at all times maintain a Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent authorised to act both as an account operating institution (Sw.: *kontoförande institut*) and issuing agent (Sw.: *emissionsinstitut*) with Euroclear Sweden. Notice of all changes in the identity or specified offices of the Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent will be given promptly by the Issuer to the Holders in accordance with Condition 13.

**10.02** The Paying Agents, the Registrar and the Calculation Agent act solely as agents of the Issuer and, save as provided in the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement or any other agreement entered into with respect to their respective appointments, do not assume any obligations towards or relationship of agency or trust for any Holder of any Note or Coupon and each of them shall only be responsible for the performance of the duties and obligations expressly imposed upon it in the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement or other agreement entered into with respect to its appointment or incidental thereto.

## **11. Replacement of Notes (other than Swedish Notes)**

If any Note (other than any Swedish Note) or Coupon is lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced at the specified office of the Issuing and Paying Agent or any Paying Agent (in the case of Bearer Notes and Coupons) or of the Registrar (in the case of Registered Notes) (the “**Replacement Agent**”), subject to all applicable laws and the requirements of any stock exchange on which the Notes are listed, upon payment by the claimant of all expenses incurred in connection with such replacement and upon such terms as to evidence, security, indemnity and otherwise as the Issuer and the Replacement Agent may require. Mutilated or defaced Notes and Coupons must be surrendered before replacements will be delivered therefor.

## **12. Meetings of Holders and Modification**

The Issue and Paying Agency Agreement contains provisions for convening meetings of the Holders of Notes of any Series (other than Swedish Notes) to consider any matter affecting their interest, including (without limitation) the modification by Extraordinary Resolution (as defined in the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement) of these Conditions insofar as the same may apply to such Notes. An Extraordinary Resolution passed by the Holders of Notes of any Series will be binding on all Holders of the Notes of such Series, whether or not they are present at any meeting, and whether or not they voted on the resolution, and on all Holders of Coupons relating to Notes of such Series, except that without the consent and affirmative vote of each Holder of Notes, no Extraordinary Resolution may: (i) amend the Maturity Date or other redemption date of the Notes, or any Interest Payment Date in respect of any Notes, (ii) reduce or cancel the Outstanding Principal Amount of, or any premium payable on redemption of, the Notes, (iii) reduce the Rates of Interest in respect of the Notes, Fixed Coupon Amounts or vary the manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest are to be determined, (iv) if a Minimum Rate of Interest and/or a Maximum Rate of Interest or Redemption Amount is indicated in the Final Terms, reduce any such minimum and/or maximum, (v) change any method of or basis for, calculating the Redemption Amount, including the method of or basis for, calculating the Amortised Face Amount, (vi) change the Specified Currency or Currencies of payment or Specified Denomination of the Notes, (vii) modify the provisions concerning the quorum required at any meeting of Holders of Notes or the majority required to pass an Extraordinary Resolution or (viii) modify or eliminate any of items (i) through (vii), inclusive

above unless passed at a meeting of the Holders of Notes (or at any adjournment thereof) at which a special quorum (provided for in the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement) is present.

In addition to Extraordinary Resolutions passed at meetings of the holders of Notes, the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement provides that either (i) a resolution in writing signed on behalf of the Noteholders of not less than three-fourths of the aggregate principal amount of Notes for the timing being outstanding (whether such resolution in writing is contained in one document or several documents in the same form, each signed on behalf of one or more Holders) or (ii) consents given by way of electronic consents through the relevant clearing system(s) by or on behalf of a Noteholder of not less than three-fourths in principal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding will take effect as an Extraordinary Resolution.

The Issuer may, with the consent of the Issuing and Paying Agent, but without the consent of the Holders of the Notes, make any modification to these Terms and Conditions (i) which is not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Holders of Notes, or (ii) to correct a manifest or proven error or an error that is of a formal, minor or technical nature, or to correct, cure or supplement any defective provision contained herein in respect of Notes. Subject as aforesaid, no other modification may be made to these Terms and Conditions except with the sanction of an Extraordinary Resolution adopted by the Holders.

Save as provided therein, the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement may be amended by agreement among the parties thereto and without the consent of any Holders of the Notes.

#### **12a. Meetings of Holders of Swedish Notes and Modification**

The Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent Agreement contains provisions for convening meetings of the Holders of Swedish Notes of any Series to consider any matter affecting their interest, including (without limitation) the modification by Extraordinary Resolution (as defined in the Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent Agreement) of these Conditions insofar as the same may apply to such Swedish Notes. An Extraordinary Resolution passed at any meeting of the Holders of Swedish Notes of any Series will be binding on all Holders of the Swedish Notes of such Series, whether or not they are present at the meeting, and on all Holders of Coupons relating to Swedish Notes of such Series, except that without the consent and affirmative vote of each Holder of Swedish Notes, no Extraordinary Resolution may: (i) amend the Maturity Date or other redemption date of the Swedish Notes, any date for payment of an Instalment Amount or any Interest Payment Date in respect of any Swedish Notes, (ii) reduce or cancel the Outstanding Principal Amount or any Instalment Amount of, or any premium payable on redemption of, the Swedish Notes, (iii) reduce the Rates of Interest in respect of the Swedish Notes, Fixed Coupon Amounts or vary the manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest are to be determined, (iv) if a Minimum Rate of Interest and/or a Maximum Rate of Interest, Instalment Amount, or Redemption Amount is indicated in the Final Terms, reduce any such minimum and/or maximum, (v) change any method of or basis for, calculating the Redemption Amount, including the method of or basis for, calculating the Amortised Face Amount, (vi) subject to any applicable redenomination provisions specified in the Final Terms, change the Specified Currency or Currencies of payment or Specified Denomination of the Swedish Notes, (vii) modify the provisions concerning the quorum required at any meeting of Holders of Swedish Notes or the majority required to pass an Extraordinary Resolution or (viii) modify or eliminate any of items (i) through (vii), inclusive above unless passed at a meeting of the Holders of Swedish Notes (or at any adjournment thereof) at which a special quorum (provided for in the Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent Agreement) is present.

If the holder of Swedish Notes held through a nominee (an “**Indirect Noteholder**”) attends the meeting (in person or through a duly authorised agent) and shows a certificate from the relevant nominee showing that such Indirect Noteholder on the fifth (5th) Business Day prior to the meeting was a holder of Swedish Notes, the Indirect Noteholder shall be regarded a Holder of Swedish Notes for the purposes of this Condition 12a.

In connection with a meeting of Holders of Swedish Notes, the Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent shall have access to the Swedish Notes Register.

Save as provided therein, the Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent Agreement may be amended by agreement among the parties thereto and without the consent of any Holders of the Swedish Notes.

### **13. Notices**

#### ***To Holders of Bearer Notes***

**13.01** Notices to Holders of Bearer Notes will be deemed to be validly given if published in a leading daily newspaper having general circulation in London (which is expected to be the *Financial Times*) or, if permitted by the rules of the relevant stock exchange or other relevant authority, in the case of Notes represented by a Temporary Global Note or Permanent Global Note, if delivered to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system for communication by them to the persons shown in their respective records as having interests therein. The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly published in compliance with the requirements of each stock exchange or any other relevant authority on which the Notes are listed. Any notice so given will be deemed to have been validly given on the date of first such publication (or, if required to be published in more than one newspaper, on the first date on which publication shall have been made in all the required newspapers) or, as the case may be, on the fourth weekday after the date of such delivery to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or such other clearing system. Holders of Coupons will be deemed for all purposes to have notice of the contents of any notice given to Holders of Bearer Notes in accordance with this Condition.

#### ***To Holders of Registered Notes***

**13.02** Notices to Holders of Registered Notes will be deemed to be validly given if sent by first class mail (or equivalent) or, if posted to an overseas address, by air mail to them (or, in the case of joint Holders, to the first-named in the register kept by the Registrar) at their respective addresses as recorded in the register kept by the Registrar, or if permitted by the rules of the relevant stock exchange or other relevant authority, in the case of Registered Notes in global form, if delivered to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system for communication by them to persons shown in their respective records as having interests therein. Any notice so given will be deemed to have been validly given on the fourth weekday after the date of such mailing or, if posted from another country, on the fifth such day. The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly published in compliance with the requirements of each stock exchange or any other relevant authority on which the Notes are listed.

#### ***To Issuer***

**13.03** Notices to be given by any Holder shall be in writing and given by lodging the same, together with the relevant Note or Notes, with the Paying Agents or the Registrar (as applicable). While any of the Notes are represented by a Global Note, such notice may be given by any Holder to the Issuing and Paying Agent or the Registrar (as applicable) through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, in such manner as the Issuing and Paying Agent or the Registrar and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, may approve for this purpose.

#### ***In relation to Swedish Notes***

**13.04** All notices regarding the Swedish Notes will be deemed to be validly given if sent by mail to a Holder of Swedish Notes to the address registered for such Holder in the system of Euroclear Sweden or in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to, and/or issued by, Euroclear Sweden. Any

such notice shall be deemed to have been given, if sent by mail to the Holder, on the fourth Business Day following the day the notice was sent by mail.

#### **14. Further Issues**

The Issuer may from time to time, without the consent of the Holders of any Notes or Coupons, create and issue further Notes, bonds or debentures having the same terms and conditions as such Notes in all respects (or in all respects except for the first payment of interest, if any, on them and/or the Specified Denomination thereof) so as to form a single series with the Notes of any particular Series.

#### **15. Currency Indemnity**

Subject to Condition 8.16, the currency in which the Notes are denominated or, if different, payable, as specified in the Final Terms (the “**Contractual Currency**”), is the sole currency of account and payment for all sums payable by the Issuer in respect of the Notes, including damages. Any amount received or recovered in a currency other than the Contractual Currency (whether as a result of, or of the enforcement of, a judgement or order of a court of any jurisdiction or otherwise) by any Holder of a Note or Coupon in respect of any sum expressed to be due to it from the Issuer shall only constitute a discharge to the Issuer to the extent of the amount in the Contractual Currency which such Holder is able to purchase with the amount so received or recovered in that other currency on the date of that receipt or recovery (or, if it is not practicable to make that purchase on that date, on the first day on which it is practicable to do so). If that amount is less than the amount in the Contractual Currency expressed to be due to any Holder of a Note or Coupon in respect of such Note or Coupon the Issuer shall indemnify such Holder against any loss sustained by such Holder as a result. In any event, the Issuer shall indemnify each such Holder against any cost of making such purchase which is reasonably incurred. These indemnities constitute a separate and independent obligation from the Issuer’s other obligations, shall give rise to a separate and independent cause of action, shall apply irrespective of any indulgence granted by any Holder of a Note or Coupon and shall continue in full force and effect despite any judgement, order, claim or proof for a liquidated amount in respect of any sum due in respect of the Notes or any judgement or order. Any such loss aforesaid shall be deemed to constitute a loss suffered by the relevant Holder of a Note or Coupon and no proof or evidence of any actual loss will be required by the Issuer.

#### **16. Waiver and Remedies**

No failure to exercise, and no delay in exercising, on the part of the Holder of any Note, any right hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof nor shall any single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or future exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right. Rights hereunder shall be in addition to all other rights provided by law. No notice or demand given in any case shall constitute a waiver of rights to take other action in the same, similar or other instances without such notice or demand.

#### **17. Branch of Account**

**17.01** For the purposes of the *Bank Act* (Canada) the branch of account of the Bank for the deposit liabilities under the *Bank Act* (Canada) evidenced by this Note shall be either the main Toronto branch or London branch as specified in the applicable Final Terms (the “**Branch of Account**”). If not specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Branch of Account will be the main branch of the Issuer in Toronto. Notes, irrespective of the Branch of Account specified in the applicable Final Terms, are obligations of the Bank.

**17.02** Notes will be paid without the necessity of first being presented for payment at the Branch of Account.

**17.03** If the Branch of Account in respect of Notes is not in Canada, the Bank may change the Branch of Account for the deposit liabilities under the *Bank Act* (Canada) evidenced by the Note upon not less than

seven days' prior notice to the Holder given in accordance with Condition 13 and upon and subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (i) if the Note is denominated in Yen, the Branch of Account shall not be in Japan;
- (ii) the Issuer shall indemnify and hold harmless the holders of the Notes and Coupons relating thereto against any tax, duty, assessment or governmental charge which is imposed or levied upon such holder as a consequence of such change, and shall pay the reasonable costs and expenses of the Issuing and Paying Agent in connection with such change; and
- (iii) notwithstanding (ii) above, no change of the Branch of Account may be made unless immediately after giving effect to such change (a) no Event of Default, and no event which, after the giving of notice or lapse of time or both, would become an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and (b) payments of principal, interest or other amounts on Notes of this Series and Coupons relating thereto to holders thereof (other than Excluded Holders, as hereinafter defined) shall not, in the opinion of counsel to the Issuer, be subject to any taxes, as hereinafter defined, to which they would not have been subject had such change not taken place. For the purposes of this section, an "**Excluded Holder**" means a holder of a Note of this Series or Coupon relating thereto who is subject to taxes by reason of its having some connection with the Relevant Jurisdiction other than the mere holding of a Note of this Series or Coupon as a non- resident of such Relevant Jurisdiction. "**Relevant Jurisdiction**" means Canada, its provinces or territories and the jurisdiction in which the new Branch of Account is located, and "**taxes**" means any tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge imposed or levied in respect of the payment of the principal of the Notes of this Series or interest thereon for or on behalf of a Relevant Jurisdiction or any authority therein or thereof having power to tax.

## **18. Law and Jurisdiction**

The Issue and Paying Agency Agreement, the Notes and Coupons and Talons related thereto and are governed by and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

## FORM OF FINAL TERMS OF THE NOTES

Set out below is the form of Final Terms which will be completed for each Tranche of Notes issued under this Base Prospectus with a denomination less than €100,000 (or its equivalent in another currency).

Final Terms dated •

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**ROYAL BANK OF CANADA**  
(a Canadian chartered bank)  
(the “**Issuer**”)

Issue of [Aggregate Principal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Notes]  
issued pursuant to the Base Prospectus as part of the  
Programme for the Issue of Securities

Any person making or intending to make an offer of the Notes in the European Economic Area may only offer Notes to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive.

Neither the Issuer nor any Dealer has authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of Notes in any other circumstances.

The expression “**Prospectus Directive**” means Directive 2003/71/EC (as amended, including by Directive 2010/73/EU), and includes any relevant implementing measure in the relevant Member State.

### PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

[Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the “**Conditions**”) set forth in the Base Prospectus dated October 30, 2015 [and the supplemental Prospectus[es] dated [●]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus (the “**Base Prospectus**”) for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with such Base Prospectus. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus. A summary of the Notes (which comprises the Summary in the Base Prospectus as completed to reflect provisions of the Final Terms) is annexed to these Final Terms. [The Base Prospectus, together with all documents incorporated by reference therein, [is] [are] available for viewing on the website of the Regulatory News Service operated by the London Stock Exchange at <http://www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-news-home.html> under the name Royal Bank of Canada and the headline “Publication of Prospectus” and copies may be obtained from the offices of the Issuer, Royal Bank Plaza, 200 Bay Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, South Tower, Toronto, Ontario, Canada and the offices of the Issuing and Paying Agent, One Canada Square, London E14 5AL, England.]

[Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the “**Conditions**”) set forth in the Base Prospectus dated [original date] [and the supplemental Prospectus[es]

dated [●] which are incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus dated October 30, 2015]. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus dated October 30, 2015 [and the supplemental Prospectus[es] dated [●], which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (the “**Base Prospectus**”). Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms (including the Conditions) and the Base Prospectus dated October 30, 2015]. A summary of the Notes (which comprises the Summary in the Base Prospectus as completed to reflect provisions of the Final Terms) is annexed to these Final Terms. The Base Prospectus, including all documents incorporated by reference therein, are available for viewing on the of the Regulatory News Service operated by the London Stock Exchange at <http://www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-news-home.html> under the name Royal Bank of Canada and the headline “Publication of Prospectus” and copies may be obtained from the offices of the Issuer, Royal Bank Plaza, 200 Bay Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, South Tower, Toronto, Ontario, Canada and the offices of the Issuing and Paying Agent, One Canada Square, London E14 5AL, England.]

1. [(i)] Series Number: [ ]  
 [(ii)] Tranche Number: [ ]  
 [(iii)] Date on which the Notes become fungible: [Not Applicable] [The Notes shall be consolidated and form a single Series and be interchangeable for trading purposes with the [ ] on [ ] [the Issue Date] [exchange of the Temporary Global Note for interests in the Permanent Global Note, as referred to in paragraph [21] below [which is expected to occur on or about [ ]].]
2. Specified Currency or Currencies: [ ]  
 (Condition 1.11)
3. Aggregate Principal Amount: [ ]  
 [(i)] Series: [ ]  
 [(ii)] Tranche: [ ]
4. Issue Price: [ ] per cent of the Aggregate Principal Amount [plus accrued interest from [ ]]
5. (a) Specified Denominations: [ ]  
 (Condition 1.08 or 1.09)  
 [[●] [and integral multiples of [●] in excess thereof up to and including [●]. No Notes in definitive form will be issued with a denomination above [●].]  
 (b) Calculation Amount: [ ]  
 (c) Minimum Trading Size: [Applicable: [●]/Not Applicable]

6. (i) Issue Date: [ ]
- (ii) Interest Commencement Date [ ] [Issue Date] [Not Applicable]
7. Maturity Date: [ ]
8. Interest Basis: [[•] per cent. Fixed Rate]  
 [• month][LIBOR/EURIBOR/Canadian Dollar Bankers' Acceptance Rate/STIBOR/BBSW/CNH HIBOR] [+/-]  
 [[•] per cent. Floating Rate]  
 [Zero Coupon]
9. Redemption/Payment Basis: Subject to any purchase and cancellation or early redemption, the Notes would be redeemed on the Maturity Date at [[par] / [ ] per cent. of their nominal amount]
10. Change of Interest Basis: [Not Applicable] [Paragraph [13/14] applicable for the period from and including [ ] to but excluding [ ]] [Paragraph [13/14] applicable for the period from and including [ ] to but excluding [ ]]  
 [[Coupon Switch Option applies: Coupon Switch Option Date is [ ] / [Prior to Coupon Switch Option Date, paragraph [13/14] applies. On and following Coupon Switch Option Date, paragraph [13/14] applies] / [Principal Financial Centre is [ ] / [Notice Period is [ ]] / [Business Centres are [ ]]]
11. Put Option/ Call Option: [Put Option]  
 [Call Option]  
 [Not Applicable]
12. Date of Board approval for issuance of Notes obtained: [ ] [and [ ], respectively]] [Not Applicable]

**PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE**

13. **Fixed Rate Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
 (Condition 4.02)
- (i) Rate[(s)] of Interest: [ ] per cent. per annum [payable [annually/semi-annually/quarterly/monthly] in arrear] on each Interest Payment Date

- (ii) Specified Interest Payment Date(s): [ ] in each year, commencing on [ ], [adjusted for payment purposes only in accordance with the Business Day Convention specified in paragraph 13(iii) below / adjusted for calculation of interest and for payment purposes in accordance with the Business Day Convention specified in paragraph 13(iii) below / not adjusted]
- (iii) Business Day Convention: [Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention] [Not Applicable]
- (iv) Business Centre(s): [ ] [Not Applicable]
- (v) Fixed Coupon Amount[(s)]: [[ ] per Calculation Amount] [Not Applicable]
- (vi) Broken Amount(s): [ ] per Calculation Amount, payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] [ ] [Not Applicable]
- (vii) Day Count Fraction: [30/360 / Actual/Actual (ICMA/ISDA)/Actual/360/ RBA Bond Basis]
- (viii) Determination Dates: [Not Applicable] [[ ] in each year]
- (ix) Relevant Time: [ ] [Not Applicable]
- (x) Default Rate: [As set out in Condition 4.07 / [ ] ]
14. **Floating Rate Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
(Condition 4.03)
- (i) Specified Period(s): [ ] [Not Applicable]
- (ii) Specified Interest Payment Dates: [ ], [subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention specified in paragraph 14(iv) below] [not subject to any adjustment, as the Business Day Convention in (iv) below is specified to be Not Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (iii) First Interest Payment Date: [ ]
- (iv) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/ Following Business Day Convention/ Modified Following Business Day Convention/ Preceding Business Day Convention] [Not Applicable]
- (v) Business Centre(s): [ ] [TARGET] [Not Applicable]
- (vi) Manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined: [Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination]

- (vii) Party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of Interest and Interest Amount(s) (if not the Issuing and Paying Agent):  shall be the Calculation Agent] [Not Applicable]
- (viii) Screen Rate Determination:  [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- Reference Rate:  month [LIBOR] [EURIBOR] [Canadian Dollar Bankers' Acceptance Rate] [STIBOR] [BBSW] [CNH HIBOR]
  - Interest Determination Date(s):  [ ]
  - Relevant Screen Page:  [ ]
  - Relevant Time:  [ ] [Not Applicable]
  - Reference Banks:  [ ] [Not Applicable]
  - Relevant Financial Centre:  [ ] [Not Applicable]
- (ix) ISDA Determination:  [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- Floating Rate Option:  [ ]
  - Designated Maturity:  [ ]
  - Reset Date:  [ ]
- (x) Linear Interpolation:  [Not Applicable]  [Applicable – the Rate of Interest for the [long/short] [first/last] Interest Period shall be calculated using Linear Interpolation]
- (xi) Margin(s):  [[+/-][ ] per cent. per annum] [Not Applicable]
- (xii) Minimum Rate of Interest:  [ ] per cent. per annum] [Not Applicable]  
(Condition 4.05)
- (xiii) Maximum Rate of Interest:  [ ] per cent. per annum] [Not Applicable]  
(Condition 4.05)
- (xiv) Day Count Fraction:  [Actual/Actual or Actual/Actual (ISDA)  
Actual/365 (Fixed)  
Actual/360  
30/360 or 360/360 or Bond Basis  
30E/360 or Eurobond Basis  
30E/360 (ISDA)  
Actual/365 (Sterling)  
RBA Bond Basis]
- (xv) Default Rate:  [As set out in Condition 4.07 / [ ]]

15. **Zero Coupon Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (i) Accrual Yield: [ ] per cent per annum
  - (ii) Reference Price: [ ] per Calculation Amount
  - (iii) Day Count Fraction: [30/360]  
[30E/360]  
[Actual/360]  
[Actual/365]  
[Actual/Actual (ICMA)]
  - (iv) Determination Dates: [[ ] in each year] [Not Applicable]
  - (v) Default Rate: [Accrual Yield / [ ]]

**PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION**

16. **Call Option** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
(Condition 5.03)
- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [ ]
  - (ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Note and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [ ] per Calculation Amount
  - (iii) Redeemable in part: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]  
If redeemable in part:
    - (a) Minimum Redemption Amount: [ ] per Calculation Amount
    - (b) Maximum Redemption Amount: [ ] per Calculation Amount
  - (iv) Notice period: Minimum period: [15] [●] days  
Maximum period: [30] [●] days
17. **Put Option** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
(Condition 5.06)
- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [ ]
  - (ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Note and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [ ] per Calculation Amount
  - (iii) Notice period: Minimum period: [15] [●] days  
Maximum period: [30] [●] days

18. **Final Redemption Amount of each Note** [Par] / [ ] per Calculation Amount]
19. **Early Redemption Amount**
- (i) Early Redemption Amount(s) payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on event of default: [ ] per Calculation Amount] / [As per Condition 5.09 and 5.10]
- (ii) Early Redemption Amount includes amount in respect of accrued interest: [Yes: no additional amount in respect of accrued interest to be paid / No: together with the Early Redemption Amount, accrued interest shall also be paid]

**GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES**

20. (i) Form of Notes: [Bearer Notes] [Bearer Notes exchangeable for Registered Notes]
- [Temporary Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note which is exchangeable for Definitive Notes [and/or Registered Notes] in the limited circumstances specified in the Permanent Global Note]
- [Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes [and/or Registered Notes] on [ ] days' notice]
- [Exchange Date: [  ]]
- [Permanent Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes [and/or Registered Notes] in the limited circumstances specified in the Permanent Global Note]
- [Registered Notes]
- [Swedish Notes]
- (ii) New Global Note: [Yes] [No]
21. Financial Centre(s) or other specific provisions relating to payment dates: [Not Applicable] [  ]
22. Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre: [Not Applicable] [  ]
23. Calculation Agent for purposes of Condition 8.16 (if other than Fiscal Agent): [  ] shall be the Calculation Agent] [Not Applicable]
24. Name and address of RMB Rate Calculation Agent (for purposes of Condition 8.17): [Not Applicable] [  ]

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|---|--|
| 25. Branch of Account:  | [Main branch in Toronto] [London branch]   |
| 26. Unmatured Coupons missing upon Early Redemption:  | [Condition 8.06(i) applies] [Condition 8.06(ii) applies]   |
| 27. Talons for future Coupons to be attached to Definitive Notes (Condition 1.06)                 | [Yes, as the Notes have more than 27 Coupon payments, Talons may be required if, on exchange into definitive form, more than 27 Coupon payments are still to be made] [No] |
| 28. Issuer access to register of creditors (Sw.: <i>skuldboken</i> ) in respect of Swedish Notes: | [Yes / No] [Not Applicable]  |

**[THIRD PARTY INFORMATION**

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

Signed on behalf of the Issuer:

By: .....  
Duly authorised

By: .....  
Duly authorised

## PART B – OTHER INFORMATION

### 1. LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING

[Not Applicable] [Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to [the Official List of [the UKLA / [Luxembourg Stock Exchange]] and to] trading on [the London Stock Exchange's regulated market] / [the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market] / [the Nasdaq Stockholm Exchange] with effect from [ ].] [Application is expected to be made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to [the Official List of the UKLA / [Luxembourg Stock Exchange] and to] trading on [the London Stock Exchange's regulated market] / [the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market] / [the Nasdaq Stockholm Exchange] with effect from [ ].]

### 2. RATINGS

Ratings: [The Notes to be issued [have been] / [are expected to be] specifically rated:

[S&P Canada: ●]  
[Moody's Canada: ● ]

[Not Applicable]

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

[Save [for any fees payable to the [Managers/Dealers] [ ] as discussed in ["Subscription and Sale"], so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the offer of the Notes has an interest material to the offer.]

### 4. REASONS FOR THE OFFER, ESTIMATED NET PROCEEDS AND TOTAL EXPENSES

[(i) Reasons for the offer [ ]

[(ii)] Estimated net proceeds: [ ]

[(iii)] Estimated total expenses: [ ]

### 5. [Fixed Rate Notes only – YIELD

Indication of yield: [ ] [Not Applicable]

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

**6. [[Floating Rate Notes only - HISTORIC INTEREST RATES**

Details of historic [LIBOR/EURIBOR/CDOR/STIBOR/BBSW] rates can be obtained from [Reuters].]

**7. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**

(i) ISIN: [ ]

(ii) Common Code: [ ]

(iii) Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking Societe Anonyme, their addresses and the relevant identification number(s): [Not Applicable] [ ] [Euroclear Sweden]

(vi) Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s), Registrar and Transfer Agents (if any): [ ]

**8. DISTRIBUTION**

(i) If syndicated, name(s) and address(es) of Manager(s)/Dealer(s) and underwriting commitments: [ ] [Not Applicable]

(ii) If non-syndicated, name of Dealer: [ ] [Not Applicable]

(iii) Date of Subscription Agreement: [ ] [Not Applicable]

(iv) Total commission and concession: [ ] [Not Applicable]

(v) Canadian Selling Restrictions: [Canadian Sales Permitted] [Canadian Sales not Permitted]

(vi) Whether TEFRA D or TEFRA C applicable or TEFRA Rules not applicable: [TEFRA D Rules applicable] [TEFRA C Rules applicable] [TEFRA Rules not applicable]

**ANNEX**

**SUMMARY OF THE NOTES**

[ ]

Set out below is the form of Final Terms which will be completed for each Tranche of Notes issued under this Base Prospectus with a denomination at least €100,000 (or its equivalent in another currency).

**Final Terms dated •**

[Logo]

**ROYAL BANK OF CANADA**  
(a Canadian chartered bank)  
(the “**Issuer**”)

Issue of [Aggregate Principal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Notes]  
issued pursuant to the Base Prospectus as part of the  
Programme for the Issue of Securities

**PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS**

[Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the “**Conditions**”) set forth in the Base Prospectus dated October 30, 2015 [and the supplemental Prospectus[es] dated [●]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus (the “**Base Prospectus**”) for the purposes of Directive 2003/71/EC as amended (the “**Prospectus Directive**”). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with such Base Prospectus. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus. A summary of the Notes (which comprises the Summary in the Base Prospectus as completed to reflect provisions of the Final Terms) is annexed to these Final Terms. [The Base Prospectus, together with all documents incorporated by reference therein, [is] [are] available for viewing on the website of the Regulatory News Service operated by the London Stock Exchange at <http://www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-news-home.html> under the name Royal Bank of Canada and the headline “Publication of Prospectus” and copies may be obtained from the offices of the Issuer, Royal Bank Plaza, 200 Bay Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, South Tower, Toronto, Ontario, Canada and the offices of the Issuing and Paying Agent, One Canada Square, London E14 5AL, England.]

[Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the “**Conditions**”) set forth in the Base Prospectus dated [original date] [and the supplemental Prospectus[es] dated [●]] which are incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus dated October 30, 2015]. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive) and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus dated October 30, 2015 [and the supplemental Prospectus[es]] dated [●], which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (the “**Base Prospectus**”). Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms (including the Conditions) and the Base Prospectus dated October 30, 2015]. A summary of the Notes (which comprises the Summary in the Base Prospectus as completed to reflect provisions of the Final Terms) is annexed to these Final Terms. The Base Prospectus, including all documents incorporated by reference therein, are available for viewing on the of the Regulatory News Service operated by the London Stock Exchange at <http://www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-news-home.html> under the name Royal Bank of Canada and the headline “Publication of Prospectus” and copies may be obtained from the

offices of the Issuer, Royal Bank Plaza, 200 Bay Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, South Tower, Toronto, Ontario, Canada and the offices of the Issuing and Paying Agent, One Canada Square, London E14 5AL, England.]

1. [(i)] Series Number: [ ]  
 [(ii)] Tranche Number: [ ]  
 [(iii)] Date on which the Notes become fungible: [Not Applicable] [The Notes shall be consolidated and form a single Series and be interchangeable for trading purposes with the [ ] on [ ] [the Issue Date] [exchange of the Temporary Global Note for interests in the Permanent Global Note, as referred to in paragraph [21] below [which is expected to occur on or about [ ]].]
2. Specified Currency or Currencies: [ ]  
 (Condition 1.11)
3. Aggregate Principal Amount: [ ]  
 [(i)] Series: [ ]  
 [(ii)] Tranche: [ ]
4. Issue Price: [ ] per cent of the Aggregate Principal Amount [plus accrued interest from [ ]]
5. (a) Specified Denominations: [ ]  
 (Condition 1.08 or 1.09)  
 [[•] [and integral multiples of [•] in excess thereof up to and including [•]. No Notes in definitive form will be issued with a denomination above [•].]
- (b) Calculation Amount: [ ]  
 (c) Minimum Trading Size: [Applicable: [•]/Not Applicable]
6. (i) Issue Date: [ ]  
 (ii) Interest Commencement Date [ ] [Issue Date] [Not Applicable]
7. Maturity Date: [ ]
8. Interest Basis: [[•] per cent. Fixed Rate]  
 [• month][[LIBOR/EURIBOR/Canadian Dollar Bankers' Acceptance Rate/STIBOR/BBSW/CNH HIBOR] [+/-][•] per cent. Floating Rate]  
 [Zero Coupon]

9. Redemption/Payment Basis: Subject to any purchase and cancellation or early redemption, the Notes would be redeemed on the Maturity Date at [[par] / [ ] per cent. of their nominal amount]
10. Change of Interest Basis: [Not Applicable] [Paragraph [13/14] applicable for the period from and including [ ] to but excluding [ ]] [Paragraph [13/14] applicable for the period from and including [ ] to but excluding [ ]] [[Coupon Switch Option applies: Coupon Switch Option Date is [ ]] / [Prior to Coupon Switch Option Date, paragraph [13/14] applies. On and following Coupon Switch Option Date, paragraph [13/14] applies] / [Principal Financial Centre is [ ]] / [Notice Period is [ ]] / [Business Centres are [ ]]]
11. Put Option/ Call Option: [Put Option]  
[Call Option]  
[Not Applicable]
12. Date of Board approval for issuance of Notes obtained: [ ] [and [ ], respectively]] [Not Applicable]

#### PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE

13. **Fixed Rate Note Provisions** (Condition 4.02) [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (i) Rate[(s)] of Interest: [ ] per cent. per annum [payable [annually/semi-annually/quarterly/monthly] in arrear] on each Interest Payment Date
- (ii) Specified Interest Payment Date(s): [ ] in each year, commencing on [ ], [adjusted for payment purposes only in accordance with the Business Day Convention specified in paragraph 13(iii) below / adjusted for calculation of interest and for payment purposes in accordance with the Business Day Convention specified in paragraph 13(iii) below / not adjusted]
- (iii) Business Day Convention: [Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention] [Not Applicable]
- (iv) Business Centre(s): [ ] [Not Applicable]
- (v) Fixed Coupon Amount[(s)]: [[ ] per Calculation Amount] [Not Applicable]
- (vi) Broken Amount(s): [ ] per Calculation Amount, payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] [ ] [Not Applicable]

- (vii) Day Count Fraction: [30/360 / Actual/Actual (ICMA/ISDA)/Actual/360/RBA Bond Basis]
- (viii) Determination Dates: [Not Applicable] [[ ] in each year]
- (ix) Relevant Time: [ ] [Not Applicable]
- (ix) Default Rate: [As set out in Condition 4.07 / [ ]]
14. **Floating Rate Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
(Condition 4.03)
- (i) Specified Period(s): [ ] [Not Applicable]
- (ii) Specified Interest Payment Dates: [ ], [subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention specified in paragraph 14(iv) below] [not subject to any adjustment, as the Business Day Convention in (iv) below is specified to be Not Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (iii) First Interest Payment Date: [ ]
- (iv) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/ Following Business Day Convention/ Modified Following Business Day Convention/ Preceding Business Day Convention] [Not Applicable]
- (v) Business Centre(s): [ ] [TARGET] [Not Applicable]
- (vi) Manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined: [Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination]
- (vii) Party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of Interest and Interest Amount(s) (if not the Issuing and Paying Agent): [[ ] shall be the Calculation Agent] [Not Applicable]
- (viii) Screen Rate Determination: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- Reference Rate: [ ] month [LIBOR] [EURIBOR] [Canadian Dollar Bankers' Acceptance Rate] [STIBOR] [BBSW] [CNH HIBOR]
- Interest Determination Date(s): [ ]
- Relevant Screen Page: [ ]
- Relevant Time: [ ] [Not Applicable]
- Reference Banks: [ ] [Not Applicable]
- Relevant Financial Centre: [ ] [Not Applicable]
- (ix) ISDA Determination: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

- Floating Rate Option: [ ]
- Designated Maturity: [ ]
- Reset Date: [ ]
- (x) Linear Interpolation: [Not Applicable] [Applicable – the Rate of Interest for the [long/short] [first/last] Interest Period shall be calculated using Linear Interpolation]
- (xi) Margin(s): [[+/-][ ] per cent. per annum] [Not Applicable]
- (xii) Minimum Rate of Interest: [[ ] per cent. per annum] [Not Applicable]  
(Condition 4.05)
- (xiii) Maximum Rate of Interest: [[ ] per cent. per annum] [Not Applicable]  
(Condition 4.05)
- (xiv) Day Count Fraction: [Actual/Actual or Actual/Actual (ISDA)  
Actual/365 (Fixed)  
Actual/360  
30/360 or 360/360 or Bond Basis  
30E/360 or Eurobond Basis  
30E/360 (ISDA)  
Actual/365 (Sterling)  
RBA Bond Basis]
- (xv) Default Rate: [As set out in Condition 4.07 / [ ] ]

**15. Zero Coupon Note Provisions**

- [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (i) Accrual Yield: [ ] per cent per annum
- (ii) Reference Price: [ ] per Calculation Amount
- (iii) Day Count Fraction: [30/360]  
[30E/360]  
[Actual/360]  
[Actual/365]  
[Actual/Actual (ICMA)]
- (iv) Determination Dates: [[ ] in each year] [Not Applicable]
- (v) Default Rate: [Accrual Yield / [ ] ]

## PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

16. **Call Option** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
(Condition 5.03)
- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [ ]
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Note and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [ ] per Calculation Amount
- (iii) Redeemable in part: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]  
If redeemable in part:
- (a) Minimum Redemption Amount: [ ] per Calculation Amount
- (b) Maximum Redemption Amount: [ ] per Calculation Amount
- (iv) Notice period: Minimum period: [15] [●] days  
Maximum period: [30] [●] days
17. **Put Option** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
(Condition 5.06)
- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [ ]
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Note and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [ ] per Calculation Amount
- (iii) Notice period: Minimum period: [15] [●] days  
Maximum period: [30] [●] days
18. **Final Redemption Amount of each Note** [Par] / [[ ] per Calculation Amount]
19. **Early Redemption Amount**
- (i) Early Redemption Amount(s) payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on event of default: [[ ] per Calculation Amount] / [As per Condition 5.09 and 5.10]
- (ii) Early Redemption Amount includes amount in respect of accrued interest: [Yes: no additional amount in respect of accrued interest to be paid / No: together with the Early Redemption Amount, accrued interest shall also be paid]

## GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES

20. (i) Form of Notes: [Bearer Notes] [Bearer Notes exchangeable for Registered Notes]  
  
[Temporary Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note which is exchangeable for Definitive Notes [and/or Registered Notes] in the limited circumstances specified in the Permanent Global Note]

[Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes [and/or Registered Notes] on [ ] days' notice]

[Exchange Date: ]

[Permanent Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes [and/or Registered Notes] in the limited circumstances specified in the Permanent Global Note]

[Registered Notes]

[Swedish Notes]

(ii) New Global Note:

[Yes] [No]

21. Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to payment dates: [Not Applicable] [ ]

22. Relevant Renmibi Settlement Centre: [Not Applicable] [ ]

23. Calculation Agent for purposes of Condition 8.16 (if other than Fiscal Agent): [ ] shall be the Calculation Agent] [Not Applicable]

24. Name and address of RMB Rate Calculation Agent (for purpose of Condition 8.17): [Not Applicable] [ ]

25. Branch of Account: [Main branch in Toronto] [London branch]

26. Unmatured Coupons missing upon Early Redemption: [Condition 8.06(i) applies] [Condition 8.06(ii) applies]

25. Talons for future Coupons to be attached to Definitive Notes (Condition 1.06) [Yes, as the Notes have more than 27 Coupon payments, Talons may be required if, on exchange into definitive form, more than 27 Coupon payments are still to be made] [No]

26. Issuer access to register of creditors (Sw.: *skuldboken*) in respect of Swedish Notes: [Yes / No] [Not Applicable]

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Signed on behalf of the Issuer:

By: .....  
Duly authorised

By: .....  
Duly authorised

## PART B – OTHER INFORMATION

### 1. LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING

- (i) Listing/Admission to Trading: [Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to [the Official List of [the UKLA / [Luxembourg Stock Exchange]] and to] trading on [the London Stock Exchange’s regulated market] / [the Luxemboug Stock Exchange’s regulated market] / [the Nasdaq Stockholm Exchange] with effect from [ ].]  
[Application is expected to be made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to [the Official List of the UKLA / [Luxembourg Stock Exchange] and to] trading on [the London Stock Exchange’s regulated market] / [the Luxemboug Stock Exchange’s regulated market] / [the Nasdaq Stockholm Exchange] with effect from [ ].]
- (ii) Estimate of total expenses related [ ]  
to admission:

### 2. RATINGS

- Ratings: [The Notes to be issued [have been] / [are expected to be] specifically rated:  
[S&P Canada: ●]  
[Moody’s Canada: ● ]  
[Not Applicable]

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

[Save [for any fees payable to the [Managers/Dealers] [ ] as discussed in [“Subscription and Sale”], so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the offer of the Notes has an interest material to the offer.]

### 4. [Fixed Rate Notes only – YIELD

- Indication of yield: [ ] [Not Applicable]  
[The yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price. It is not an indication of future yield.]

### 5. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

- (i) ISIN: [ ]  
(ii) Common Code: [ ]

(iii) Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking Societe Anonyme, their addresses and the relevant identification number(s): [Not Applicable] [ ] [Euroclear Sweden]

(vi) Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s), Registrar and Transfer Agents (if any): [ ]

## 6. DISTRIBUTION

(i) Canadian Selling Restrictions: [Canadian Sales Permitted] [Canadian Sales Not Permitted]

(ii) Whether TEFRA D or TEFRA C applicable or TEFRA Rules not applicable: [TEFRA D Rules applicable] [TEFRA C Rules applicable] [TEFRA Rules not applicable]

**ANNEX**

**SUMMARY OF THE NOTES**

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## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Except as otherwise set out in the applicable Final Terms, the net proceeds of the issue of each Tranche of Notes will be added to the general funds of the Issuer or used by the Issuer and/or its affiliates for hedging the Notes.

## TAXATION

### Canadian Taxation

The following summary describes the material Canadian federal income tax considerations under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (the “**Act**”) and *Income Tax Regulations* (the “**Regulations**”) generally applicable to a holder of Notes who acquires Notes pursuant to the Base Prospectus and who, for purposes of the Act and at all relevant times, (i) is not resident and is not deemed to be resident in Canada; (ii) deals at arm’s length with the Issuer and any Canadian resident (or deemed Canadian resident) to whom the holder assigns or otherwise transfers the Notes; (iii) does not use or hold and is not deemed to use or hold Notes in or in the course of carrying on a business in Canada; (iv) is entitled to receive all payments made in respect of the Notes; (v) is not, and deals at arm’s length with each person who is, a “specified shareholder” (as defined in subsection 18(5) of the Act) of the Issuer; and (vi) is not an insurer carrying on an insurance business in Canada and elsewhere (a “**Non-resident Holder**”).

This summary is based upon the provisions of the Act and the Regulations in force on the date hereof, proposed amendments to the Act and the Regulations in a form publicly announced prior to the date hereof by or on behalf of the Minister of Finance (Canada) (included for this purpose in the reference to the Act and Regulations), and the current administrative practices and policies published in writing by the Canada Revenue Agency. This summary assumes that such proposed amendments will be enacted as currently proposed but no assurance can be given that this will be the case. This summary does not take into account or anticipate any other changes in law, whether by legislative, governmental or judicial action or interpretation, nor does it take into account provincial, territorial or foreign income tax legislation. Subsequent developments could have a material effect on the following description.

This summary is of a general nature only, and is not intended to be, nor should it be considered to be, legal or tax advice to any particular person including any Non-resident Holder. This summary describes only the Canadian federal withholding tax considerations associated with a Non-resident Holder acquiring, holding and disposing of a Note and does not describe any other Canadian federal income tax considerations which may be relevant to a prospective investor’s decision to acquire Notes pursuant to the Base Prospectus. Prospective investors, including Non-resident Holders, should consult their own legal and/or tax advisers with respect to their particular circumstances.

Interest paid or credited or deemed for purposes of the Act to be paid or credited on a Note (including amounts on account or in lieu of payment of, or in satisfaction of, interest, any amount paid at maturity in excess of the principal amount and interest deemed to be paid on the Note in certain cases involving the assignment or other transfer of the Note to a resident or deemed resident of Canada) to a Non-resident Holder will not be subject to Canadian non-resident withholding tax unless any portion of such interest (other than on a “**prescribed obligation**” described below) is contingent or dependent on the use of or production from property in Canada or is computed by reference to revenue, profit, cash flow, commodity price or any other similar criterion or by reference to dividends paid or payable to shareholders of any class or series of shares of the capital stock of a corporation (“**Participating Debt Interest**”). A “prescribed obligation” is a debt obligation the terms or conditions of which provide for an adjustment to an amount payable in respect of the obligation for a period during which the obligation was outstanding which adjustment is determined by reference to a change in the purchasing power of money (an “**indexed debt obligation**”) and no amount payable in respect thereof, other than an amount determined by reference to a change in the purchasing power of money, is contingent or dependent upon the use of or production from property in Canada or is computed by reference to any of the criteria described in the definition of Participating Debt Interest. **If any interest paid or credited or deemed to be paid or credited on a Note is to be calculated by reference to a formula, variable or similar factor**

**which could be viewed as a proxy for the profit of the Issuer, such interest may be subject to Canadian non-resident withholding tax.**

In the event that a Note on which any interest paid or credited or deemed to be paid or credited is, or would be, Participating Debt Interest, is redeemed, cancelled, or repurchased, as applicable, or purchased by the Issuer or any other person resident or deemed to be resident in Canada from a Non-resident Holder or is otherwise assigned or transferred by a Non-resident Holder to a person resident or deemed to be resident in Canada for an amount which exceeds, generally, the issue price thereof, the excess may, in certain circumstances, be deemed to be interest and may, together with any interest that has accrued or is deemed to have accrued on the Note to that time, be subject to non-resident withholding tax. Such excess will not be subject to withholding tax if the Note is considered to be an “excluded obligation” for purposes of the Act. A Note will be an excluded obligation for this purpose if it is not an indexed debt obligation and it was issued for an amount not less than 97 percent of the principal amount (as defined for the purposes of the Act) of the Note, and the yield from which, expressed in terms of an annual rate (determined in accordance with the Act) on the amount for which the Note was issued does not exceed 4/3 of the interest stipulated to be payable on the Note, expressed in terms of an annual rate on the outstanding principal amount from time to time.

Generally, there are no other taxes on income (including taxable capital gains) payable in respect of a Note or interest, discount, or premium thereon by a Non-resident Holder.

## **United Kingdom Taxation**

**The following applies only to persons who are the beneficial owners of Notes and is a summary of the Issuer’s understanding of current law and practice in the United Kingdom relating only to United Kingdom withholding tax treatment of payments in respect of the Notes. It does not deal with any other United Kingdom taxation implications of acquiring, holding or disposing of the Notes. Some aspects do not apply to certain classes of person (such as dealers and persons connected with the Issuer) to whom special rules may apply. The United Kingdom tax treatment of prospective holders of Notes depends on their individual circumstances and may be subject to change in the future. Prospective holders of Notes who may be subject to tax in a jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom or who may be unsure as to their tax position should seek their own professional advice.**

### **Notes issued where the Branch of Account is the Bank’s London branch**

#### ***Payments of interest on the Notes***

The Issuer, provided that it continues to be a bank within the meaning of section 991 of the *Income Tax Act 2007* (the “**UK Act**”), and provided that the interest on the Notes is paid in the ordinary course of its business within the meaning of section 878 of the UK Act, will be entitled to make payments of interest without withholding or deduction for or on account of United Kingdom income tax.

Payments of interest on the Notes may be made without deduction of or withholding on account of United Kingdom income tax provided that the Notes continue to be listed on a “recognised stock exchange” within the meaning of section 1005 of the UK Act. The London Stock Exchange is a recognised stock exchange. The Notes will be treated as listed on the London Stock Exchange if they are included in the Official List (within the meaning of and in accordance with the provisions of Part 6 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000) by the United Kingdom Listing Authority and admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange (which would include being admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange Regulated Market or the Professional Securities Market). Provided, therefore, that the Notes remain so listed, interest on the Notes will be payable without withholding or deduction on account of United Kingdom tax whether or not the Issuer carries on a banking business in the United Kingdom and whether or not the interest is paid in the ordinary course of its business.

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

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

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

### **Stamp duty and stamp duty reserve tax (SDRT) in relation to Notes**

A charge to stamp duty or SDRT may, in certain circumstances, arise on the issue, transfer and/or settlement of Notes and SDRT may also be payable in relation to any agreement to transfer Notes. This will depend upon the Terms and Conditions of the relevant Notes (as amended and supplemented by the applicable Final Terms). Holders of Notes should take their own advice from an appropriately qualified professional advisor in this regard.

### **Reporting of information in respect of the Notes**

Holders (whether or not the Branch of Account of the Notes they hold is the Issuer's London branch) may wish to note that, in certain circumstances, HM Revenue & Customs has power to obtain information (including the name and address of the beneficial owner of the interest) from any person in the United Kingdom who either pays or credits interest to or receives interest for the benefit of a Holder. Any person in the United Kingdom (including any United Kingdom based paying agent) who pays amounts payable on redemption of Notes which are deeply discounted securities for the purposes of the *Income Tax (Trading and other Income) Act 2005* to, or receives such amounts for the benefit of, another person may also be required by HM Revenue & Customs to provide certain information (which may include the name and address of the beneficial owner of the amount payable on redemption) to HM Revenue & Customs (although in this regard HM Revenue & Customs published guidance for the years 2014/2015 indicates that HM Revenue & Customs will not exercise its power to obtain information in relation to such payments in that year). Any information obtained may, in certain circumstances, be exchanged by HM Revenue & Customs with the tax authorities of the jurisdiction in which the Holder is resident for tax purposes.

### **Withholding under the EU Savings Directive**

Under the Savings Tax Directive, Member States are required to provide to the tax authorities of other Member States details of certain payments of interest (or similar income paid or secured by a person established in a Member State to or for the benefit of an individual resident in another Member State or certain limited types of entities established in another Member State.

For a transitional period, Austria is required (unless during that period it elects otherwise) to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments. The end of the transitional period is dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries. A number

of non-EU countries and territories including Switzerland have adopted similar measures (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland).

On March 24, 2014, the Council of the European Union adopted a Council Directive (the “**Amending Directive**”) amending and broadening the scope of the requirements described above. The Amending Directive requires Member States to apply these new requirements from January 1, 2017, and if they were to take effect the changes would expand the range of payments covered by the Savings Tax Directive, in particular to include additional types of income payable on Notes. They would also expand the circumstances in which payments that indirectly benefit an individual resident in a Member State must be reported or subject to withholding. This approach would apply to payments made to, or secured for, persons, entities or legal arrangements (including trusts) where certain conditions are satisfied, and may in some cases apply where the person, entity or arrangement is established or effectively managed outside of the European Union.

However, the European Commission has proposed the repeal of the Savings Directive from January 1, 2017 in the case of Austria and from January 1, 2016 in the case of all other Member States (subject to on-going requirements to fulfil administrative obligations such as the reporting and exchange of information relating to, and accounting for withholding taxes on, payments made before those dates). This is to prevent overlap between the Savings Directive and a new automatic exchange of information regime to be implemented under Council Directive 2011/16/EU on Administrative Cooperation in the field of Taxation (as amended by Council Directive 2014/107/EU). The proposal also provides that, if it proceeds, Member States will not be required to apply the new requirements of the Amending Directive.

If a payment were to be made or collected through a Member State which has opted for a withholding system and an amount of, or in respect of, tax were to be withheld from that payment, neither the Issuer nor any Paying Agent (as defined in the Conditions of the Notes) nor any other person would be obliged to pay additional amounts with respect to any Notes as a result of the imposition of such withholding tax. The Issuer is required to maintain a Paying Agent in a Member State that is not obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to the Savings Tax Directive.

Accordingly, certain investors may receive a lower return than would be received on an investment where no withholding tax is payable.

## **Swedish Taxation**

The following summary outlines certain Swedish tax consequences relating to holders of Notes. The summary is based on the laws of Sweden as currently in effect and is intended to provide general information only. The summary does not address, *inter alia*, situations where Notes are held in an investment savings account (Sw. *investeringssparkonto*), the tax consequences in connection with a write-down, write-off or conversion of the Notes, the tax consequences following variation or substitution (instead of redemption) of the Notes or the rules regarding reporting obligations for, among others, payers of interest. Further, the summary does not address credit of foreign taxes. Investors should consult their professional tax advisers regarding the Swedish tax and other tax consequences (including the applicability and effect of tax treaties) of acquiring, owning and disposing of Notes in their particular circumstances.

### **Holders tax resident in Sweden**

In general, for Swedish corporations and private individuals (and estates of deceased individuals) with residence in Sweden for Swedish tax purposes, all capital income (for example, income that is considered to be interest for Swedish tax purposes and capital gains on Notes) will be taxable. Specific tax consequences may be applicable to certain categories of corporations, for example, life insurance companies. Moreover,

specific tax consequences may be applicable if, and to the extent that, a holder of Notes realizes a capital loss on the Notes and to any currency exchange gains or losses.

If amounts that are deemed as interest for Swedish tax purposes are paid by Euroclear Sweden or by another legal entity domiciled in Sweden, including a Swedish branch, to a private individual (or an estate of a deceased individual) with residence in Sweden for Swedish tax purposes, Swedish preliminary taxes are normally withheld by Euroclear Sweden or the legal entity on such payments. Swedish preliminary taxes should normally also be withheld on other return on Notes (but not capital gains), if the return is paid out together with such a payment of interest referred to above.

### **Holders not tax resident in Sweden**

Payments of any principal amount or any amount that is considered to be interest for Swedish tax purposes to the holder of any Notes should not be subject to Swedish income tax, provided that such a holder (i) is not resident in Sweden for Swedish tax purposes and (ii) does not have a permanent establishment in Sweden to which the Notes are effectively connected.

However, broadly speaking, *provided that* the value of or the return on the Notes relates to securities taxed as shares, private individuals who have been residents of Sweden for tax purposes due to a habitual abode in Sweden or a stay in Sweden for six consecutive months at any time during the calendar year of disposal or redemption or the ten calendar years preceding the year of disposal or redemption, are liable for capital gains taxation in Sweden upon disposal or redemption of such Notes. In a number of cases though, the applicability of this rule is limited by the applicable tax treaty.

### **Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act**

Sections 1471 through 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("**FATCA**") impose a reporting regime and potentially a 30% withholding tax with respect to certain payments to (i) any non-U.S. financial institution (a "foreign financial institution", or "**FFI**" (as defined by FATCA)) that does not enter into an agreement with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service ("**IRS**") to provide the IRS with certain information in respect of its account holders and investors or is not otherwise exempt from or in deemed compliance with FATCA (a "**Participating FFI**") and (ii) in certain instances, an investor who does not provide information sufficient to determine whether the investor is a U.S. person or, in the case of certain non-financial non-exempt entities, does not provide information sufficient to determine whether the investor has substantial US owners. The Issuer is classified as an FFI. The Issuer anticipates that any Notes issued in global form will be held by FFIs that are Participating FFIs but there is no guarantee that a custodian or broker through which an investor holds a Note will be a Participating FFI.

The withholding regime is now in effect for payments from sources within the United States and will apply to "**foreign passthru payments**" (a term not yet defined fully) no earlier than January 1, 2019. This withholding would potentially apply to payments in respect of (i) any Notes characterised as debt (or which are not otherwise characterised as equity and have a fixed term for U.S. federal tax purposes that are issued after the "**grandfathering date**", which, with respect to Notes that give rise solely to foreign passthru payments, is the date that is the later of January 1, 2019 or the date on which the final U.S. Treasury regulations defining the term foreign passthru payment are published with the U.S. Federal Register, or are materially modified after the grandfathering date and (ii) any Notes characterised as equity or which do not have a fixed term for U.S. federal tax purposes, whenever issued. If Notes are issued on or before the grandfathering date and additional Notes of the same series are issued after that date, the additional Notes may not be treated as grandfathered, which may have negative consequences for the Notes, including a negative impact on market price.

The United States and a number of other jurisdictions, including Canada, have entered into intergovernmental agreements to facilitate the implementation of FATCA (each, an "**IGA**"). IGAs generally limit instances when FATCA withholding is required. Nevertheless, these IGAs currently contain no rules regarding the withholding, if any, that may be required on foreign passthru payments.

**FATCA is particularly complex and its application is uncertain at this time. The above description is based in part on regulations, official guidance and model IGAs, signed IGA and IGAs that have been agreed in substance and published by the U.S. Treasury, all of which are subject to amendment or further interpretation by one or more governments or governmental agencies. Prospective investors should consult their tax advisers on how these rules may apply to the Issuer and to payments they may receive in connection with the Notes.**

### ***The Proposed Financial Transactions Tax***

On February 14, 2013, the European Commission published a proposal (the "**Commission's Proposal**") for a Directive for a common FTT in Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia and Slovakia (the "**participating Member States**").

The Commission's Proposal has very broad scope and could, if introduced, apply to certain dealings in Notes (including secondary market transactions) in certain circumstances. Primary market transactions referred to in Article 5(c) of Regulation (EC) No 1287/2006 are expected to be exempt.

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

Joint statements issued by participating Member States indicate an intention to implement the FTT by 1 January 2016.

However, the FTT proposal remains subject to negotiation between the participating Member States and the scope of any such tax is uncertain. Additional EU Member States may decide to participate. Prospective holders of Notes are advised to seek their own professional advice in relation to the FTT.

## SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE

Notes may be sold from time to time by the Issuer to any one or more of Barclays Bank PLC, Citigroup Global Markets Limited, Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited, Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, HSBC Bank plc, J.P. Morgan Securities plc, Merrill Lynch International, Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc, RBC Europe Limited and UBS Limited (the “**Dealers**”). Notes may also be sold by the Issuer directly to institutions who are not Dealers. The arrangements under which Notes may from time to time be agreed to be sold by the Issuer to, and purchased by, Dealers are set out in an amended and restated dealership agreement dated October 30, 2015 (as amended, supplemented or replaced, the “**Dealership Agreement**”) and made between the Issuer and the Dealers. Any such agreement will, *inter alia*, make provision for the form and terms and conditions of the relevant Notes, the price at which such Notes will be purchased by the Dealers and the commissions or other agreed deductibles (if any) payable or allowable by the Issuer in respect of such purchase. The Dealership Agreement makes provision for the resignation or termination of appointment of existing Dealers and for the appointment of additional or other Dealers either generally in respect of the Programme or in relation to a particular Tranche of Notes.

### **Other relationships**

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

In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the Dealers and/or their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account or for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of the Bank or Bank's affiliates. Certain of the Dealers or their affiliates that have a lending relationship with the Bank routinely hedge their credit exposure to the Bank consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, such Dealers and/or their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in securities, including potentially the Notes issued under the Programme. The Dealers and/or their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

The Issuer may sell Notes to one or more of the Dealers including RBC Europe Limited, which is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of the Bank. The terms of the Programme were negotiated at arm's length between the Issuer and the Dealers. In addition to any proceeds from any offering of the Notes under the Programme being applied, directly or indirectly, for the benefit of RBC Europe Limited in its capacity as a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of the Bank, RBC Europe Limited will receive a portion of any fees and commissions payable in connection with any such offering of Notes in its capacity as a Dealer.

### **Canada**

The Notes are exempted from the prospectus requirement under the securities laws of any province or territory of Canada. If the applicable Final Terms specify “Canadian Sales Permitted”, each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has offered, sold or distributed and that it will offer, sell or distribute any Notes, in Canada in compliance with the securities laws of Canada or any province or territory thereof.

If the applicable Final Terms specify “Canadian Sales not Permitted”, each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that it has not offered, sold or distributed, and that it will not offer, sell or distribute any Notes, directly or indirectly, in Canada or to, or for the benefit of any resident thereof.

Each Dealer has agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree that it will not distribute or deliver this Base Prospectus, any Drawdown Prospectus or any other offering material relating to the Notes in Canada in contravention of the securities laws of Canada or any province or territory thereof.

### **United States of America**

Regulation S, Category 2, TEFRA D Rules apply, unless TEFRA C Rules are specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms or unless TEFRA Rules are not applicable.

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Securities Act**”) or under any state securities laws and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account of or benefit of, U.S. persons except in certain transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

Each Dealer has further agreed and each further Dealer in respect of an issue of Notes will be required to agree that it, its affiliates, and any person acting on its or their behalf will not offer or sell the Notes at any time except in accordance with Rule 903 of Regulation S, and that neither it, its affiliates, nor any persons acting on its or their behalf will engage in any directed selling efforts with respect to the Notes and it and they will comply with the offering restrictions requirements of Regulation S. The terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S.

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

Notes in bearer form are subject to U.S. tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to U.S. persons, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. tax regulations. Terms used in the preceding sentence have the meanings given to them by the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and regulations promulgated thereunder.

### **Public Offer Selling Restrictions under the Prospectus Directive**

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a “**Relevant Member State**”), each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not made and will not make an offer of Notes which have a minimum denomination of less than Euro 100,000 (or its equivalent in another currency) except that it may make an offer of such Notes at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression “**Prospectus Directive**” means Directive 2003/71/EC, as amended, including by Directive 2010/73/EU and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State.

### **Selling Restrictions addressing additional United Kingdom Securities Laws**

Each Dealer has represented, warranted and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent, warrant 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 Notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA would not, if the Issuer was not an authorised person, apply to the Issuer; and
- (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 Notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

### **Republic of France**

The Issuer and the Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell, directly or indirectly, Notes to the public in France, and has not distributed or caused to be distributed and will not distribute or cause to be distributed to the public in France, this Base Prospectus, the applicable Final Terms or any other offering material relating to the Notes, and that such offers, sales and distributions have been and will be made in France only to (i) providers of investment services relating to portfolio management for the account of third parties, and/or (ii) qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*), other than individuals, all as defined in, and in accordance with, articles L 411-1, L.411-2 and D.411-1 of the French Code *monétaire et financier*.

This Base Prospectus has not been submitted for clearance to the AMF in France.

### **Republic of Italy**

The offering of the Notes has not been registered pursuant to Italian securities legislation and, accordingly, no Notes may be offered, sold or delivered, nor may copies of the Base Prospectus or of any other document relating to the Notes be distributed in the Republic of Italy, except:

- (a) to qualified investors (*investitori qualificati*), as defined pursuant to Article 100 of Legislative Decree No. 58 of February 24 1998, as amended (the “**Financial Services Act**”) and Article 34-*ter*, first paragraph, letter b) of CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of May 14, 1999, as amended from time to time (“**Regulation No. 11971**”); or
- (b) in other circumstances which are exempted from the rules on public offerings pursuant to Article 100 of the Financial Services Act and Article 34-*ter* of Regulation No. 11971.

Any offer, sale or delivery of the Notes or distribution of copies of the Base Prospectus or any other document relating to any Notes in the Republic of Italy under (a) or (b) above must be:

- (i) made by an investment firm, bank or financial intermediary permitted to conduct such activities in the Republic of Italy in accordance with the Financial Services Act, CONSOB Regulation No. 16190 of 29 October 2007 (as amended from time to time) and Legislative Decree No. 385 of September 1, 1993, as amended (the “**Banking Act**”); and

- (ii) in compliance with Article 129 of the Banking Act, as amended, and the implementing guidelines of the Bank of Italy, as amended from time to time, pursuant to which the Bank of Italy may request information on the issue or the offer of securities in the Republic of Italy; and
- (iii) in compliance with any other applicable laws and regulations or requirement imposed by CONSOB or other Italian authority.

### **Provisions relating to the secondary market in Italy**

*Please note that in accordance with Article 100-bis of the Financial Services Act, where no exemption from the rules on public offerings applies under (a) and (b) above, the subsequent distribution of the Notes on the secondary market in Italy must be made in compliance with the public offer and the prospectus requirement rules provided under the Financial Services Act and Regulation No. 11971. Failure to comply with such rules may result in the sale of such Notes being declared null and void and in the liability of the intermediary transferring the financial instruments for any damages suffered by the investors.*

### **The Netherlands**

*For selling restrictions in respect of the Netherlands see “Public Offer Selling Restrictions under the Prospectus Directive” above.*

The Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that any Notes will only be offered in the Netherlands to Qualified Investors within the meaning of section 1:1 of the Act on the Financial Supervision (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*).

In addition to the above, if the Issuer issues Zero Coupon Notes and these Zero Coupon Notes are offered in the Netherlands as part of their initial distribution or immediately thereafter:

- (a) transfer and acceptance of such Zero Coupon Notes may only take place either by and between individuals not acting in the course of their profession or business or through the mediation of either a permit holder (*Toegelaten Instelling*) of Euronext Amsterdam N.V. or the Issuer itself in accordance with the Savings Certificate Act of 21 May 1985 (*Wet inzake Spaarbewijzen*); and
- (b) certain identification requirements in relation to the issue and transfer of, and payment on the Zero Coupon Notes have to be complied with pursuant to section 3a of the Savings Certificate Act;

Furthermore, unless such Zero Coupon Notes qualify as commercial paper or certificates of deposit and the transaction is carried out between professional lenders and borrowers:

- (c) each transaction concerning such Zero Coupon Notes must be recorded in a transaction note, stating the name and address of the other party to the transaction, the nature of the transaction and details, including the number and serial number of the Zero Coupon Notes concerned;
- (d) the obligations referred to under (c) above must be indicated on a legend printed on Zero Coupon Notes that are not listed on a stock market; and
- (e) any reference to the words “to bearer” in any documents or advertisements in which a forthcoming offering of Zero Coupon Notes is publicly announced is prohibited.

For purposes of this paragraph, **Zero Coupon Notes** are Notes to bearer in definitive form that constitute a claim for a fixed sum of money against the Issuer and on which interest does not become due prior to maturity or on which no interest is due whatsoever.

## Sweden

The Dealer has confirmed and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to confirm and agree that, to the extent it intends to make an exempt offer, it will not, directly or indirectly, offer for subscription or purchase or issue invitations to subscribe for or buy or sell Notes or distribute any draft or final document in relation to any such offer, invitation or sale in Sweden except in circumstances that will not result in a requirement to prepare a prospectus pursuant to the provisions of the Swedish Financial Instruments Trading Act 1991 (Sw.: *lag (1991:980) om handel med finansiella instrument*) (the “**Trading Act**”). However, to the extent it intends to make a Public Offer, such offer will be made in accordance with the requirements in the Trading Act.

## Japan

No registration pursuant to article 4, paragraph 1 of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act of Japan (Act No. 25 of 1948, as amended) (the “**FIEA**”) has been made or will be made with respect to the Notes. Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it will not offer or sell any Notes, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (as defined under Item 5, Paragraph 1, Article 6 of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (Act No. 228 of 1949, as amended)), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of a resident of Japan except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the FIEA and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

## Hong Kong

In relation to each Tranche of Notes issued by the Issuer each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that:

- (a) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell in Hong Kong, by means of any document, any Notes (except for Notes which are “structured products” as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong) other than (i) to “professional investors” as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance and any rules made under the Securities and Futures Ordinance; or (ii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a “prospectus” as defined in the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of that Ordinance; and
- (b) 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 Notes, which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to Notes 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 and any rules made thereunder.

## Singapore

The Dealer has represented and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that this Base Prospectus has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore (the “**MAS**”). Accordingly, the Dealers have represented, warranted and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent, warrant and agree that they have not offered or sold any Notes or caused the Notes to be made the subject of an invitation

for subscription or purchase and will not offer or sell any Notes or cause the Notes to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, and has not circulated or distributed, nor will it circulate or distribute, this Base Prospectus or any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the Notes, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor (as defined in Section 4A of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the "SFA")) under Section 274 of the SFA, (ii) to a relevant person (as defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA) pursuant to Section 275(1) of the SFA, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A) of the SFA, and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the SFA, or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

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

- (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire 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,

securities (as defined in Section 239(1) of the SFA) of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferred within six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the Notes pursuant to an offer made under Section 275 of the SFA except:

- (i) to an institutional investor or to a relevant person defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA, or to any person arising from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) or Section 276(4)(i)(B) of the SFA;
- (ii) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer;
- (iii) where the transfer is by operation of law;
- (iv) as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA; or
- (v) as specified in Regulation 32 of the Securities and Futures (Offer of Investments) (Shares and Debentures) Regulations 2005 of Singapore.

## **Switzerland**

Each Dealer has acknowledged and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to acknowledge and agree as follows:

The Notes may not be distributed to non-qualified investors in or from Switzerland. Neither this Base Prospectus nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the Notes constitutes a prospectus as such term is understood pursuant to article 652a or article 1156 of the Swiss Federal Code of Obligations. The Notes may only be distributed to qualified investors, and this Base Prospectus and any other offering or marketing material relating to the Notes may only be distributed in or from Switzerland by way of private placement to qualified investors within the meaning of the Swiss Federal Collective Investment Schemes Act.

## **General**

No action has been or will be taken in any country or jurisdiction by the Issuer or the Dealers that would permit a public offering of Notes, or possession or distribution of any offering material in relation thereto, in such country or jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. The Dealership Agreement provides that each Dealer will comply to the best of its knowledge with all applicable laws and regulations in each country or jurisdiction in or from which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Notes or has in its possession or distributes the Base Prospectus, any Final Terms or any such offering material, in all cases at its own expense.

The Dealership Agreement also provides that the Dealers shall not be bound by any of the restrictions relating to any specific jurisdiction (set out above) to the extent that such restrictions shall, as a result of change(s) or change(s) in official interpretation, after the date hereof, in applicable laws and regulations, no longer be applicable but without prejudice to the obligations of the Dealers described in the paragraph headed "General" above.

Selling restrictions may be supplemented or modified by the agreement of the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s).

Persons into whose hands the Base Prospectus, any Final Terms or any Note comes are required by the Issuer and the Dealers to comply with all applicable laws and regulations in each country or jurisdiction in or from which they purchase, offer, sell or deliver Notes or have in their possession or distribute such offering material, in all cases at their own expense.

## GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

1. Any Tranche of Notes which will be admitted to the Market will be admitted separately upon submission of the applicable Final Terms and any other information required, subject to the issue of the relevant Notes. Prior to official listing, dealings will be permitted by the London Stock Exchange in accordance with its rules. Transactions will normally be effected for delivery on the third working day after the day of the transaction. The listing of the Programme in respect of the Notes is expected to be granted on or about November 4, 2015.

Notes may also be issued pursuant to this Base Prospectus which will be admitted to the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market or the Nasdaq Stockholm Exchange once the Base Prospectus has been passported to the relevant competent authority in each such jurisdiction.

2. The establishment and updates of the Programme and the issue of Notes was authorised by resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Issuer passed on February 29, 2012 amending and restating prior resolutions of the Board of the Issuer in respect of the Programme and Administrative Resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Issuer adopted on October 14, 2004 and most recently amended at a meeting held on December 2, 2014 reconvened December 3, 2014 with effect as at January 1, 2015. The Issuer has obtained or will obtain from time to time all necessary consents, approvals and authorisations in connection with the issue and performance of the Notes.
3. Other than the litigation disclosed in the "Litigation" section (with the exception of the subsection entitled "Other matters") in Note 27 to the 2014 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements set out on page 185 of the Bank's 2014 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements and incorporated by reference herein, as updated by Note 12 to the Third Quarter 2015 Unaudited Interim Condensed Financial Statements set out on pages 88 to 89 of the Bank's Third Quarter 2015 Report to Shareholders and incorporated by reference herein, there are no, nor have there been any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the Issuer is aware) which may have, or have had during the twelve months prior to the date of this document, individually or in the aggregate, a significant effect on the financial position or profitability of the Issuer or of the Issuer and its subsidiaries taken as a whole.
4. Since July 31, 2015, the last day of the financial period in respect of which the most recent unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements of the Issuer have been prepared, there has been no significant change in the financial position of the Issuer and its subsidiaries taken as a whole. Since October 31, 2014, the date of its last published audited consolidated financial statements, there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the Bank and its subsidiaries taken as a whole.
5. For so long as the Programme remains in effect or any Notes shall be outstanding, copies of the following documents may be inspected during normal business hours at the specified office of the Issuing and Paying Agent and the Registrar and obtained from the executive and head offices of the Issuer, namely:
  - (i) the *Bank Act* (Canada) (being the charter of the Issuer) and by-laws of the Issuer;
  - (ii) the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement (which includes the form of the Global Notes, the Definitive Notes, the Coupons and the Talons) and the Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agency Agreement;
  - (iii) the Dealership Agreement;
  - (iv) the Swedish Deed of Covenant;

- (iv) the Annual Report of the Issuer for the two most recently completed fiscal years, which includes audited annual comparative consolidated financial statements of the Issuer and the auditor's reports thereon;
- (v) the most recent quarterly report including the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements;
- (vi) each Final Terms for a Tranche of Notes admitted to trading on the Market or any other regulated market;
- (vii) a copy of the Base Prospectus together with any supplement to the Base Prospectus or Drawdown Prospectus; and
- (viii) a copy of the Registration Document.

In addition, copies of this Base Prospectus, any documents incorporated by reference and each Final Terms admitted to trading on the Market or any other regulated market will also be available for inspection on the website of the Regulatory News Service operated by the London Stock Exchange at <http://www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-news-home.html> or the National Storage Mechanism at <http://www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/NSM>. Copies of the Bank's periodic financial reports may also be available for viewing under the name of the Issuer on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Please note that websites and urls referred to herein do not form part of the Base Prospectus.

6. The Notes have been accepted for clearance through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear Sweden, as the case may be, which are the entities in charge of keeping the records in respect of the Notes. The appropriate common code and International Securities Identification Number or other relevant identification numbers for the relevant Notes will be contained in the Final Terms relating thereto. If the Notes are to clear through an additional or alternative clearing system, the appropriate information (including address) will be specified in the applicable Final Terms. The address of Euroclear is 3 Boulevard du Roi Albert II, B.1210 Brussels, Belgium and the address of Clearstream, Luxembourg is 42 Avenue J. F. Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg and the address of Euroclear Sweden is Klarabergsviadukten 63, P.O. Box 191, 101 23 Stockholm, Sweden.
7. The price and amount of Notes to be issued under the Base Prospectus will be determined by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer at the time of issue in accordance with prevailing market conditions.
8. The yield for any particular Tranche of Fixed Rate Notes will be specified in the applicable Final Terms and will be calculated on the basis of the compound annual rate of return if the relevant Notes were to be purchased at the Issue Price on the Issue Date and held to maturity. The Final Terms in respect of any Floating Rate Notes will not include any indication of yield.  
  
The yield specified in the applicable Final Terms in respect of a Tranche of Notes will not be an indication of future yield.
9. Bearer Notes and any Coupon appertaining thereto will bear a legend substantially to the following effect: "Any United States person who holds this obligation will be subject to limitations under the United States income tax laws, including the limitations provided in Sections 165(j) and 1287(a) of the Internal Revenue Code." The sections referred to in such legend provide that a United States person who holds a Bearer Note or Coupon generally will not be allowed to deduct any loss realised on the sale, exchange or redemption of such Bearer Note or Coupon and any gain (which might otherwise be characterised as capital gain) recognised on such sale, exchange or redemption will be treated as ordinary income.
10. Settlement arrangements will be agreed between the Issuer, the relevant Dealer and the Issuing and Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Registrar in relation to each Tranche of Notes.

11. The Issuer has no intention to provide any post-issuance information in relation to any issue of Notes.
12. The table of Issuer ratings on page 20 of the Registration Document incorporated by reference herein is updated in its entirety by the following:

Each of the Issuer's debt and preferred share ratings as at October 8, 2015 received from a rating agency with which it cooperated are listed below:

Rating Agency	Long-term Senior Debt		Bank Subordinated Debt <sup>1</sup>		Short-term Debt		Preferred Shares <sup>2</sup>	
	Rating	Outlook	Rating	Outlook	Rating	Outlook	Rating	Outlook
Moody's USA	Aa3	Negative	A3	-	P-1	-	Baa2 (hyb)	-
S&P USA	AA-	Negative	A	-	A-1+	-	BBB+	-
Fitch	AA	Stable	AA-	-	F1+	-	-	-
DBRS	AA	Negative	AA (low)	Negative	R-1 (high)	Negative	Pfd-2 (high)	Stable

1 The Issuer's Basel III-compliant subordinated notes issued after January 1, 2014 have different ratings from these ratings from all rating agencies except Fitch USA. They are rated "A-" by S&P USA, "Baa1 (hyb)" by Moody's USA and "A (low)" (stable outlook) by DBRS.

2 The Issuer's Basel III-compliant preferred shares issued after January 1, 2014 received different credit ratings from these ratings from both DBRS and S&P USA. They are rated "Pfd-2" (stable outlook) by DBRS; "P-2" by S&P USA using the S&P Canadian scale for preferred shares and "BBB" using S&P USA's global scale for preferred shares.

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## **NON PD NOTES OFFERING CIRCULAR**

### **Pursuant to the Programme for the Issuance of Securities**

Pages 118 to 187 (inclusive) of this document comprise an offering circular (the "**Offering Circular**").

This Offering Circular has been prepared by the Issuer in connection with the issuance of notes under the Programme in circumstances where no prospectus is required to be published under the Prospectus Directive (the "**Non PD Notes**"). The Offering Circular has not been reviewed or approved by the UK Listing Authority and does not constitute a prospectus for the purpose of the Prospectus Directive.

This Offering Circular is to be read in conjunction with the following sections of the Base Prospectus, which shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein:

- Credit Ratings
- Definitions
- Caution Regarding Forward-Looking Statements
- Risk Factors
- Documents Incorporated by Reference
- General Description of the Programme
- Form of the Notes
- Use of Proceeds
- Taxation
- Subscription and Sale
- General Information and Recent Developments

Certain of the above sections incorporated by reference are supplemented herein.

Under this Offering Circular, pursuant to the Programme, Royal Bank of Canada (the "**Issuer**" or the "**Bank**") may from time to time issue Non PD Notes denominated or payable in any currency agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s). Non PD Notes to be issued under this Offering Circular may comprise (i) unsubordinated Notes which evidence deposit liabilities of the Issuer ("**Senior Non PD Notes**") or (ii) subordinated Notes which constitute subordinated indebtedness of the Issuer as described herein ("**Subordinated Non PD Notes**").

The Non PD Notes may be issued in bearer or registered form or dematerialized and uncertificated book-entry form. The maximum aggregate principal amount of all Notes and other instruments evidencing deposit liabilities under the Bank Act (Canada) issued under the Programme (calculated as described under "General Description of the Programme") will not exceed U.S.\$40,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies

calculated as described in the Dealership Agreement described herein), subject to increase as described herein. The price and amount of the Non PD Notes to be issued under the Offering Circular will be determined by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) at the time of issue in accordance with prevailing market conditions. The Bank may issue Non PD Notes that bear interest at fixed rates or floating rates or that do not bear interest.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the Bank will issue Senior Non PD Notes that evidence deposit liabilities under the Bank Act (Canada) whose Branch of Account for purposes of the Bank Act is the main branch in Toronto. The Bank or any other branch may also issue such instruments whose Branch of Account for Bank Act (Canada) purposes is the London branch, if specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement. Non PD Notes issued by any branch are obligations of the Bank.

***Prospective Investors should have regard to the material known risks described under the section headed "Risk Factors" in the Base Prospectus incorporated by reference herein, which does not describe all of the risks of an investment in the Non PD Notes.***

Terms defined in the Base Prospectus shall have the same meaning when used in this Offering Circular **provided that** the sections of the Base Prospectus incorporated by reference herein shall be amended as follows for the purposes of the Offering Circular:

1. All references to the "Base Prospectus" shall be deemed to be references to the Offering Circular.
2. All references to the "Notes" shall be deemed to be references to the Non PD Notes.
3. All references to the "Conditions of the Notes" shall be deemed to be references to the "Conditions of the Non PD Notes" set out herein.
4. All references to the "Final Terms" shall be deemed to be references to the Pricing Supplement (as defined herein) and each reference to information being specified or identified in the applicable Final Terms shall be deemed to be a reference to such information being specified or identified in the applicable Pricing Supplement unless the context requires otherwise.
5. All references to the Notes being "listed" (and all related references) shall (i) in the case of Non PD Notes which have been (or will upon issue be) admitted to trading on a market or stock exchange (in circumstances where the provisions of the Prospectus Directive do not apply), be construed in the context of such admission to trading on a market or stock exchange or (ii) be disregarded in the case of unlisted Non PD Notes.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### ***Responsibility for the Offering Circular***

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in the Offering Circular and the applicable Pricing Supplement. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Issuer (which has taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in the Offering Circular is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

### ***Pricing Supplement***

Details of the aggregate nominal amount of Non PD Notes, interest (if any) payable in respect of Non PD Notes, the issue price of Non PD Notes and any other terms not contained herein which are applicable to each Tranche of Non PD Notes will be set forth in a pricing supplement (the "**Pricing Supplement**").

Any information relating to the Non PD Notes which is not included in the Offering Circular and which is required in order to complete the necessary information in relation to a Tranche of Non PD Notes will be contained in the applicable Pricing Supplement. That Pricing Supplement will, for the purposes of that Tranche of Non PD Notes only, supplement the Offering Circular and must be read in conjunction with the Offering Circular. The terms applicable to any particular Tranche of Non PD Notes are the "*Conditions of the Non PD Notes*" set out herein as supplemented, amended and/or replaced by the applicable Pricing Supplement.

### ***Restrictions on distribution of this Offering Circular and offers of Non PD Notes***

The distribution of this Offering Circular and any Pricing Supplement and the offering, sale and delivery of the Non PD Notes in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this Offering Circular or any Pricing Supplement comes are required by the Issuer and the Dealers to inform themselves about and to observe any such restrictions. For a description of certain restrictions on offers, sales and deliveries of Non PD Notes and on the distribution of this Offering Circular or any Pricing Supplement and other offering material relating to the Non PD Notes, including restrictions in Canada, the United States, the European Economic Area (including the United Kingdom, France, Italy, The Netherlands and Sweden), Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore and Switzerland, see "*Subscription and Sale*" herein and in the Base Prospectus incorporated by reference herein.

The Non PD Notes have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**") and may include Non PD Notes in bearer form which are subject to U.S. tax law requirements. Subject to certain exceptions, Non PD Notes may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or to U.S. persons.

Accordingly, the Non PD Notes may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and neither this Offering Circular nor any advertisement or other offering material may be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations.

### ***Unauthorised information***

No person has been authorised to give any information or to make any representation not contained in or not consistent with the Offering Circular or any amendment or supplement hereto or any document incorporated herein or therein by reference or entered into in relation to the Programme or any Non PD Notes or any information supplied by the Issuer in connection with the Programme or any Non PD Notes and, if given or

made, such information or representation should not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer or any Dealer.

### ***Other relevant information***

None of the Dealers nor any of their respective affiliates have authorised the whole or any part of this Offering Circular, nor have they independently verified the information contained herein. Accordingly, no representation, warranty or undertaking, express or implied, is made and no responsibility or liability is accepted by the Dealers or any of their respective affiliates as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Offering Circular or any other information provided by the Issuer in connection with the Programme. No Dealer nor any of its respective affiliates accepts any liability in relation to the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Offering Circular or any other information provided by the Issuer in connection with the Programme or any Non PD Notes.

This Offering Circular should be read and construed with any amendment or supplement hereto and with any other documents which are deemed to be incorporated herein or therein by reference and shall be read and construed on the basis that such documents are so incorporated and form part of this document. Any reference in this document to the “**Offering Circular**” means this document together with the documents incorporated by reference herein, any supplementary prospectus approved by the UK Listing Authority and any documents specifically incorporated by reference therein. In relation to any Series (as defined herein) of Non PD Notes, this document shall also be read and construed together with the applicable Pricing Supplement(s) (as defined herein).

### ***Independent Evaluation***

Neither this Offering Circular or any Pricing Supplement nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or any Non PD Notes (i) is intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation or (ii) should be considered as a recommendation by the Issuer or any of the Dealers that any recipient of this document or any Pricing Supplement or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme should subscribe for or purchase any Non PD Notes. Each recipient of this Offering Circular or any Pricing Supplement and each investor contemplating purchasing any Non PD Notes shall be taken to have made its own independent investigation of the condition (financial or otherwise) and affairs, and its own appraisal of the creditworthiness, of the Issuer. Neither this document nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or any Non PD Notes constitutes an offer or invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer or any of the Dealers to any person to subscribe for or to purchase any Non PD Notes.

### ***Currency of Information***

The delivery of the Offering Circular does not at any time imply that the information contained herein concerning the Issuer is correct at any time subsequent to the date hereof or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct as of any time subsequent to the date indicated in the document containing the same. The Dealers expressly do not undertake to review the financial condition or affairs of the Issuer during the life of the Programme or to advise any Investor of any information coming to their attention.

### ***Investment considerations***

The Notes may not be a suitable investment for all investors. Each potential investor in the Notes must determine (at the time of the initial investment and on an on-going basis) the suitability of that investment in

light of its own circumstances. In particular, each potential investor should consider, either on its own or with the help of its financial adviser and other professional advisers, whether it:

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

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

### ***Supplemental Offering Circular***

The Issuer will, in the event of any significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in the Offering Circular which is capable of affecting the assessment of any Non PD Notes and which is not otherwise disclosed in a future document incorporated by reference as specified below under "Additional Documents Incorporated by Reference", prepare a supplement to the Offering Circular or publish a new offering circular for use in connection with any subsequent issue of Non PD Notes.

Statements contained in any such supplement (or contained in any document incorporated by reference therein) shall, to the extent applicable (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise), be deemed to modify or supersede statements contained in the Offering Circular or in a document which is incorporated by reference in the Offering Circular. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not, except as so modified or superseded, constitute a part of the Offering Circular.

## **Stabilisation**

In connection with the issue of any Tranche of Non PD Notes, a Dealer or Dealers (the "**Stabilisation Manager(s)**") specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement may over-allot Notes or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Non PD Notes at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, there is no assurance that the Stabilisation Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of a Stabilisation Manager) will undertake stabilisation action. Any stabilisation action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the terms of the offer of the relevant Tranche of Non PD Notes is made and, if begun, may be ended at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche of Non PD Notes and 60 days after the date of the allotment of the relevant Tranche of Non PD Notes. Any stabilisation action or over-allotment must be conducted by the relevant Stabilisation Manager(s) (or person(s) acting on behalf of any Stabilisation Manager(s)) in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.

**Any purchaser of the Non PD Notes is deemed by its purchase to acknowledge that it is relying solely on the information contained herein or incorporated by reference herein and on its own investigations in making its investment decision and is not relying on the Dealers or the Arrangers in any manner whatsoever in relation to its investigation of the Issuer or in relation to such investment decision. In making an investment decision, investors must rely on their own examination of the Issuer and the terms of the Notes being offered, including the merits and risks involved.**

## RISK FACTORS

The following risk factor relating to Subordinated Notes supplements the Risk Factors section set out in the Base Prospectus incorporated herein by reference:

### **Risks related to the structure of a particular issue of Notes**

#### ***The Issuer's obligations under Subordinated Non PD Notes are subordinated***

An investor in Subordinated Non PD Notes assumes an enhanced risk of loss in the event of the Issuer's insolvency.

The Issuer's obligations under Subordinated Non PD Notes will be unsecured and subordinated obligations of the Issuer. The Subordinated Non PD Notes will, in the event of the insolvency or winding up of the Issuer, be subordinated in right of payment to all deposit liabilities (including the Notes) and all other liabilities of the Issuer except those which by their terms rank equally with or are subordinate to such Subordinated Non PD Notes and except as otherwise prescribed by law. Although Subordinated Non PD Notes may pay a higher rate of interest than comparable Notes which are not subordinated, there is a real risk that Investors in Subordinated Non PD Notes will lose some or all of their investment should the Issuer become insolvent. Holders of Subordinated Non PD Notes have only a limited right to accelerate payment of principal on default and a default may be declared and the obligation to repay principal accelerated only in prescribed circumstances summarised under "Events of Default" in the Conditions. Except to the extent regulatory capital requirements affect the Issuer's decisions to issue subordinated debt or more senior debt, there is no limit on the Issuer's ability to incur subordinated debt or more senior debt.

## OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME WITH RESPECT TO NON PD NOTES

*This overview must be read as an introduction to the Offering Circular and any decision to invest in any Non PD Notes should be based on a consideration of the Offering Circular as a whole, including any documents incorporated by reference.*

*Words and expressions defined in "Forms of the Notes" and "Terms and Conditions of the Non PD Notes" and in the remainder of the Offering Circular shall have the same meanings in this overview.*

<b>Issuer:</b>	Royal Bank of Canada
<b>Branch of Account:</b>	The Bank will initially issue Senior Notes through its London or Toronto branch or any other branch as may be specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement. The relevant branch is the branch of account for the purposes of the <i>Bank Act</i> (Canada).
<b>Description:</b>	Programme for the Issuance of Securities
<b>Arrangers:</b>	RBC Europe Limited Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc
<b>Dealers:</b>	RBC Europe Limited Barclays Bank PLC Citigroup Global Markets Limited Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch HSBC Bank plc J.P. Morgan Securities plc Merrill Lynch International Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc UBS Limited
<b>Issuing and Principal Paying Agent:</b>	The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch
<b>Registrar:</b>	The Bank of New York Mellon (Luxembourg) S.A.
<b>Swedish Issuing and Paying Agent:</b>	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ)
<b>Size:</b>	The maximum aggregate principal amount of all Notes and other instruments evidencing deposit liabilities under the <i>Bank Act</i> (Canada) issued under the Programme (calculated as described under " <i>General Description of the Programme</i> ") will not exceed U.S.\$40,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated in accordance with the Dealership Agreement described herein). The Issuer may increase the amount of the Programme in accordance with the terms of the Dealership Agreement.

**Distribution:** Subject to applicable selling restrictions, Non PD Notes may be distributed by way of private placement and on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis.

**Currencies:** Subject to any applicable legal or regulatory restrictions, such currencies as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer.

Each issue of Non PD Notes denominated in a currency in respect of which particular laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements apply will only be issued in circumstances which comply with such laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements from time to time (see "*Subscription and Sale*" in the Base Prospectus).

If the Non PD Notes are payable in a currency other than Euro and such currency is unavailable on the foreign exchange markets due to circumstances beyond its control, the Bank will be entitled to satisfy its obligations in respect of such payment by making payment in Euro on the basis of the spot exchange rate.

**Redenomination:** The applicable Pricing Supplement may provide that certain Non PD Notes may be redenominated into Euro. The relevant provisions applicable to any such redenomination will be set forth in full in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

**Maturities:** Such maturities as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer and as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement, subject to such minimum or maximum maturities as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the Issuer or the relevant Specified Currency.

Unless otherwise permitted by then current laws, regulations and directives, Subordinated Notes will have a maturity of not less than five (5) years.

**Issue Price:** Non PD Notes may be issued on a fully-paid basis and at an issue price which is at par or at a discount to, or premium over, par.

The price and amount of Non PD Notes to be issued under the Programme will be determined by the Issuer and the Dealer(s) at the time of issue in accordance with prevailing market conditions.

**Terms and Conditions:** A Pricing Supplement will be prepared in respect of each Tranche of Non PD Notes. The terms and conditions applicable to each Tranche will be those set out herein under "*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*" as supplemented, modified or replaced by the relevant Pricing Supplement.

**Issuance in Series:**

Non PD Notes will be issued in series (each, a **"Series"**). Each Series may comprise one or more tranches (**"Tranches"** and each, a **"Tranche"**) issued on different issue dates. The Non PD Notes of each Series will all be subject to identical terms, except that (i) the issue date and the amount of the first payment of interest may be different in respect of different Tranches and (ii) a Series may comprise Non PD Notes in bearer form and Non PD Notes in registered form and Non PD Notes in more than one denomination. The Non PD Notes of each Tranche will all be subject to identical terms in all respects save that a Tranche may comprise Non PD Notes in bearer form and Non PD Notes in registered form and may comprise Non PD Notes of different denominations

**Forms:**

Non PD Notes will be issued in series (each a **"Series"**). Each Series may comprise one or more tranches (**"Tranches"**) issued on different issue dates.

Non PD Notes may be issued in (a) bearer, (b) registered or (c) in the case of Swedish Notes, dematerialized book-entry form settled in Euroclear Sweden AB (**"Swedish Notes"**). In respect of each Tranche of Non PD Notes issued in bearer form, the Issuer will deliver a temporary global note or, in respect of Non PD Notes to which U.S. Treasury Regulation §1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(C) (the **"TEFRA C Rules"**) applies, a permanent global Note. Such global Note will be deposited on or before the relevant issue date therefor with a depository or a common depository for Euroclear Bank SA/NV (**"Euroclear"**) and/or Clearstream Banking S.A. (**"Clearstream, Luxembourg"**) and/or any other relevant clearing system. Each temporary global Note will be exchangeable either for a permanent global Note or, in certain cases, for Non PD Notes in definitive bearer form and/or (in the case of certain Series comprising both bearer Notes and registered Notes) registered form in accordance with its terms. Each permanent global Note will be exchangeable for Non PD Notes in definitive bearer form and/or (in the case of certain Series comprising both bearer Notes and registered Notes) registered form in accordance with its terms. Non PD Notes in definitive bearer form will, if interest-bearing, either have interest coupons (**"Coupons"**) attached and, if appropriate, a talon (**"Talon"**) for further Coupons. Non PD Notes in bearer form are exchangeable in accordance with the terms thereof for Non PD Notes in registered form. Non PD Notes in registered form may not be exchanged for Non PD Notes in bearer form.

**Fixed Rate Notes:**

Fixed interest will be payable on such date or dates as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer (as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement) and on redemption and will either be fixed amounts or will be calculated on the basis of such Fixed Day Count Fraction as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) and as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

**Floating Rate Notes:** Floating Rate Notes (as defined in the applicable Pricing Supplement) will bear interest at a rate determined either:

(i) on the same basis as the floating rate under a notional interest–rate swap transaction in the relevant Specified Currency governed by an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions (as amended and updated as at the date of issue of the first Tranche of the Non PD Notes of the relevant Series (as specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement) as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.) or, if so specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, the 2006 ISDA Definitions (as amended and updated as at the date of issue of the first Tranche of the Non PD Notes of the relevant Series (as specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement) as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.); or

(ii) on the basis of a reference rate appearing on the agreed screen page of a commercial quotation service; or (iii) on such other basis as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer, as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

The Margin (if any) relating to such Floating Rate Notes will be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer for each Series of Floating Rate Notes.

**Zero Coupon Notes:** Zero Coupon Notes will be offered and sold at par or at a discount to their nominal amount and will not bear interest other than in the case of late payment.

**Change of Interest / Payment Basis:** Non PD Notes may be converted from one interest and/or payment basis to another.

**Redemption:** The Pricing Supplement relating to each Tranche of Non PD Notes will indicate either that the Non PD Notes of such Tranche cannot be redeemed prior to their stated maturity (other than following an Event of Default or for Taxation Reasons) or that such Non PD Notes will be redeemable prior to their stated maturity at the option of the Issuer and/or the Noteholders upon giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' irrevocable notice (or such other notice period (if any) as is indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement) to the Noteholders or the Issuer, as the case may be, on a date or dates specified prior to such stated maturity and at a price or prices and on such terms as are indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

As at the date hereof, Subordinated Notes may only be redeemed at the approval of the Issuer with the prior approval of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (Canada).

**Denominations:** Non PD Notes will be issued in such denominations as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer and as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

Subject to compliance with all applicable legal and/or regulatory and/or central bank requirements and the minimum denomination of each Non PD Note will be such as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant Specified Currency.

**Taxation:**

Payments in respect of Non PD Notes will be made without withholding or deduction for, or on account of, any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of Canada or any province or territory thereof, or of the country in which the branch of account for Deposit Notes is located or any political subdivision thereof or any authority or agency therein or thereof having power to tax, unless the withholding or deduction of such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges is required by law. In that event, the Issuer will (subject to customary exceptions) pay such additional amounts as will result in the holders of Non PD Notes or Coupons receiving such amounts as they would have received in respect of such Non PD Notes or Coupons had no such withholding or deduction been required (see "*Terms and Conditions of the Notes – Early Redemption for Taxation Reasons*"). See the discussion under the caption "*Taxation – Canada*" in the Base Prospectus.

**Status:**

Senior Notes will constitute unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and will rank *pari passu* without any preference amongst themselves and at least *pari passu* with all other present and future unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer (including deposit liabilities), except as otherwise prescribed by law.

Subordinated Notes will constitute direct unsecured obligations of the Issuer evidencing subordinated indebtedness for the purposes of the *Bank Act (Canada)* and will rank *pari passu* with all other present or future subordinated indebtedness of the Issuer other than subordinated indebtedness having priority to the Subordinated Notes by virtue of any law now or hereafter in force.

The subordinated indebtedness evidenced by the Subordinated Notes will, in the event of the insolvency or winding-up of the Issuer, be subordinate in right of payment to all deposit liabilities of the Issuer and all other liabilities of the Issuer except those that, by their terms, rank equally with or are subordinate to such subordinated indebtedness and except as otherwise prescribed by law.

None of the Non PD Notes will be deposits insured under the *Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act (Canada)*.

<b>Cross Default:</b>	None.
<b>Negative Pledge:</b>	None.
<b>Events of Default:</b>	The events of default applicable to Senior Notes are limited to (i) non-payment of principal or non-payment (subject to a grace period) of interest and (ii) insolvency or bankruptcy, the appointment of a liquidator, receiver or receiver and manager or other officer having similar powers or the taking of control of the Bank or its assets by the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (Canada). The events of default for the Subordinated Notes are limited to insolvency or winding up of the Bank.
<b>Rating:</b>	<p>The current credit ratings assigned to the Issuer and the Programme will be set out in the applicable Pricing Supplement.</p> <p>Non PD Notes issued under the Programme may be rated or unrated.</p> <p>Where an issue of Non PD Notes is rated, the applicable rating(s) will be specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement. Such rating(s) will not necessarily be the same as the ratings assigned to the Issuer, the Programme or to notes already issued.</p> <p>A security rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.</p>
<b>Risk Factors:</b>	There are certain risks relating to any issue of Non PD Notes, which investors should ensure they fully understand. A non-exhaustive description of such Non PD Notes is set out under “ <i>Risk Factors</i> ” in the Base Prospectus, incorporated herein by reference.
<b>Listing:</b>	Non PD Notes may be unlisted and/or may be admitted to trading on a market or stock exchange (in circumstances where the provisions of the Prospectus Directive do not apply).
<b>Governing Law and Jurisdiction:</b>	The Non PD Notes and all non-contractual obligations arising out of, or in connection with them, will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the laws of Canada applicable therein. Ontario Courts have non-exclusive jurisdiction in the event of litigation in respect of the Non PD Notes.
<b>Clearing Systems:</b>	Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or, in relation to any Non PD Notes, any other clearing system as may be specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement.
<b>Selling Restrictions:</b>	There are selling restrictions in relation to Canada, the European Economic Area (including the United Kingdom, Italy, France, The Netherlands and Sweden), Switzerland, Japan and Hong Kong and such other restrictions as may be required in connection with the offering and sale of a particular Tranche of Non PD Notes. See

"*Subscription and Sale*" in the Base Prospectus, which is incorporated by reference into the Offering Circular.

The relevant Dealer(s) will be required to comply with such other additional restrictions as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer shall agree in respect of any Tranche of Non PD Notes and as shall be set out in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

**U.S. Selling Restrictions:**

The Issuer is Category 2 for Regulation S purposes.

The Non PD Notes will be issued in compliance with U.S. Treas. Reg. §1.163(c)(2)(i)(D) (the "**D Rules**") unless (i) the relevant Pricing Supplement states that the Non PD Notes are issued in compliance with U.S. Treas. Reg. §1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(C) (the "**C Rules**") or (ii) the Non PD Notes are issued other than in compliance with the D Rules or the C Rules but in circumstances in which the Non PD Notes will not constitute "registration required obligations" under the United States Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 ("**TEFRA**"), which circumstances will be referred to in the relevant Pricing Supplement as a transfer to which TEFRA is not applicable.

## ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

In addition to the documents specified in “Documents Incorporated by Reference” in the Base Prospectus which are incorporated by reference herein, the following documents published or issued from time to time after the date hereof shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and form part of, this document:

- (a) the Bank’s most recently published Annual Information Form;
- (b) the Bank’s audited consolidated financial statements, together with the report of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm thereon (excluding for greater certainty Management’s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and the Report of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm thereon) and management’s discussion and analysis for the year then ended contained in the most recently published Annual Report and, if published later, the Bank’s comparative unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements and management’s discussion and analysis for the period then ended contained in the most recently published Quarterly Report to Shareholders;
- (c) all supplements or amendments to the Non-PD Offering Circular prepared by the Bank from time to time (other than those filed pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive and approved by the UK Listing Authority);
- (d) any material change reports (excluding confidential material change reports) filed by the Bank with the various securities commission or similar authorities in Canada pursuant to the requirements of applicable securities legislation, after the date of this document and during the currency of this document;
- (e) the Bank’s most recently published Registration Document,

provided that any statement contained herein or in a document all or the relative portion of which is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purpose of this document to the extent that a statement contained herein, in any other subsequently filed document which is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference in this document, (in each case including any documents incorporated by reference therein) modifies or supersedes such earlier statement (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise).

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NON PD NOTES

*The following are the terms and conditions of the Notes, which as supplemented, modified or replaced in relation to any Notes by the applicable Pricing Supplement, will be applicable to each Series of Notes issued after the date of this Base Prospectus unless otherwise specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement. Either (i) the full text of these Terms and Conditions (subject to simplification by deletion of non-applicable provisions) together with the relevant provisions of the Pricing Supplement or (ii) these Terms and Conditions as so supplemented, modified or replaced (subject to simplification by deletion of non-applicable provisions) shall be endorsed on the definitive Bearer Notes and Registered Notes, and in the case of Global Notes, these Terms and Conditions shall be incorporated by reference into such Notes and the applicable Pricing Supplement attached thereto. All capitalised terms that are not defined in these Terms and Conditions will have the meanings given to them in the applicable Pricing Supplement.*

The Notes (other than Swedish Notes (as defined below)) are issued pursuant to and in accordance with an amended and restated issue and paying agency agreement dated 8 June, 2015 (as further amended, supplemented, restated or replaced, the "**Issue and Paying Agency Agreement**") and made between Royal Bank of Canada (the "**Issuer**"), The Bank of New York Mellon, London branch, in its capacities as issuing and principal paying agent and principal certificate and warrant agent (the "**Issuing and Paying Agent**", which expression shall include any successor to The Bank of New York Mellon, London branch in its capacity as such) and The Bank of New York Mellon (Luxembourg) S.A. as registrar (the "**Registrar**", which expression shall include any successor to The Bank of New York Mellon (Luxembourg) S.A. in its capacity as such and any additional registrars appointed in accordance with the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement either with respect to the Programme or with respect to a particular Series). The expression "**Paying Agents**" as used herein shall include the Issuing and Paying Agent and any additional paying agents appointed, if any, in accordance with the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement either with respect to the Programme or with respect to a particular Series. The issuance of Swedish Notes is governed by a Swedish Notes issuing and paying agent agreement (as further amended, supplemented, restated or replaced, the "**Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent Agreement**") dated 31 October, 2011 and made between the Issuer and Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) (the "**Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent**", which expression shall include any successor to Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) in its capacity as such provided that such successor is duly authorised under the Swedish Financial Instruments Accounts Act 1998 (Sw.: *Lagen (1998:1479) om kontoföring av finansiella instrument*) (the "**SFIA Act**")). Any references in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes to "Issue and Paying Agency Agreement" shall be deemed to include, where the context so admits, reference to the Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent Agreement. Copies of the Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent Agreement will be available for inspection during normal business hours at the initial specified offices of the Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent and the Issuer, respectively. All persons from time to time entitled to the benefit of obligations under any Swedish Notes shall be deemed to have notice of, and shall be bound by, all of the provisions of the Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent Agreement insofar as they relate to the relevant Swedish Notes.

The holders of Swedish Notes are entitled to the benefit of the Deed of Covenant (the "**Swedish Deed of Covenant**") dated October 30, 2015 and made by the Issuer. The original of the Swedish Deed of Covenant is held by the Issuing and Paying Agent.

Copies of the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement and the Swedish Deed of Covenant are available for inspection during normal business hours at the specified office of each of the Paying Agents and the Registrar. All persons from time to time entitled to the benefit of obligations under any Notes shall be deemed to have notice of, and shall be bound by, all of the provisions of the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement insofar as they relate to the relevant Notes.

The Notes are issued in series (each, a "**Series**"), and each Series may comprise one or more tranches ("**Tranches**" and each, a "**Tranche**") of Notes. Each Tranche will be the subject of Pricing Supplement (each,

“**Pricing Supplement**”), a copy of which, subject as provided below, will be available free of charge during normal business hours at the specified office of the Issuing and Paying Agent and/or, as the case may be, the applicable Registrar and each other Paying Agent, save that, if the Notes are unlisted, the applicable Pricing Supplement will only be available for inspection by a Holder of, or, as the case may be, a Relevant Account Holder (each as defined herein) in respect of, such Notes.

References in these Terms and Conditions (the “**Conditions**”) to Notes are to Notes of the relevant Series and means:

- (a) in relation to any Notes represented by a global Note (a “**Global Note**”), units of the lowest Specified Denomination in the Specified Currency;
- (b) any Global Note;
- (c) any definitive Note issued on exchange for a Global Note; and
- (d) any Swedish Note.

References to Coupons (as defined in Condition 1.06) are to Coupons relating to Notes of the relevant Series.

References in these Conditions to the Pricing Supplement are, unless otherwise stated, to Part A of the Pricing Supplement(s) prepared in relation to the Notes of the relevant Tranche or Series.

The applicable Pricing Supplement for the Notes shall supplement these Conditions and may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified, supplement, modify or replace these Conditions for the purposes of the Notes.

References herein to “**RMB Notes**” are to Notes denominated in Renminbi. References herein to “**Renminbi**”, “**RMB**” and “**CNY**” are to the lawful currency of the People’s Republic of China (the “**PRC**”) which, for the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, excludes the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC, the Macau Special Administrative Region of the PRC and Taiwan.

## 1. Form and Denomination

**1.01** Notes are issued in either (a) bearer form (“**Bearer Notes**”), (b) registered form (“**Registered Notes**”) or (c) in the case of Senior Notes, dematerialised uncertificated book-entry form settled in Euroclear Sweden AB (“**Swedish Notes**”), as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement and, with the exception of Swedish Notes, are serially numbered. Registered Notes and Swedish Notes will not be exchangeable for Bearer Notes.

The Note is a Senior Note or a Subordinated Note, depending on the status of the Notes indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement. This Note may be a Note bearing interest on a fixed rate basis (“**Fixed Rate Note**”), a Note bearing interest on a floating rate basis (“**Floating Rate Note**”), a Note issued on a non-interest bearing basis (“**Zero Coupon Note**”) or a combination of any of the foregoing, or any other kind of Note, depending upon the Interest Basis and/or Redemption / Payment Basis specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

Swedish Notes are being issued in uncertificated and dematerialised book-entry form in accordance with the SFIA Act. No global or definitive Swedish Notes will be issued and these Conditions shall be construed accordingly. The Swedish Notes will be transferable only in accordance with the provisions of the SFIA Act, other applicable Swedish legislation and the rules and regulations applicable to, and/or issued by, Euroclear Sweden AB (“**Euroclear Sweden**”).

The applicable Pricing Supplement will specify whether the Issuer shall have access to the register of creditors (Sw.: *skuldboken*) in respect of the Swedish Notes.

### **Bearer Notes**

**1.02** The Pricing Supplement shall specify whether U.S. Treasury Regulation § 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D) (or any successor U.S. Treasury Regulation section including, without limitation, regulations issued in accordance with U.S. Internal Revenue Service Notice 2012-20 or otherwise in connection with the United States Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act of 2010) (the “**TEFRA D Rules**”) or U.S. Treasury Regulation § 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(C) (the “**TEFRA C Rules**”) (or any successor U.S. Treasury Regulation section including, without limitation, regulations issued in accordance with U.S. Internal Revenue Service Notice 2012-20 or otherwise in connection with the United States Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act of 2010) shall apply or whether the TEFRA Rules are not applicable. Each Tranche of Bearer Notes with an original maturity of more than one year is represented upon issue by a temporary global Note (a “**Temporary Global Note**”), unless the Pricing Supplement specify otherwise, in particular, when the TEFRA C Rules apply.

Where the Pricing Supplement applicable to a Tranche of Bearer Notes specify that the TEFRA C Rules apply or that the TEFRA Rules are not applicable, such Tranche is (unless otherwise specified in the Pricing Supplement) represented upon issue by a permanent global Note (a “**Permanent Global Note**”).

Interests in the Temporary Global Note may be exchanged for:

- (i) interests in a Permanent Global Note; or
- (ii) if so specified in the Pricing Supplement, definitive Bearer Notes (“**Definitive Notes**”) and/or (in the case of a Series comprising both Bearer Notes and Registered Notes and if so specified in the Pricing Supplement) Registered Notes.

Exchanges of interests in a Temporary Global Note for Definitive Notes or, as the case may be, a Permanent Global Note will be made only on or after the Exchange Date (as specified in the Pricing Supplement) and (unless the Pricing Supplement specify that the TEFRA C Rules are applicable to the Notes) provided certification as to the beneficial ownership thereof as required by U.S. Treasury regulations has been received in accordance with the terms of the Temporary Global Note (each certification in such form as is required by the relevant clearing system). An exchange of interests in a Temporary Global Note or a Permanent Global Note for Registered Notes will be made at any time or from such date as may be specified in the Pricing Supplement, in each case, without any requirement for certification.

**1.03** The bearer of any Temporary Global Note shall not (unless, upon due presentation of such Temporary Global Note for exchange (in whole but not in part only) for a Permanent Global Note or for delivery of Definitive Notes and/or Registered Notes, such exchange or delivery is improperly withheld or refused and such withholding or refusal is continuing at the relevant payment date) be entitled to collect any payment in respect of the Notes represented by such Temporary Global Note which falls due on or after the Exchange Date or be entitled to exercise any option on a date after the Exchange Date.

**1.04** Unless the Pricing Supplement specify that the TEFRA C Rules are applicable to the Notes and subject to Condition 1.03 above, if any date on which a payment of interest is due on the Notes of a Tranche occurs while any of the Notes of that Tranche are represented by a Temporary Global Note, the related interest payment will be made on the Temporary Global Note only to the extent that certification as to the beneficial ownership thereof as required by U.S. Treasury regulations (in such form as is required by the relevant clearing system), has been received by Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (“**Euroclear**”) or Clearstream Banking S.A. (“**Clearstream, Luxembourg**”) or any other relevant clearing system in accordance with the terms of the Temporary Global Note. Payments of amounts due in respect of a Permanent Global Note or

(subject to Condition 1.03 above) a Temporary Global Note will be made through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant clearing system without any requirement for further certification. Any reference herein to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall be deemed to include a reference to any other relevant clearing system.

**1.05** Interests in a Permanent Global Note will be exchanged by the Issuer in whole but not in part only at the option of the Holder of such Permanent Global Note, for Definitive Notes and/or (in the case of a Series comprising both Bearer and Registered Notes and if so specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement) Registered Notes, (a) if an Event of Default occurs in respect of any Note of the relevant Series; or (b) if either Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant clearing system is closed for business for a continuous period of fourteen days (other than by reason of public holidays) or announces an intention to cease business permanently or in fact does so and the Issuer is unable to locate a qualified successor within 90 days of the occurrence of any such event; in all cases at the cost and expense of the Issuer.

**1.06** Definitive Notes that are interest bearing have attached thereto, at the time of their initial delivery, coupons ("**Coupons**"), the presentation of which will be a prerequisite to the payment of interest save in certain circumstances specified herein. Definitive Notes that are interest bearing and which have more than 27 interest payments remaining at the time of their initial delivery, have attached thereto a talon ("**Talon**") for further coupons and the expression "**Coupons**" shall, where the context so requires, include Talons.

#### **Registered Notes**

**1.07** Where the Pricing Supplement applicable to a Tranche of Registered Notes so specify, such Tranche is represented upon issue by a global registered note ("**Global Registered Note**").

Interests in a Global Registered Note will be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole but not in part, for Registered Notes in definitive form without interest coupons or talons attached (a) if an Event of Default occurs in respect of any Note of the relevant Series; or (b) if either Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant clearing system is closed for business for a continuous period of fourteen days (other than by reason of public holidays) or announces an intention to cease business permanently or in fact does so and the Issuer is unable to locate a qualified successor within 90 days of the occurrence of any such event, in all cases at the cost and expense of the Issuer.

#### ***Denomination***

##### ***Denomination of Bearer Notes***

**1.08** Bearer Notes are in the denominations (the "**Specified Denomination(s)**") specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, Bearer Notes of one denomination may not be exchanged for Bearer Notes of any other denomination.

##### ***Denomination of Registered Notes***

**1.09** Registered Notes are in the Specified Denominations specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

##### ***Denomination of Swedish Notes***

**1.10** Swedish Notes are in the Specified Denominations specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

## **Currency of Notes**

**1.11** The Notes are denominated in such currency (the “**Specified Currency**”) as may be specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement. Any currency may be so specified, subject to compliance with all applicable legal and/or regulatory and/or central bank requirements.

## **2. Title and Transfer**

**2.01** Title to Bearer Notes and Coupons passes by delivery. References herein to the “**Holders**” of Bearer Notes or of Coupons are to the bearers of such Bearer Notes or such Coupons.

**2.02** Title to Registered Notes passes by due endorsement in the relevant register. The Issuer shall procure that the Registrar keep a register or registers in which shall be entered the names and addresses of the Holders of Registered Notes and particulars of the Registered Notes held by them. Such registration shall be noted on the Registered Notes by the Registrar. References herein to the “**Holders**” of Registered Notes are to the persons in whose names such Registered Notes are so registered in the relevant register.

**2.02a** The person appearing in the central securities depository register (Sw.: *avstämningsregister*) held by Euroclear Sweden on behalf of the Issuer (the “**Swedish Notes Register**”) will be treated as the holder of the relevant Swedish Notes and title to the Swedish Notes passes only by registration in the Swedish Notes Register. References herein to the “**Holders**” of Swedish Notes are to the persons in whose names such Swedish Notes are so registered in the Swedish Notes Register. Where a nominee (Sw.: *förvaltare*) is so evidenced it shall be treated as the Holder of the relevant Notes.

**2.03** The Holder of any Bearer Note, Coupon, Registered Note or Swedish Note will for all purposes of the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement and the Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent (except as otherwise required by applicable law or regulatory requirement) be treated as its absolute owner whether or not it is overdue and regardless of any notice of ownership, trust or any interest thereof or therein, any writing thereon, or any theft or loss thereof and no person shall be liable for so treating such Holder.

## **Holders of Global Notes**

**2.04** For so long as any of the Notes is represented by a Global Note held on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg or such other clearing system as set out in the applicable Pricing Supplement, each person (other than Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or such other clearing system as set out in Part B of the applicable Pricing Supplement) who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or such other clearing system as the holder of a particular principal amount of such Notes (a “**Relevant Account Holder**”) (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or such other clearing system as to the principal amount of such Notes standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest or proven error) shall be treated by the Issuer, the Issuing and Paying Agent, the Registrar and any other Paying Agent as the holder of such principal amount of such Notes for all purposes other than with respect to the payment of principal or interest on the Notes, for which purpose the bearer of the relevant Temporary Global Note and/or Permanent Global Note or registered holder of a Global Note shall be treated by the Issuer, the Issuing and Paying Agent and any Paying Agent and any Registrar as the holder of such principal amount of such Notes in accordance with and subject to the terms of the Global Note and/or the Deed of Covenant, as the case may be, and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly. Notes which are represented by a Global Note will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures of Euroclear or of Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant clearing system, as the case may be in force from time to time.

### ***Transfer of Registered Notes and exchange of Bearer Notes for Registered Notes***

**2.05** A Registered Note may, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement and as required by law, be transferred in whole or in part only (provided that such part is, or is an integral multiple of, the minimum Specified Denomination specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement) upon the surrender of the Registered Note to be transferred, together with a form of transfer duly completed and executed, at the specified office of the Registrar. A new Registered Note will be issued to the transferee and, in the case of a transfer of part only of a Registered Note, a new Registered Note in respect of the balance not transferred will be issued to the transferor.

**2.06** If so specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the Holder of Bearer Notes may exchange the same for the same aggregate principal amount of Registered Notes upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement and as may be required by law. In order to exchange a Bearer Note for a Registered Note, the Holder thereof shall surrender such Bearer Note at the specified office outside the United States of America (the “**United States**”) of the Issuing and Paying Agent or of the Registrar, together with a written request for the exchange. Each Bearer Note so surrendered must be accompanied by all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto other than any Coupon where the exchange date (as defined in Condition 2.07) would, but for the provisions of Condition 2.06, occur between the Record Date (as defined in Condition 9.10) for such payment of interest and the next Interest Payment Date for such Coupon.

**2.07** Each new Registered Note to be issued upon the registration of the transfer of a Registered Note or the exchange of a Bearer Note for a Registered Note will, within three Relevant Banking Days of the transfer date or, as the case may be, the exchange date be available for collection by each relevant Holder at the specified office of the Registrar or, at the option of the Holder requesting such exchange or transfer, be mailed (by uninsured post at the risk of the Holder(s) entitled thereto) to such address(es) as may be specified by such Holder. For these purposes, a form of transfer or request for exchange received by the Registrar or the Issuing and Paying Agent after the Record Date in respect of any payment due in respect of Registered Notes shall be deemed not to be effectively received by the Registrar or the Issuing and Paying Agent until the day following the due date for such payment.

For the purposes of these Conditions:

- (i) “**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 and, in the case only of an exchange of a Bearer Note for a Registered Note where such request for exchange is made to the Issuing and Paying Agent, in the place where the specified office of the Issuing and Paying Agent is located;
- (ii) the “**exchange date**” shall be the Relevant Banking Day following the day on which the relevant Bearer Note shall have been surrendered for exchange in accordance with Condition 2.05; and
- (iii) the “**transfer date**” shall be the Relevant Banking Day following the day on which the relevant Registered Note shall have been surrendered for transfer in accordance with Condition 2.04.

**2.08** The issue of new Registered Notes on transfer or on the exchange of Bearer Notes for Registered Notes will be effected without charge by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Issuing and Paying Agent or the Registrar, but upon payment by the applicant of (or the giving by the applicant of such indemnity as the Issuer, the Issuing and Paying Agent or the Registrar may require in respect of) any tax, duty or other governmental charges which may be imposed in relation thereto.

### **Minimum Trading Size**

**2.09** Notes represented by a Global Note may, if specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, be subject to a Minimum Trading Size, in which case such Notes will, for so long as they are cleared through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, be transferrable only in a principal amount of not less than such Minimum Trading Size. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such Notes will only be transferrable in accordance with the rules of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg.

### **3. Status of the Notes**

*The applicable Pricing Supplement will indicate whether the Notes are Senior Notes or Subordinated Notes.*

#### **Status – Senior Notes**

**3.01** This Condition 3.01 is applicable in relation to Notes specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement as being Senior Notes. The Senior Notes constitute legal, valid and binding direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves and at least *pari passu* with all other present and future unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer (including deposit liabilities), except as otherwise prescribed by law.

#### **Status – Subordinated Notes**

**3.02** This Condition 3.02 is applicable in relation to Notes specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement as being Subordinated Notes. The Subordinated Notes will evidence subordinated indebtedness of the Issuer for purposes of the *Bank Act* (Canada). The Subordinated Notes constitute legal, valid and binding direct, subordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer enforceable in accordance with their terms and rank *pari passu* with all other present and future subordinated indebtedness of the Issuer other than subordinated indebtedness having a priority to the Subordinated Notes by virtue of any law now or hereafter in force. The subordinated indebtedness evidenced by the Subordinated Notes will, in the event of the insolvency or winding-up of the Issuer, be subordinate in right of payment to all deposit liabilities of the Issuer and all other liabilities of the Issuer except those which by their terms rank equally with or are subordinate to such subordinated indebtedness and except as otherwise prescribed by law.

### **4. Covenant**

The Issuer will not create, incur or permit the existence of indebtedness which, in the event of insolvency or winding-up of the Issuer, will rank subordinate to deposit liabilities and in priority to Subordinated Notes.

### **5. Interest**

#### **Interest**

**5.01** Notes may be interest-bearing or non interest-bearing. The Interest Basis is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement. Words and expressions appearing in this Condition 5 and not otherwise defined herein or in the applicable Pricing Supplement shall have the meanings given to them in Condition 5.11.

**5.01a** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Conditions (and in particular this Condition 5), interest on Swedish Notes shall accrue and be calculated from (but excluding) the Interest Commencement Date to (and including) the first Interest Payment Date and following the first Interest Payment Date from (but excluding) an Interest Payment Date to (and including) the next occurring Interest Payment Date and the definition of “Interest Period” shall be construed accordingly.

**Interest on Fixed Rate Notes other than Fixed Rates denominated in Renminbi or Hong Kong Dollars without Fixed Coupon Amounts**

*This Condition 5.02 applies to Fixed Rate Notes only but does not apply where Fixed Rate Notes denominated in Renminbi or Hong Kong Dollars without Fixed Coupon Amounts are specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement. The applicable Pricing Supplement contains provisions applicable to the determination of fixed rate interest and must be read in conjunction with this Condition 5.02 for full information on the manner in which interest is calculated on Fixed Rate Notes. In particular, the applicable Pricing Supplement will specify the Interest Commencement Date, the Rate of Interest, the Interest Payment Date(s), the Maturity Date, the Fixed Coupon Amount, any applicable Broken Amount, the Business Day Convention (if any) applicable to any Interest Payment Date, the Day Count Fraction, any applicable Determination Date and whether any Coupon Switch Option is applicable.*

**5.02** Each Fixed Rate Note bears interest on its Outstanding Principal Amount from and including the Interest Commencement Date at the rate(s) per annum equal to the Rate(s) of Interest specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement. Interest will be payable in arrear on the Interest Payment Date(s) in each year up to and including the Maturity Date if that does not fall on an Interest Payment Date.

Where a Fixed Coupon Amount is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the amount of interest payable on each Interest Payment Date in respect of the Fixed Interest Period ending on, but excluding, such date will amount to such Fixed Coupon Amount, as specified in respect of any Calculation Amount based on the applicable Rate of Interest and any applicable Day Count Fraction (if any) and if the amount of interest payable on the Interest Payment Date is specified as other than the Fixed Coupon Amount, such amount will be a **"Broken Amount"** specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

Where the Notes are represented by a Global Note or where the Specified Denomination of Note in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Note shall be the aggregate of the Fixed Coupon Amounts or Broken Amounts, as the case may be, for each Calculation Amount comprising the Outstanding Principal Amount of the Global Note or the Specified Denomination of a Note in definitive form, without any further rounding.

As used in these Conditions, **"Fixed Interest Period"** means the period from and including an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to but excluding the next (or first) Interest Payment Date.

Interest will be calculated on the Calculation Amount of the Fixed Rate Notes. If interest is required to be calculated for a period ending other than on an Interest Payment Date, or if a Fixed Coupon Amount is not specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, such interest shall be calculated in accordance with Condition 5.09.

**5.02a Interest on Fixed Rate Notes denominated in Renminbi or Hong Kong Dollars without Fixed Coupon Amounts**

*This Condition 5.02a applies where Fixed Rate Notes denominated in Renminbi or Hong Kong dollars only without Fixed Coupon Amounts are specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement. The applicable Pricing Supplement contains provisions applicable to the determination of fixed rate interest and must be read in conjunction with this Condition 5.02a for full information on the manner in which interest is calculated on Fixed Rate Notes denominated in Renminbi or Hong Kong dollars without Fixed Coupon Amounts. In particular, the applicable Pricing Supplement will specify the Interest Commencement Date, the rate(s) of interest, the Interest Payment Date(s), the Maturity Date, the Calculation Amount, the Day Count Fraction, the Business Day Convention and any applicable Interest Determination Date.*

Notwithstanding the foregoing, each RMB Note or Note denominated in Hong Kong dollars, which is a Fixed Rate Note, bears interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date at the rate per annum equal to the Rate of Interest. For the purposes of calculating the amount of interest, if any Interest Payment Date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, it shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month in which case it shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day. Interest will be payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date.

The Calculation Agent will, as soon as practicable after the Relevant Time on each Interest Determination Date, calculate the amount of interest payable per Calculation Amount for the relevant Interest Period. The determination of the amount of interest payable per Calculation Amount by the Calculation Agent shall (in the absence of manifest error and after confirmation by the Issuer) be final and binding upon all parties.

The Calculation Agent will cause the amount of interest payable per Calculation Amount for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date to be notified to each of the Paying Agents and to be notified to Holders as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than the fourth Business Day thereafter. The amount of interest payable per Calculation Amount and Interest Payment Date so published may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. If the Notes become due and payable under Condition 6, the accrued interest per Calculation Amount shall nevertheless continue to be calculated as previously by the Calculation Agent in accordance with this provision but no publication of the amount of interest payable per Calculation Amount so calculated need be made.

Interest shall be calculated in respect of any period by applying the Rate of Interest to the Calculation Amount, multiplying such product by the actual number of days in the relevant Interest Period or, as applicable, other period concerned and dividing it by 365, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest Renminbi or Hong Kong dollar sub-unit, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention.

Where the Notes are represented by a Global Note or where the Specified Denomination of a Note in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Note shall be the aggregate of the amounts (determined in the manner provided above) for each Calculation Amount comprising the Outstanding Principal Amount of the Global Note or the Specified Denomination of a Note in definitive form, without any further rounding.

### **5.03 Interest on Floating Rate Notes**

*This Condition 5.03 applies to Floating Rate Notes only. The applicable Pricing Supplement contains provisions applicable to the determination of floating rate interest and must be read in conjunction with this Condition 5.03 for full information on the manner in which interest is calculated on Floating Rate Notes. In particular, the applicable Pricing Supplement will identify Specified Interest Payment Date(s), the Maturity Date, any Interest Period, the Interest Commencement Date, the Business Day Convention, any Business Centre(s), whether ISDA Determination or Screen Rate Determination applies to the calculation of interest, the party who will calculate the amount of interest due if it is not the Issuing and Paying Agent, the Margin, any maximum or minimum interest rates and the Day Count Fraction and whether any Switch Coupon Option is applicable. Where ISDA Determination applies to the calculation of interest, the applicable Pricing Supplement will also specify the applicable Floating Rate Option, Designated Maturity and Reset Date. Where Screen Rate Determination applies to the calculation of interest, the applicable Pricing Supplement will also specify the applicable Reference Rate, Relevant Financial Centre, Interest Determination Date(s) and Relevant Screen Page.*

(i) *Interest Payment Dates*

Each Floating Rate Note bears interest on its Outstanding Principal Amount from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and such interest will be payable in arrear on either:

- (A) the Specified Interest Payment Date(s) (each an “**Interest Payment Date**”) in each year specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement with the first Interest Payment Date (the “**First Interest Payment Date**”) being as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement; or
- (B) if no Specified Interest Payment Date(s) is/are specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, each date (each an “**Interest Payment Date**”) which falls the number of months or other period specified as the Specified Period(s) in the applicable Pricing Supplement after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.

Such interest will be payable in respect of each Interest Period (which expression, shall, in these Conditions, mean the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date). Interest will be calculated on the Calculation Amount of the Floating Rate Notes.

(ii) *Rate of Interest*

The Rate of Interest payable from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes will be determined in one of the manners set out below and specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

(iii) *Screen Rate Determination*

Where the Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined:

- (i) the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be either:
  - (1) the offered quotation, or
  - (2) the arithmetic mean (rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one-hundred thousandth of a percentage point, 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations  
  
(expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate for deposits in the Specified Currency for that Interest Period which appears or appear, as the case may be, on the Relevant Screen Page as of the Relevant Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date, all as determined by the Calculation Agent;
- (ii) if, on any Interest Determination Date, no such Reference Rate so appears or, as the case may be, if fewer than two offered quotations so appear or if the Relevant Screen Page is unavailable or if the offered rate or rates which appear as at the Relevant Time do not apply to a period or duration equal to the Interest Period, the Calculation Agent will request appropriate quotations and will determine the arithmetic mean (rounded as aforesaid) of the rates at which deposits in the relevant currency are offered by the principal Relevant Financial Centre office of the Reference Banks at approximately the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date to prime banks in the Relevant Financial Centre interbank market for a period of the duration of the relevant Interest Period and in an amount that is representative for a single transaction in the relevant market at the relevant time;
- (iii) if, on any Interest Determination Date, only two or three rates are so quoted, the Calculation Agent will determine the arithmetic mean (rounded as aforesaid) of the rates so quoted; or

- (iv) if, on any Interest Determination Date, fewer than two rates are so quoted, the Calculation Agent will determine the arithmetic mean (rounded as aforesaid) of the rates quoted by four major banks in the Principal Financial Centre as selected by the Calculation Agent, at the Relevant Time on the first day of the relevant Interest Period for loans in the relevant currency to leading European banks for a period for the duration of the relevant Interest Period and in an amount that is representative for a single transaction in the relevant market at the relevant time,

and the Rate of Interest applicable to such Notes during such Interest Period will be the rate or, as the case may be, the arithmetic mean (rounded as aforesaid) of the rates so determined plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement) the Margin, if any, provided however that if the Calculation Agent is unable to determine a rate or, as the case may be, an arithmetic mean of rates in accordance with the above provisions in relation to any Interest Period, the Rate of Interest applicable to such Notes during such Interest Period will be the rate or, as the case may be, the arithmetic mean (rounded as aforesaid) of the rates determined in relation to such Notes in respect of the last preceding Interest Period plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement) the Margin, if any.

### ***ISDA Rate Determination***

**5.04** Where ISDA Determination is specified in the Pricing Supplement as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will be the relevant ISDA Rate plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement) the Margin, if any. For purposes of this Condition 5.04, “**ISDA Rate**” for an Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rates that will be calculated by the Issuing and Paying Agent under an interest rate swap transaction if the Issuing and Paying Agent were acting as Calculation Agent for that swap transaction under the terms of an agreement to which the ISDA Definitions applied and under which:

- the Floating Rate Option (which may refer to a Rate Option or a Price Option, specified in the ISDA Definitions) is as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement;
- the Designated Maturity is the period specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement; and
- the relevant Reset Date is either (i) if the applicable Floating Rate Option is based on the London inter-bank offered rate (“**LIBOR**”) or on the Euro-zone inter-bank offered rate (“**EURIBOR**”) for a currency, the first day of that Interest Period or (ii) in any other case, as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement;

For the purposes of this Condition 5.04 “**Floating Rate**”, “**Calculation Agent**”, “**Floating Rate Option**”, “**Designated Maturity**” and “**Reset Date**” have the meanings given to those terms in the ISDA Definitions.

### ***Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest***

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

### ***Linear Interpolation***

**5.06** Where Linear Interpolation is specified as applicable in respect of an Interest Period in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be calculated by the Calculation Agent by straight line linear interpolation by reference to two rates based on the relevant Reference Rate (where Screen Rate Determination is specified as applicable in the applicable Pricing Supplement) or the relevant

Floating Rate Option (where ISDA Determination is specified as applicable in the applicable Pricing Supplement), one of which shall be determined as if the Designated Maturity were the period of time for which rates are available next shorter than the length of the relevant Interest Period and the other of which shall be determined as if the Designated Maturity were the period of time for which rates are available next longer than the length of the relevant Interest Period provided however that if there is no rate available for a period of time next shorter or, as the case may be, next longer, then the Calculation Agent shall determine such rate at such time and by reference to such sources as it determines appropriate.

**“Designated Maturity”** means, in relation to Screen Rate Determination, the period of time designated in the Reference Rate.

### ***Accrual of Interest***

**5.07** Interest on a Note will cease to accrue from the due date for its redemption unless upon due presentation or surrender thereof (if required), payment in full of the Final Redemption Amount is improperly withheld or refused or default is otherwise made in the payment thereof. In such event, interest shall continue to accrue on the principal amount in respect of which payment has been improperly withheld or refused or default has been made (as well after as before any demand or judgment) at the Rate of Interest then applicable or such other rate as may be specified for this purpose in the applicable Pricing Supplement if permitted by applicable law (**“Default Rate”**) until the date on which, upon due presentation or surrender of the relevant Note (if required), the relevant payment is made or, if earlier, the seventh day after the date on which, the Issuing and Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Registrar having received the funds required to make such payment, notice is given to the Holders of the Notes in accordance with Condition 14 that the Issuing and Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Registrar has received the required funds (except to the extent that there is failure in the subsequent payment thereof to the relevant Holder).

### ***Interest Amount(s), Calculation Agent and Reference Banks***

**5.08** If a Calculation Agent is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the Calculation Agent, as soon as practicable after the Relevant Time on each Interest Determination Date (or such other time on such date as the Calculation Agent may be required to calculate any Final Redemption Amount, obtain any quote or make any determination or calculation) will determine the Rate of Interest and calculate the amount(s) of interest payable (the **“Interest Amount(s)”**) in the manner specified in Condition 5.09 below, calculate such Final Redemption Amount, obtain such quote or make such determination or calculation, as the case may be, and cause the Rate of Interest and the Interest Amounts for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date or, as the case may be, the Final Redemption Amount, to be notified to the Issuing and Paying Agent, the Registrar (in the case of Registered Notes), the Issuer, the Holders in accordance with Condition 14 and, if the Notes are listed on a stock exchange or admitted to listing by any other authority and the rules of such exchange or other relevant authority so require, such exchange or listing authority as soon as possible after their determination or calculation but in no event later than the fourth London Banking Day thereafter or, if earlier in the case of notification to the stock exchange or other relevant authority, the time required by the relevant stock exchange or listing authority. The Interest Amounts and the Interest Payment Date so notified may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. If the Notes become due and payable under Condition 7, the Rate of Interest and any accrued interest payable in respect of the Notes shall nevertheless continue to be calculated in accordance with this Condition but no publication of the Rate of Interest or the Interest Amount so calculated need be made. The determination of each Rate of Interest, Interest Amount, Final Redemption Amount, the obtaining of each quote and the making of each determination or calculation by the Calculation Agent shall (in the absence of manifest or proven error) be final and binding upon the Issuer and the Holders and neither the Calculation Agent nor any Reference Bank shall have any liability to the Holders in respect of any determination, calculation, quote or rate made or provided by it.

The Issuer will procure that there shall at all times be such Reference Banks as may be required for the purpose of determining the Rate of Interest applicable to the Notes and a Calculation Agent, if provision is made for one in the Conditions.

If the Calculation Agent is incapable or unwilling to act as such or if the Calculation Agent fails duly to establish the Rate of Interest for any Interest Period or to calculate the Interest Amounts or any other requirements, the Issuer will appoint the London office of a leading bank engaged in the London interbank market to act as such in its place. The Calculation Agent may not resign its duties without a successor having been appointed as aforesaid.

### ***Calculations and Adjustments***

**5.09** The amount of interest payable in respect of any Note for any period shall be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest to the Calculation Amount, and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the Day Count Fraction, save that (i) if the Pricing Supplement specifies a specific amount, or a formula for the calculation of an amount, in respect of such period the amount of interest payable in respect of such Note for such Interest Period will be such amount and (ii) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes where Fixed Coupon Amount is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the interest shall be calculated in accordance with Condition 5.02.

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

Where the Notes are represented by a Global Note or where the Specified Denomination of a Note in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Note shall be the aggregate of the amounts (determined in the manner provided above) for each Calculation Amount comprising the Outstanding Principal Amount of the Global Note or the Specified Denomination of a Note in definitive form, without any further rounding.

### **5.10 Coupon Switch Option Provisions**

This Condition 5.10 is applicable to the Notes only if the Coupon Switch Option is specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement as being applicable and each Note shall bear interest on the following basis.

The Pricing Supplement shall specify whether the Fixed Rate Note Provisions or, as the case may be, the Floating Rate Note Provisions are applicable to the Notes from and including the Issue Date to but excluding the Coupon Switch Option Date. Upon the Issuer giving the requisite notice (which, for the purposes of this Condition 5.09 only, shall be five Business Days prior to the Coupon Switch Option Date or such other notice period as may be specified in the Pricing Supplement) to exercise its Coupon Switch Option, from and including the Coupon Switch Option Date, interest shall accrue on a different basis from the basis which was applicable prior to such Coupon Switch Option Date. The Pricing Supplement shall specify whether the Fixed Rate Note Provisions or, as the case may be, the Floating Rate Note Provisions are applicable, upon the exercise by the Issuer of the Coupon Switch Option, from and including such Coupon Switch Option Date to but excluding the Maturity Date.

For the purposes of this Condition 5.10, "**Business Day**" means a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealings in foreign currency

deposits) in the Principal Financial Centre and any Business Centre(s) specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

### **Definitions**

**5.11** In these Conditions, unless the context otherwise requires, the following defined terms shall have the meanings set out below:

**“Banking Day”** means, in respect of any city, a day on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in that city.

**“Business Day”** means:

- (i) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in London;
- (ii) either (A) in relation to Notes payable in a Specified Currency other than euro and Renminbi, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) and settle payments in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement or (B) in relation to Notes payable in euro, a day which is a TARGET Business Day (as defined below) or (C) in relation to any sum payable in Renminbi, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business and settlement of Renminbi payments in each Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre, as defined in Condition 9.17 below; and
- (iii) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the Business Centre(s) specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement and, if TARGET is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement as a relevant Business Centre, a day which is a TARGET Business Day.

**“Business Day Convention”** means a convention for adjusting any date if (i) it would otherwise fall on a day that is not a Business Day or (ii) there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month(s) in which such date should occur, and the following Business Day Conventions, where specified in the Pricing Supplement in relation to any date applicable to any Notes, shall have the following meanings:

- (A) **“Following Business Day Convention”** means that such date shall be postponed to the first following day that is a Business Day;
- (B) **“Modified Following Business Day Convention”** or **“Modified Business Day Convention”** means that such date shall be postponed to the first following day that is a Business Day unless that day falls in the next calendar month in which case that date will be the first preceding day that is a Business Day;
- (C) **“Preceding Business Day Convention”** means that such date shall be brought forward to the first preceding day that is a Business Day; and
- (D) **“FRN Convention”** or **“Eurodollar Convention”** means that each such date shall be the date which numerically corresponds to the preceding such date in the calendar month which is the number of months specified in the Pricing Supplement after the calendar month in which the preceding such date occurred, provided that:

- (1) if there is no such numerically corresponding day in the calendar month in which any such date should occur, then such date will be the last day which is a Business Day in that calendar month;
- (2) if any such date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then such date will be the first following day which is a Business Day unless that day falls in the next calendar month, in which case it will be the first preceding day which is a Business Day; and
- (3) if the preceding such date occurred on the last day in a calendar month which was a Business Day, then all subsequent such dates will be the last day which is a Business Day in the calendar month which is the specified number of months after the calendar month in which the preceding such date occurred.

“**Calculation Agent**” means such agent as may be specified in the Pricing Supplement as the Calculation Agent.

“**CNH HIBOR**” means CNH Hong Kong inter-bank official rate.

“**Day Count Fraction**” means, in respect of the calculation of an amount for any period of time (each such period an “**Accrual Period**”), such day count fraction as may be specified in the Pricing Supplement and:

- (a) if “**Actual/Actual**” or “**Actual/Actual (ISDA)**” is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Accrual Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of the Accrual Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Accrual Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Accrual Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (b) if “**Actual/365 (Fixed)**” is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Accrual Period divided by 365;
- (c) if “**Actual/365 (Sterling)**” is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Accrual Period divided by 365 or, in the case of an Interest Payment Date falling in a leap year, 366;
- (d) if “**Actual/360**” is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Accrual Period divided by 360;
- (e) if “**30E/360**” or “**Eurobond Basis**” is so specified, means the number of days in the Accrual Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

where,

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (f) if “**30/360**”, “**360/360**” or “**Bond Basis**” is so specified, means the number of days in the Accrual Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

where,

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (g) if “**30E/360 (ISDA)**” is so specified, means the number of days in the Accrual Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

where,

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (h) if “**Actual/Actual (ICMA)**” is so specified:
- (i) if the Accrual Period is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period during which it falls, the number of days in the Accrual Period divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Interest Payment Dates that would occur in one calendar year assuming interest was to be payable in respect of the whole of that year; or
  - (ii) if the Accrual Period is longer than the Determination Period, the sum of:
    - (x) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the Determination Period in which it begins divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Interest Payment Dates that would occur in one calendar year assuming interest was to be payable in respect of the whole of that year; and
    - (y) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Interest Payment Dates that would occur in one calendar year assuming interest was to be payable in respect of the whole of that year

where:

“**Determination Date**” means such dates as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement; and

“**Determination Period**” means the period from and including a Determination Date in any year to but excluding the next Determination Date (including, where either the Interest Commencement Date or the final Interest Payment Date is not a Determination Date, the period commencing on the first Determination Date prior to, and ending on the first Determination Date falling after, such date); and

- (i) if “**RBA Bond Basis**” is so specified, means one divided by the number of Interest Payment Dates in each twelve-month period (or, where the Accrual Period does not constitute an Interest Period, the actual number of days in the Accrual Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of the calculation period falls in a leap year, the sum of (x) the actual number of days in that portion of the Accrual Period falling in a leap year divided by 366; and (y) the actual number of days in that portion of the Accrual Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365)).

“**euro**” means the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as amended.

“**EURIBOR**” means the European inter-bank offered rate.

“**Euro-zone**” means the region comprised of those member states of the European Union participating in the European Monetary Union from time to time.

“**Interest Commencement Date**” means the date of issue (the “**Issue Date**”) of the Notes (as specified in the Pricing Supplement) or such other date as may be specified as such in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

**“Interest Determination Date”** means, in respect of any Interest Period, the date specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, or if none is specified:

- (i) the first day of such Interest Period; or
- (ii) in the case of LIBOR (other than Sterling LIBOR) or EURIBOR, the date falling two London Banking Days (or, in the case of EURIBOR or EUROLIBOR, two TARGET Business Days) prior to the first day of such Interest Period; or
- (iii) in the case of CNH HIBOR, the date falling two Hong Kong Business Days prior to the first day of such Interest Period.

**“Interest Payment Date”** means the date or dates specified as such in, or determined in accordance with the provisions of, the applicable Pricing Supplement and, as the same may be adjusted in accordance with the Business Day Convention, if any, specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement or if the Business Day Convention is the FRN Convention and an interval of a number of calendar months is specified in the Pricing Supplement as being the Specified Period, each of such dates as may occur in accordance with the FRN Convention at such specified period of calendar months following the Interest Commencement Date of the Notes (in the case of the first Interest Payment Date) or the previous Interest Payment Date (in any other case).

**“Interest Period”** means each successive period beginning on and including an Interest Payment Date and ending on but excluding the next succeeding Interest Payment Date, provided always that the first Interest Period shall commence on and include the Interest Commencement Date and the final Interest Period shall end on but exclude the Maturity Date.

**“ISDA Definitions”** means the 2006 ISDA Definitions (as amended, supplemented and updated as at the date of issue of the first Tranche of the Notes of the relevant Series (as specified in the Pricing Supplement) as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.).

**“LIBOR”** means the London inter-bank offered rate.

**“Minimum Trading Size”** has the meaning ascribed to it in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

**“Outstanding Principal Amount”** means, in respect of a Note, its principal amount less, in respect of any Instalment Note, any principal amount on which interest shall have ceased to accrue in accordance with Condition 5.07.

**“Principal Financial Centre”** means such financial centre or centres as may be specified in relation to the Specified Currency for the purposes of the definition of “Business Day” in the ISDA Definitions or indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement or, in the case of Notes denominated in euro, such financial centre or centres as the Calculation Agent may select.

**“Rate of Interest”** means the rate or rates (expressed as a percentage per annum) or amount or amounts (expressed as a price per unit of relevant currency) of interest payable in respect of the Notes specified in, or calculated or determined in accordance with the provisions of, the applicable Pricing Supplement.

**“Reference Banks”** means such banks as may be specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement as the Reference Banks, or, if none are specified, “Reference Banks” has the meaning given in the ISDA Definitions, *mutatis mutandis*.

**“Reference Rate”** means the rate specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

**“Relevant Financial Centre”** has the meaning ascribed to it in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

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

**“Relevant Time”** means the time as of which any rate is to be determined as specified in the Pricing Supplement (which in the case of LIBOR means 11.00 a.m. London time or in the case of EURIBOR means 11.00 a.m. Brussels time, or in the case of CNH HIBOR, means 11.15 a.m. Hong Kong time or if, at or around that time it is notified that the fixing will be published at 2.30 p.m. Hong Kong time, then 2.30 p.m. Hong Kong time) or, if none is specified, the time at which it is customary to determine such rate.

**“TARGET Business Day”** means a day in which the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System is open.

### ***Zero-Coupon Notes***

**5.12** If any Final Redemption Amount in respect of any Zero Coupon Note is not paid when due, interest shall accrue on the overdue amount at a rate per annum (expressed as a percentage per annum) equal to the Accrual Yield defined in, or determined in accordance with the provisions of, the applicable Pricing Supplement or at such other Default Rate as may be specified for this purpose in the applicable Pricing Supplement until the date on which, upon due presentation or surrender of the relevant Note (if required), the relevant payment is made or, if earlier, the seventh day after the date on which, the Issuing and Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Registrar having received the funds required to make such payment, notice is given to the Holders of the Notes in accordance with Condition 14 that the Issuing and Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Registrar has received the required funds (except to the extent that there is failure in the subsequent payment thereof to the relevant Holder). The amount of any such interest shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of Condition 5.09 as if the Rate of Interest was the Accrual Yield (or such other Default Rate specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement), the Outstanding Principal Amount was the overdue sum and the Day Count Fraction was as specified for this purpose in the applicable Pricing Supplement or, if not so specified, 30E/360 (as defined in Condition 5.11).

## **6. Redemption and Purchase**

### ***Redemption at Maturity***

**6.01** Unless previously redeemed, or purchased and cancelled (unless otherwise specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement) each Note shall be redeemed at its Final Redemption Amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Pricing Supplement in the Specified Currency on the Maturity Date.

### ***Early Redemption for Taxation Reasons***

**6.02** If, in relation to any Series of Notes (provided that in the case of Subordinated Notes the prior consent of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (Canada) is obtained) (i) as a result of any change in the laws or regulations of Canada or any province or territory thereof or any authority or agency therein or thereof having power to tax or, in the case of Notes issued by a branch of the Issuer outside Canada, of the country in which such branch is located or of any political subdivision thereof or any authority or agency therein or thereof having power to tax or in the interpretation or administration of any such laws or regulations which become effective on or after the Issue Date of such Notes or any other date specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the Issuer would be required to pay additional amounts as provided in Condition 8, (ii) such obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer taking reasonable measures available to it and (iii) such circumstances are evidenced by the delivery by the Issuer to the Issuing and Paying Agent of a certificate

signed by two senior officers of the Issuer stating that the said circumstances prevail and describing the facts leading thereto and an opinion of independent legal advisers of recognised standing to the effect that such circumstances prevail, the Issuer may, at its option and having given no less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice (ending, in the case of Floating Rate Notes, on an Interest Payment Date) to the Holders of the Notes in accordance with Condition 14 (which notice shall be irrevocable), redeem all (but not some only) of the outstanding Notes at their Outstanding Principal Amount or, in the case of Zero Coupon Notes, their Amortised Face Amount (as defined in Condition 6.09) or such Early Redemption Amount as may be specified in, or determined in accordance with the provisions of, the applicable Pricing Supplement, together with accrued interest (if any) thereon, provided, however, that no such notice of redemption may be given earlier than 90 days (or, in the case of Floating Rate Notes a number of days which is equal to the aggregate of the number of days falling within the then current Interest Period plus 60 days) prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obliged to pay such additional amounts were a payment in respect of the Notes then due.

The Issuer may not exercise such option in respect of any Note which is the subject of the prior exercise by the Holder thereof of its option to require the redemption of such Note under Condition 6.06.

### **Call Option**

*This Condition 6.03 applies to Notes which are subject to redemption prior to the Maturity Date at the option of the Issuer (other than for taxation reasons), such option being referred to as an "Issuer Call". The applicable Pricing Supplement contains provisions applicable to any Issuer Call and must be read in conjunction with this Condition 6.03 for full information on any Issuer Call. In particular, the applicable Pricing Supplement will identify the Optional Redemption Date(s), the Optional Redemption Amount, any minimum or maximum amount of Notes which can be redeemed and the applicable notice periods.*

**6.03** If Call Option is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement as being applicable, then the Issuer may, having given the appropriate notice to the Holders in accordance with Condition 14, which notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify the date fixed for redemption, and subject to such conditions as may be specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, redeem all or, if so specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, some only of the Notes of this Series outstanding on any Optional Redemption Date at the Optional Redemption Amount(s) specified in, or determined in the manner specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement together with accrued interest (if any) thereon on the date specified in such notice. At the date hereof, Subordinated Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer only with the prior approval of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (Canada).

The Issuer may not exercise such option in respect of any Note which is the subject of the prior exercise by the Holder thereof of its option to require the redemption of such Note under Condition 6.06.

**6.04** The appropriate notice referred to in Condition 6.03 is a notice given by the Issuer to the Holders of the Notes of the relevant Series in accordance with Condition 14, which notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify:

- the Series of Notes subject to redemption;
- whether such Series is to be redeemed in whole or in part only and, if in part only, the aggregate principal amount of and (except in the case of a Temporary Global Note or Permanent Global Note) the serial numbers of the Notes of the relevant Series which are to be redeemed;
- the due date for such redemption, which shall be not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days (or such other notice period as may be specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement) after the date on which such notice is given and which shall be such date or the next of such dates

("Call Option Date(s)") or a day falling within such period ("Call Option Period"), as may be specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement and which is, in the case of Notes which bear interest at a floating rate, a date upon which interest is payable; and

- the Optional Redemption Amount at which such Notes are to be redeemed.

### **Partial Redemption**

**6.05** If the Notes are to be redeemed in part only on any date in accordance with Condition 6.03:

- such redemption must be for an amount not less than the Minimum Redemption Amount nor more than the Maximum Redemption Amount, in each case as may be specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement;
- in the case of a partial redemption of Definitive Notes, the Notes to be redeemed shall be drawn by lot in such European city as the Issuing and Paying Agent may specify, or identified in such other manner or in such other place as the Issuing and Paying Agent may approve and deem appropriate and fair;
- in the case of a Global Note, the Notes to be redeemed shall be selected in accordance with the rules of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system (to be reflected in the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg or such other relevant clearing system as either a pool factor or a reduction in principal amount, at their discretion); and
- in the case of Registered Notes and Swedish Notes, the Notes shall be redeemed (so far as may be practicable) *pro rata* to their principal amounts, provided always that the amount redeemed in respect of each Note shall be equal to the minimum Specified Denomination thereof or an integral multiple thereof,

subject always to compliance with all applicable laws and the requirements of any stock exchange on which the relevant Notes may be listed.

In the case of the redemption of part only of a Registered Note, a new Registered Note in respect of the unredeemed balance shall be issued in accordance with Conditions 2.04 to 2.07, which shall apply as in the case of a transfer of Registered Notes as if such new Registered Note were in respect of the untransferred balance.

### **Put Option**

**6.06** If Put Option is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement as being applicable, upon the Holder of any Note of this Series giving the required notice to the Issuer specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement (which notice shall be irrevocable), the Issuer will, upon expiry of such notice, redeem such Note subject to and in accordance with the terms specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement in whole (but not in part only) on the Optional Redemption Date and at the Optional Redemption Amount specified in, or determined in accordance with the provisions of, the applicable Pricing Supplement, together with accrued interest (if any) thereon. In order to exercise such option, the Holder must, not less than 45 days before the Optional Redemption Date (or such other notice period as may be specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement) deposit the relevant Note (together, in the case of a Definitive Note that is not a Zero Coupon Note, with all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto other than any Coupon maturing on or before the Optional Redemption Date (failing which the provisions of Condition 9.06 apply)) during normal business hours at the specified office of, in the case of a Bearer Note, any Paying Agent or, in the case of a Registered Note, the Registrar together with a duly completed early redemption notice ("**Put Notice**") in the form which is available

from the specified office of any Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Registrar specifying, in the case of a Global Note or Registered Note, the aggregate principal amount in respect of which such option is exercised (which must be the minimum Specified Denomination specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement or an integral multiple thereof). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Notes represented by a Global Note or Registered Note shall be deemed to be deposited with a Paying Agent or the Registrar, as the case may be, for purposes of this Condition 6.06 at the time a Put Notice has been received by the Paying Agent or Registrar, as the case may be, in respect of such Notes. No Note so deposited and option exercised may be withdrawn (except as provided in the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement).

In the case of the redemption of part only of a Registered Note, a new Registered Note in respect of the unredeemed balance shall be issued in accordance with Conditions 2.04 to 2.08 which shall apply as in the case of a transfer of Registered Notes as if such new Registered Note were in respect of the untransferred balance.

The Holder of a Note may not exercise such Put Option in respect of any Note which is the subject of an exercise by the Issuer of its option to redeem such Note under either Condition 6.02 or 6.03.

### ***Purchase of Notes***

**6.07** The Issuer or any of its subsidiaries may (but, in the case of Subordinated Notes, subject to consent thereto having been obtained from the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (Canada)) at any time purchase Notes in the open market or otherwise and at any price provided that all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto are purchased therewith. If purchases are made by tender, tenders must be available to all Holders of the relevant Notes alike.

### ***Cancellation of Redeemed and Purchased Notes***

**6.08** All unmatured Notes and Coupons redeemed in accordance with this Condition 6 will be cancelled forthwith and may not be reissued or resold. All unmatured Notes and Coupons purchased in accordance with Condition 6.07 may be cancelled or may be reissued or resold.

### **6.08a Further Provisions applicable to Redemption Amount**

The provisions of Condition 5.08 and the second paragraph of Condition 5.09 shall apply to any determination or calculation of the Redemption Amount required to be made by the Calculation Agent.

References herein to “**Redemption Amount**” shall mean, as appropriate, the Final Redemption Amount, the Optional Redemption Amount, the Early Redemption Amount or such other amount in the nature of a redemption amount as may be specified in, or determined in accordance with, the provisions of the applicable Pricing Supplement.

**6.09** Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the Redemption Amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Note shall be the Amortised Face Amount of such Note. The “**Amortised Face Amount**” shall be an amount equal to the sum of:

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

Where such calculation is to be made for a period which is not a full year, the calculation in respect of the period of less than a full year shall be made on the basis of the Day Count Fraction (as defined in Condition

5.11) specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement which will be either (i) 30/360 (in which case the numerator will be equal to the number of days (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of 12 months of 30 days each) from (and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable and the denominator 360), (ii) Actual/360 (in which case the numerator will be equal to the actual number of days from (and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable and the denominator will be 360), (iii) Actual/365 (in which case the numerator will be equal to the actual number of days from (and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable and the denominator will be 365) or (iv) Actual/Actual (ICMA) (in which case the Accrual Period will commence on (and include) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes and end on (but exclude) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable).

**6.10** If any Redemption Amount (other than the Final Redemption Amount) of any Zero Coupon Note is improperly withheld or refused or default is otherwise made in the payment thereof, the Amortised Face Amount shall be calculated as provided in Condition 6.09 but as if references in subparagraph (ii) to the date fixed for redemption or the date upon which such Zero Coupon Note becomes due and repayable were replaced by references to the date (the “**Reference Date**”) which is the earlier of:

- (i) the date on which, upon due presentation or surrender of the relevant Note (if required), all amounts due have been paid; and
- (ii) the seventh day after the date on which, the Issuing and Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Registrar having received the funds required to make such payment, notice is given to the Holders of the Notes in accordance with Condition 14 of that circumstance (except to the extent that there is a failure in the subsequent payment thereof to the relevant Holder). The calculation of the Amortised Face Amount in accordance with this sub-paragraph will continue to be made, after as well as before judgement, unless the Reference Date falls on or after the Maturity Date, in which case the amount due and repayable shall be the scheduled Final Redemption Amount of the Note on the Maturity Date together with interest which may accrue in accordance with Condition 5.07.

## **7. Events of Default**

**7.01** The following events or circumstances (each an “**Event of Default**”) shall be acceleration events in relation to the Notes of any Series, namely:

- (i) the Issuer fails to pay any Outstanding Principal Amount or deliver any Entitlement in respect of the Notes of the relevant Series or any of them on the due date for payment or delivery thereof or fails to pay any amount of interest in respect of the Notes of the relevant Series or any of them within 30 days of the due date of payment thereof; or
- (ii) if the Issuer shall have become insolvent or bankrupt, or if a liquidator, receiver or receiver and manager of the Issuer or any other officer having similar powers shall be appointed, or if the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (Canada) shall have taken control of the assets of the Issuer or of the Issuer itself,

provided however, that in the case of Subordinated Notes, notwithstanding any provision hereof to the contrary, the Outstanding Principal Amount of a Subordinated Note will not be paid and may not be required to be paid at any time prior to the relevant Maturity Date except in the event of the insolvency or winding-up of the Issuer.

**7.02** If any Event of Default shall occur in relation to any Series of Notes, any Holder of a Note of the relevant Series may, by written notice to the Issuer, at the specified office of the Issuing and Paying Agent, declare that such Note and (unless the Note is a Zero Coupon Note) all interest then accrued on such Note shall be forthwith due and payable, whereupon the same shall become immediately due and payable at its Outstanding Principal Amount or, if such Note is a Zero Coupon Note, its Amortised Face Amount (as defined in Condition 6.09) or such other Early Redemption Amount as may be specified in, or determined in accordance with the provisions of, the applicable Pricing Supplement, together with all interest (if any) accrued thereon without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which the Issuer will expressly waive, anything contained in such Notes to the contrary notwithstanding, unless, prior thereto, all Events of Default in respect of the Notes of the relevant Series shall have been cured.

## **8. Taxation**

**8.01** All amounts payable (whether in respect of principal, interest or otherwise) in respect of the Notes or Coupons by or on behalf of the Issuer will be paid free and clear of and without withholding or deduction for or on account of any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of Canada, any province or territory or political subdivision thereof or any authority or agency therein or thereof having power to tax and, in the case of Notes issued by a branch of the Issuer located outside Canada, the country in which such branch is located or any political subdivision thereof or any authority or agency therein or thereof having power to tax or unless the withholding or deduction of such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges is required by law or the interpretation or administration thereof. In that event, the Issuer will pay such additional amounts as may be necessary in order that the net amounts received by the holder after such withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts of principal, interest or other amounts which would have been received in respect of the Notes or Coupons (as the case may be), in the absence of such withholding or deduction; except that no additional amounts shall be payable with respect to any payment in respect of any Note or Coupon:

- (i) to, or to a third party on behalf of, a holder who is liable for such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges in respect of such Note, or Coupon by reason of his having some connection with Canada or the country in which such branch is located otherwise than the mere holding of such Note or Coupon; or
- (ii) to, or to a third party on behalf of, a holder in respect of whom such tax, duty, assessment or governmental charge is required to be withheld or deducted by reason of the holder being a person with whom the Issuer is not dealing at arm's length (within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada)); or
- (iii) to, or to a third party on behalf of, a holder who is, or who does not deal at arm's length with a person who is, a "specified shareholder" (as defined in subsection 18(5) of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada)) of the Issuer; or
- (iv) where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment to an individual and is required to be made pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive; or
- (v) presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder who would be able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Note or Coupon to another Paying Agent in a member state of the European Union; or

- (vi) presented for payment more than 30 days after the Relevant Date except to the extent that the holder thereof would have been entitled to such additional amount on presenting the same for payment on the thirtieth such day; or
- (vii) for or on account of any withholding tax or deduction imposed or collected pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “**Code**”, any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof, any agreement entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b) of the Code, or any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules or practices adopted pursuant to any intergovernmental agreement entered into in connection with the implementation of such Sections of the Code, whether currently in effect or as published and amended from time to time (the “**FATCA Withholding Tax Rules**”).

**8.02** For the purposes of these Conditions:

“**Relevant Date**” means, in respect of any Note or Coupon, the date on which payment thereof first become due and payable, or, if the full amount of the moneys payable has not been received by the Issuing and Paying Agent, or as the case may be, the Registrar on or prior to such due date, the date on which, the full amount of such moneys shall have been so received and notice to that effect shall have been duly given to the Holders in accordance with Condition 14.

**8.03** If the Issuer becomes subject generally at any time to any taxing jurisdiction other than or in addition to Canada or the country in which the relevant Branch of Account is located, references in Condition 6.02, Condition 8.01 and Condition 18.03 to Canada or the jurisdiction in which the relevant branch is located shall be read and construed as references to Canada or the country in which such branch is located and/or to such other jurisdiction(s).

**8.04** Unless the context otherwise requires, any reference in these Conditions to any payment due in respect of the Notes or Coupons shall be deemed to include any additional amounts which may be payable under this Condition 8. Unless the context otherwise requires, any reference in these Conditions to “**principal**” shall include any premium payable in respect of a Note, Redemption Amount and any other amounts in the nature of principal payable pursuant to these Conditions and “**interest**” shall include all amounts payable pursuant to Condition 5 and any other amounts in the nature of interest payable pursuant to these Conditions.

## **9. Payments**

### ***Payments – Bearer Notes***

**9.01** Conditions 9.01 to 9.07 are applicable in relation to Notes in bearer form.

**9.02** Payment of amounts (other than interest) due in respect of Bearer Notes will be made against presentation and (save in the case of partial payment) surrender of the relevant Bearer Notes at the specified office of any of the Paying Agents.

Payment of Instalment Amounts in respect of an Instalment Note which is a Definitive Note with Receipts will be made against presentation of the Note together with the relevant Receipt and surrender of such Receipt.

**9.03** Payment of amounts in respect of interest on Bearer Notes will be made:

- (i) in the case of a Temporary Global Note or Permanent Global Note, against presentation of the relevant Temporary Global Note or Permanent Global Note at the specified office of any of the Paying Agents outside (unless Condition 9.04 applies) the United States and, in the case of a Temporary Global Note, upon due certification as required therein;

- (ii) in the case of Definitive Notes without Coupons attached thereto at the time of their initial delivery, against presentation of the relevant Definitive Notes at the specified office of any of the Paying Agents outside (unless Condition 9.04 applies) the United States; and
- (iii) in the case of Definitive Notes delivered with Coupons attached thereto at the time of their initial delivery, against surrender of the relevant Coupons or, in the case of interest due otherwise than on an Interest Payment Date, against presentation of the relevant Definitive Notes, in either case at the specified office of any of the Paying Agents outside (unless Condition 9.04 applies) the United States.

**9.04** Notwithstanding the foregoing (and in relation to payments in U.S. dollars only), payments of amounts due in respect of interest on the Bearer Notes and exchanges of Talons for Coupon sheets in accordance with Condition 9.07 will not be made at the specified office of any Paying Agent in the United States (as defined in the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and Regulations promulgated thereunder) unless (i) payment in full of amounts due in respect of interest on such Notes when due or, as the case may be, the exchange of Talons at all the specified offices of the Paying Agents outside the United States is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions and (ii) such payment or exchange is permitted by applicable United States law. If clauses (i) and (ii) of the previous sentence apply, the Issuer shall forthwith appoint a further Paying Agent with a specified office in New York City.

**9.05** Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, if the due date for payment of any amount due in respect of any Bearer Note is not a Payment Date (as defined in Condition 9.14), then the Holder thereof will not be entitled to payment thereof until the next day which is a Payment Date and no further payment on account of interest or otherwise shall be due in respect of such postponed payment unless there is a subsequent failure to pay in accordance with these Conditions in which event interest shall continue to accrue as provided in Condition 5.07 or, if appropriate, Condition 5.10.

**9.06** Each Definitive Note initially delivered with Coupons or Talons attached thereto should be presented and, save in the case of partial payment of the Redemption Amount, surrendered for final redemption together with all unmatured Coupons and Talons relating thereto, failing which:

- (i) if the Pricing Supplement specifies that this paragraph (i) of Condition 9.06 is applicable (and, in the absence of specification, this paragraph (i) shall apply to Definitive Notes which bear interest at a fixed rate or in fixed amounts), the amount of any missing unmatured Coupons (or, in the case of a payment not being made in full, that portion of the amount of such missing Coupon which the Redemption Amount paid bears to the Redemption Amount due) relating to Definitive Notes that are Fixed Rate Notes or bear interest in fixed amounts will be deducted from the amount otherwise payable on such final redemption, the amount so deducted being payable against surrender of the relevant Coupon at the specified office of any of the Paying Agents at any time within two years of the Relevant Date applicable to payment of such Redemption Amount (whether or not the Issuer's obligation to make payment in respect of such Coupon would otherwise have ceased under Condition 10);
- (ii) if the Pricing Supplement specify that this paragraph (ii) of Condition 9.06 is applicable (and, in the absence of specification, this paragraph (ii) shall apply to Notes which bear interest at a floating rate or rates in variable amounts), all unmatured Coupons relating to such Definitive Notes that are Floating Rate Notes or that bear interest in variable amounts (whether or not such Coupons are surrendered therewith) shall become void and no payment shall be made thereafter in respect of them; and

- (iii) in the case of Definitive Notes initially delivered with Talons attached thereto, all unmatured Talons (whether or not surrendered therewith) shall become void and no exchange for Coupons shall be made thereafter in respect of them.

The provisions of paragraph (i) of this Condition 9.06 notwithstanding, if any Definitive Notes should be issued with a Maturity Date and Rate or Rates of Interest such that, on the presentation for payment of any such Definitive Note without any unmatured Coupons attached thereto or surrendered therewith, the amount required by paragraph (i) to be deducted would be greater than the Redemption Amount otherwise due for payment, then, upon the due date for redemption of any such Definitive Note, such unmatured Coupons (whether or not attached) shall become void (and no payment shall be made in respect thereof) as shall be required so that, upon application of the provisions of paragraph (i) in respect of such Coupons as have not so become void, the amount required by paragraph (i) to be deducted would not be greater than the Redemption Amount otherwise due for payment. Where the application of the foregoing sentence requires some but not all of the unmatured Coupons relating to a Definitive Note to become void, the relevant Paying Agent shall determine which unmatured Coupons are to become void, and shall select for such purpose Coupons maturing on later dates in preference to Coupons maturing on earlier dates.

**9.07** In relation to Definitive Notes initially delivered with Talons attached thereto, on or after the Interest Payment Date of the final Coupon comprised in any Coupon sheet, the Talon comprised in the Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside (unless Condition 9.04 applies) the United States in exchange for a further Coupon sheet (including any appropriate further Talon), subject to the provisions of Condition 10 below. Each Talon shall, for the purpose of these Conditions, be deemed to mature on the Interest Payment Date on which the final Coupon comprised in the relevant Coupon sheet matures.

#### ***Payments – Registered Notes***

**9.08** Conditions 9.08 to 9.11 are applicable in relation to Registered Notes.

**9.09** Payment of the Final Redemption Amount (together with accrued interest) due in respect of Registered Notes will be made against presentation and, save in the case of partial payment of the Final Redemption Amount, surrender of the relevant Registered Notes at the specified office of the Registrar. If the due date for payment of the Final Redemption Amount of any Registered Note is not a Payment Date (as defined in Condition 9.14), then the Holder thereof will not be entitled to payment thereof until the next day which is a Payment Date, and no further payment on account of interest or otherwise shall be due in respect of such postponed payment unless there is a subsequent failure to pay in accordance with these Conditions in which event interest shall continue to accrue as provided in Condition 5.07 or, as appropriate, Condition 5.12.

**9.10** Payment of amounts (whether principal, interest or otherwise) due (other than the Final Redemption Amount and accrued interest in respect thereof) in respect of Registered Notes will be paid to the Holder thereof (or, in the case of joint Holders, the first-named) as appearing in the register kept by the Registrar (i) where in global form, at the close of the business day (being for this purpose a day on which Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg are open for business) before the relevant due date and (ii) where in definitive form, as at opening of business (local time in the place of the specified office of the Registrar) on the fifteenth Relevant Banking Day (as defined in Condition 2.07) before the due date for such payment (the “**Record Date**”).

**9.11** Notwithstanding the provisions of Condition 9.13, payment of amounts (whether principal, interest or otherwise) due (other than the Final Redemption Amount and accrued interest in respect thereof) in respect of Registered Notes will be made in the currency in which such amount is due by cheque and posted to the address (as recorded in the register held by the Registrar) of the Holder thereof (or, in the case of Joint Holders, the first-named) on the Relevant Banking Day (as defined in Condition 2.07) not later than the relevant due date for payment unless prior to the relevant Record Date the Holder thereof (or, in the case of

joint Holders, the first-named) has applied to the Registrar and the Registrar has acknowledged such application for payment to be made to a designated account denominated in the relevant currency in which case payment shall be made on the relevant due date for payment by transfer to such account. In the case of payment by transfer to an account, if the due date for any such payment is not a Payment Date, then the Holder thereof will not be entitled to payment thereof until the first day thereafter which is a Payment Date and a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the relevant currency in the place where the relevant designated account is located and no further payment on account of interest or otherwise shall be due in respect of such postponed payment unless there is a subsequent failure to pay in accordance with these Conditions in which event interest shall continue to accrue as provided in Condition 5.05 or, as appropriate, Condition 5.12.

### ***Payments – Swedish Notes***

**9.11a** Payments in respect of Swedish Notes will be made on the due date for payments to the persons registered as Holders in the Swedish Notes Register on the fifth (5) Banking Day (or in accordance with the rules and procedures applied by Euroclear Sweden from time to time), prior to the due date for such payment. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of Swedish Notes is not a Payment Date, the holder thereof shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Date and shall not be entitled to interest or other payment in respect of such delay.

### ***Payments – General Provisions***

**9.12** Save as otherwise specified in these Conditions, Conditions 9.13 to 9.16 are applicable in relation to Bearer Notes, Registered Notes and Swedish Notes.

**9.13** Payments of amounts due (whether principal, interest or otherwise) in respect of Notes (other than Swedish Notes) will be made in the currency in which such amount is due (a) by cheque or (b) at the option of the payee, by transfer to an account denominated in the relevant currency (or in the case of euro, an account to which euro may be credited or transferred) specified by the payee. In the case of Bearer Notes, if payments are made by transfer, such payments will only be made by transfer to an account maintained by the payee outside of the United States. In no event will payment of amounts due in respect of Bearer Notes be made by a cheque mailed to an address in the United States.

Payments of amounts due (whether principal, interest or otherwise) in respect of Swedish Notes will be made in accordance with Condition 9.11a in the currency in which such amount is due by transfer to an account denominated in the relevant currency (or in the case of euro, an account to which euro may be credited or transferred) specified by the payee.

Payments of amounts in Renminbi will be made by credit or transfer to a Renminbi account maintained by or on behalf of the payee with a bank in any Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement in accordance with applicable laws, rules, regulations and guidelines issued from time to time (including all applicable laws and regulations with respect to settlement in Renminbi in the relevant Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre).

Payments will, without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 8, be subject in all cases to (i) any applicable fiscal or other laws and regulations and (ii) any withholding or deduction required, including pursuant to the FATCA Withholding Tax Rules.

**9.14** For the purposes of these Conditions (other than with respect to payments to be made on Swedish Notes) “**Payment Date**” means:

- (i) a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency

deposits) in (A) in the case of Notes in definitive form only, the place of presentation of the relevant Note or, as the case may be, Coupon and (B) each Financial Centre specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement;

- (ii) if TARGET is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, a day which is a TARGET Business Day; and
- (ii) either (A) in the case of any currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the principal financial of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (if other than the place of presentation and any Financial Centre and which if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars shall be Sydney and Auckland, respectively); or (B) in the case of payment in euro, a day which is a TARGET Business Day.

**9.14a** In relation to payments to be made on Swedish Notes, for the purposes of these Conditions, “**Payment Date**” means any day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which commercial banks are generally open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in Stockholm.

**9.15** No commissions or expenses shall be charged to the Holders of Notes or Coupons in respect of such payments.

**9.16** Unless specified otherwise in the applicable Pricing Supplement, if the Issuer is due to make a payment in a currency (the “**original currency**”) other than euro in respect of any Note or Coupon and the original currency is not available on the foreign exchange markets due to the imposition of exchange controls, the original currency’s replacement or disuse or other circumstances beyond the Issuer’s control, the Issuer will be entitled to satisfy its obligations in respect of such payment by making payment in euro on the basis of the spot exchange rate (the “**Euro FX Rate**”) at which the original currency is offered in exchange for euro in the London foreign exchange market (or, at the option of the Calculation Agent, in the foreign exchange market of any other financial centre which is then open for business) at noon, London time, two London Banking Days prior to the date on which payment is due or, if the Euro FX Rate is not available on that date, on the basis of a substitute exchange rate determined by the Calculation Agent acting in its absolute discretion from such source(s) and at such time as it may select. For the avoidance of doubt, the Euro FX Rate or substitute exchange rate as aforesaid may be such that the resulting euro amount is zero and in such event no amount of euro or the original currency will be payable. Any payment made in euro or non-payment in accordance with this paragraph will not constitute an Event of Default under Condition 7.

For the purpose of this Condition 9.16, “**Calculation Agent**” means the relevant Fiscal Agent or such other entity specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement as the person responsible for the calculation of the Rate(s) of Interest and the Interest Amount(s) or such other amounts as may be specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

**9.17** Notwithstanding any other provision in these Conditions, if Inconvertibility, Non-Transferability or Illiquidity occurs or if Renminbi is otherwise not available to the Issuer as a result of circumstances beyond its control and such unavailability has been confirmed by a Renminbi Dealer, acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner, following which the Issuer is unable to satisfy payments of principal or interest (in whole or in part) in respect of RMB Notes, the Issuer on giving not less than five nor more than 30 days irrevocable notice to the Holders prior to the due date for payment, may settle any such payment (in whole or in part) in U.S. dollars on the due date at the U.S. dollars Equivalent of any such Renminbi denominated amount.

In such event, payments of the U.S. dollars Equivalent of the relevant principal or interest in respect of the Notes shall be made by transfer to the U.S. dollars account of the Relevant Account Holders for the benefit of the Holders. For the avoidance of doubt, no such payment of the U.S. dollars Equivalent shall by itself constitute a default in payment within the meaning of Condition 7.

All notifications, opinions, determinations, certificates, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of this Condition 9.17 by the RMB Rate Calculation Agent, will (in the absence of manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Paying Agent and all Holders and (in the absence of manifest error) no liability to the Issuer, the Paying Agent and all Holders shall attach to the RMB Rate Calculation Agent in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions pursuant to such provisions.

For the purposes of these Conditions:

**"Governmental Authority"** means any de facto or de jure government (or any agency or instrumentality thereof), court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) of each Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre.

**"Hong Kong"** means the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

**"Illiquidity"** means that the general Renminbi exchange market in each Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre becomes illiquid, other than as a result of an event of Inconvertibility or Non-Transferability, as determined by the Issuer in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner following consultation with two Renminbi Dealers.

**"Inconvertibility"** means the occurrence of any event that makes it impossible for the Issuer to convert any amount due in respect of RMB Notes in the general Renminbi exchange market in each Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre, other than where such impossibility is due solely to the failure of the Issuer to comply with any law, rule or regulation enacted by any Governmental Authority (unless such law, rule or regulation is enacted after the Issue Date and it is impossible for the Issuer, due to an event beyond its control, to comply with such law, rule or regulation).

**"Non-Transferability"** means the occurrence in each Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre of any event that makes it impossible for the Issuer to transfer Renminbi (A) between accounts inside a Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre, (B) from an account inside a Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre to an account outside such Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre, or (C) from an account outside a Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre to an account inside such Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre; in each case other than where such impossibility is due solely to the failure of the Issuer to comply with any law, rule or regulation enacted by any Governmental Authority (unless such law, rule or regulation is enacted after the Issue Date and it is impossible for the Issuer, due to an event beyond its control, to comply with such law, rule or regulation).

**"Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre"** means each of the jurisdiction(s) specified as such in the applicable Pricing Supplement or if no Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre is specified in the relevant Pricing Supplement, the Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre shall mean Hong Kong only.

**"Renminbi Dealer"** means an independent foreign exchange dealer of international repute active in the Renminbi exchange market in any Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre reasonably selected by the Issuer.

**"RMB Rate Calculation Agent"** means the agent appointed from time to time by the Issuer for the determination of the RMB Spot Rate or identified as such in the relevant Pricing Supplement.

**"RMB Rate Calculation Business Day"** means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange) in each Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre and in New York City.

**"RMB Rate Calculation Date"** means the day which is two RMB Rate Calculation Business Days before the due date for payment of the relevant Renminbi amount under the Conditions.

**"RMB Spot Rate"** for a RMB Rate Calculation Date means the spot CNY/U.S. dollars exchange rate for the purchase of U.S. dollars with RMB in the over-the-counter RMB exchange market in the Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre in which the RMB Rate Calculation Agent is located for settlement on the relevant due date for payment, as determined by the RMB Rate Calculation Agent at or around 11.00 a.m. (local time of the Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre) on such RMB Rate Calculation Date, on a deliverable basis by reference to Reuters Screen Page TRADCNY3 or if no such rate is available on a non deliverable basis by reference to Reuters Screen Rate TRADNDF. If neither rate is available, the RMB Rate Calculation Agent will determine the RMB Spot Rate at or around 11.00 a.m. (local time of the Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre) on the RMB Rate Calculation Date as the most recently available CNY/U.S. dollar official fixing rate for settlement on the relevant due date for payment reported by the PRC, which is reported on the Reuters Screen Page CNY=SAEC. Reference to a page on the Reuters Screen means the display page so designated on the Reuter Monitor Money Rates Service (or any successor service) or such other page as may replace that page for the purpose of displaying a comparable currency exchange rate.

**"U.S. dollars Equivalent"** means the Relevant Renminbi amount converted into U.S. dollars using the RMB Spot Rate for the relevant RMB Rate Calculation Date, as calculated by the RMB Rate Calculation Agent.

## **10. Prescription**

**10.01** Subject to applicable law, the Issuer's obligation to pay an amount of principal and interest in respect of Notes will cease if the Notes or Coupons, as the case may be, are not presented within two years after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 8.02) for payment thereof, or such other length of time as is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

**10.02** In relation to Definitive Notes initially delivered with Talons attached thereto, there shall not be included in any Coupon sheet issued upon exchange of a Talon any Coupon which would be void pursuant to Condition 9.06 or this Condition 10 or the maturity date or due date for the payment of which would fall after the due date for the redemption of the relevant Note, or any Talon the maturity date of which would fall after the due date for the redemption of the relevant Note.

**10.03** In relation to Swedish Notes, the Issuer's obligation to pay an amount of principal or interest in respect of such Notes will cease if a claim for payment of such principal is not made within ten years after the Relevant Date.

For the purposes of this Condition 10.03, **"Relevant Date"** means the date on which such payment first becomes due, or such later date on which an interruption of the period of limitation (Sw.: *preskriptionsavbrott*) is made in accordance with the Swedish Limitations Act 1981 (Sw.: *preskriptionslagen (1981: 130)*).

## **11. The Paying Agents, the Registrar and the Calculation Agent**

**11.01** The Issuing and Paying Agent and the Registrar and their respective initial specified offices are specified below. The Calculation Agent in respect of any Notes and any additional or other Paying Agents shall be specified in Part A or Part B of the applicable Pricing Supplement. The Issuer reserves the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of any Paying Agent (including the Issuing and Paying Agent) or the Registrar or the Calculation Agent and to appoint additional or other Paying Agents or another Registrar or

another Calculation Agent provided that it will at all times maintain (i) an Issuing and Paying Agent, (ii) in the case of Registered Notes, a Registrar, (iii) following the issue of Definitive Notes, and while any such Definitive Notes are outstanding, a Paying Agent (which may be the Issuing and Paying Agent) with a specified office in a continental European city, (iv) a Paying Agent in a member state of the European Union that is not obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive (v) so long as the Notes are admitted to the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange and/or admitted to listing or trading on any other stock exchange or relevant authority and the rules of such exchange or relevant authority so require, a Paying Agent (which may be the Issuing and Paying Agent) and a Registrar each with a specified office in London and/or in such other place as may be required by the rules of such other stock exchange or other relevant authority, (vi) in the circumstances described in Condition 9.04, a Paying Agent with a specified office in New York City, and (vii) a Calculation Agent where required by the Conditions applicable to any Notes (in the case of (i), (ii), (iii) and (vii) with a specified office located in such place (if any) as may be required by the Conditions). The Paying Agents, the Registrar and the Calculation Agent reserve the right at any time to change their respective specified offices to some other specified office in the same metropolitan area. Notice of all changes in the identities or specified offices of any Paying Agent, the Registrar or the Calculation Agent will be given promptly by the Issuer to the Holders in accordance with Condition 14.

**11.01a** The Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent and its initial specified offices are specified below. The Issuer reserves the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of the Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent provided that the Issuer shall at all times maintain a Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent authorised to act both as an account operating institution (Sw.: *kontoförande institut*) and issuing agent (Sw.: *emissionsinstitut*) with Euroclear Sweden. Notice of all changes in the identity or specified offices of the Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent will be given promptly by the Issuer to the Holders in accordance with Condition 14.

**11.02** The Paying Agents, the Registrar and the Calculation Agent act solely as agents of the Issuer and, save as provided in the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement or any other agreement entered into with respect to their respective appointments, do not assume any obligations towards or relationship of agency or trust for any Holder of any Note or Coupon and each of them shall only be responsible for the performance of the duties and obligations expressly imposed upon it in the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement or other agreement entered into with respect to its appointment or incidental thereto.

## **12. Replacement of Notes (other than Swedish Notes)**

If any Note (other than any Swedish Note) or Coupon is lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced at the specified office of the Issuing and Paying Agent or any Paying Agent (in the case of Bearer Notes and Coupons) or of the Registrar (in the case of Registered Notes) (the “**Replacement Agent**”), subject to all applicable laws and the requirements of any stock exchange on which the Notes are listed, upon payment by the claimant of all expenses incurred in connection with such replacement and upon such terms as to evidence, security, indemnity and otherwise as the Issuer and the Replacement Agent may require. Mutilated or defaced Notes and Coupons must be surrendered before replacements will be delivered therefor.

## **13. Meetings of Holders and Modification**

The Issue and Paying Agency Agreement contains provisions for convening meetings of the Holders of Notes of any Series (other than Swedish Notes) to consider any matter affecting their interest, including (without limitation) the modification by Extraordinary Resolution (as defined in the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement) of these Conditions insofar as the same may apply to such Notes. An Extraordinary Resolution passed by the Holders of Notes of any Series will be binding on all Holders of the Notes of such Series, whether or not they are present at any meeting, and whether or not they voted on the resolution, and on all Holders of Coupons relating to Notes of such Series, except that without the consent and affirmative vote of

each Holder of Notes, no Extraordinary Resolution may: (i) amend the Maturity Date or other redemption date of the Notes, or any Interest Payment Date in respect of any Notes, (ii) reduce or cancel the Outstanding Principal Amount of, or any premium payable on redemption of, the Notes, (iii) reduce the Rates of Interest in respect of the Notes, Fixed Coupon Amounts or vary the manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest are to be determined, (iv) if a Minimum Rate of Interest and/or a Maximum Rate of Interest or Redemption Amount is indicated in the Pricing Supplement, reduce any such minimum and/or maximum, (v) change any method of or basis for, calculating the Redemption Amount, including the method of or basis for, calculating the Amortised Face Amount, (vi) change the Specified Currency or Currencies of payment or Specified Denomination of the Notes, (vii) modify the provisions concerning the quorum required at any meeting of Holders of Notes or the majority required to pass an Extraordinary Resolution or (viii) modify or eliminate any of items (i) through (vii), inclusive above unless passed at a meeting of the Holders of Notes (or at any adjournment thereof) at which a special quorum (provided for in the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement) is present.

In addition to Extraordinary Resolutions passed at meetings of the holders of Notes, the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement provides that either (i) a resolution in writing signed on behalf of the Noteholders of not less than three-fourths of the aggregate principal amount of Notes for the timing being outstanding (whether such resolution in writing is contained in one document or several documents in the same form, each signed on behalf of one or more Holders) or (ii) consents given by way of electronic consents through the relevant clearing system(s) by or on behalf of a Noteholder of not less than three-fourths in principal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding will take effect as an Extraordinary Resolution.

The Issuer may, with the consent of the Issuing and Paying Agent, but without the consent of the Holders of the Notes, make any modification to these Terms and Conditions (i) which is not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Holders of Notes, or (ii) to correct a manifest or proven error or an error that is of a formal, minor or technical nature, or to correct, cure or supplement any defective provision contained herein in respect of Notes. Subject as aforesaid, no other modification may be made to these Terms and Conditions except with the sanction of an Extraordinary Resolution adopted by the Holders.

Save as provided therein, the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement may be amended by agreement among the parties thereto and without the consent of any Holders of the Notes.

### **13a. Meetings of Holders of Swedish Notes and Modification**

The Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent Agreement contains provisions for convening meetings of the Holders of Swedish Notes of any Series to consider any matter affecting their interest, including (without limitation) the modification by Extraordinary Resolution (as defined in the Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent Agreement) of these Conditions insofar as the same may apply to such Swedish Notes. An Extraordinary Resolution passed at any meeting of the Holders of Swedish Notes of any Series will be binding on all Holders of the Swedish Notes of such Series, whether or not they are present at the meeting, and on all Holders of Coupons relating to Swedish Notes of such Series, except that without the consent and affirmative vote of each Holder of Swedish Notes, no Extraordinary Resolution may: (i) amend the Maturity Date or other redemption date of the Swedish Notes, any date for payment of an Instalment Amount or any Interest Payment Date in respect of any Swedish Notes, (ii) reduce or cancel the Outstanding Principal Amount or any Instalment Amount of, or any premium payable on redemption of, the Swedish Notes, (iii) reduce the Rates of Interest in respect of the Swedish Notes, Fixed Coupon Amounts or vary the manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest are to be determined, (iv) if a Minimum Rate of Interest and/or a Maximum Rate of Interest, Instalment Amount, or Redemption Amount is indicated in the Pricing Supplement, reduce any such minimum and/or maximum, (v) change any method of or basis for, calculating the Redemption Amount, including the method of or basis for, calculating the Amortised Face Amount, (vi) subject to any applicable redenomination provisions specified in the Pricing Supplement, change the Specified Currency or Currencies of payment or Specified Denomination of the Swedish Notes, (vii) modify the provisions concerning the quorum required at any meeting

of Holders of Swedish Notes or the majority required to pass an Extraordinary Resolution or (viii) modify or eliminate any of items (i) through (vii), inclusive above unless passed at a meeting of the Holders of Swedish Notes (or at any adjournment thereof) at which a special quorum (provided for in the Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent Agreement) is present.

If the holder of Swedish Notes held through a nominee (an “**Indirect Noteholder**”) attends the meeting (in person or through a duly authorised agent) and shows a certificate from the relevant nominee showing that such Indirect Noteholder on the fifth (5th) Business Day prior to the meeting was a holder of Swedish Notes, the Indirect Noteholder shall be regarded a Holder of Swedish Notes for the purposes of this Condition 13a.

In connection with a meeting of Holders of Swedish Notes, the Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent shall have access to the Swedish Notes Register.

Save as provided therein, the Swedish Notes Issuing and Paying Agent Agreement may be amended by agreement among the parties thereto and without the consent of any Holders of the Swedish Notes.

## **14. Notices**

### ***To Holders of Bearer Notes***

**14.01** Notices to Holders of Bearer Notes will be deemed to be validly given if published in a leading daily newspaper having general circulation in London (which is expected to be the *Financial Times*) or, if permitted by the rules of the relevant stock exchange or other relevant authority, in the case of Notes represented by a Temporary Global Note or Permanent Global Note, if delivered to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system for communication by them to the persons shown in their respective records as having interests therein. The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly published in compliance with the requirements of each stock exchange or any other relevant authority on which the Notes are listed. Any notice so given will be deemed to have been validly given on the date of first such publication (or, if required to be published in more than one newspaper, on the first date on which publication shall have been made in all the required newspapers) or, as the case may be, on the fourth weekday after the date of such delivery to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or such other clearing system. Holders of Coupons will be deemed for all purposes to have notice of the contents of any notice given to Holders of Bearer Notes in accordance with this Condition.

### ***To Holders of Registered Notes***

**14.02** Notices to Holders of Registered Notes will be deemed to be validly given if sent by first class mail (or equivalent) or, if posted to an overseas address, by air mail to them (or, in the case of joint Holders, to the first-named in the register kept by the Registrar) at their respective addresses as recorded in the register kept by the Registrar, or if permitted by the rules of the relevant stock exchange or other relevant authority, in the case of Registered Notes in global form, if delivered to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system for communication by them to persons shown in their respective records as having interests therein. Any notice so given will be deemed to have been validly given on the fourth weekday after the date of such mailing or, if posted from another country, on the fifth such day. The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly published in compliance with the requirements of each stock exchange or any other relevant authority on which the Notes are listed.

### ***To Issuer***

**14.03** Notices to be given by any Holder shall be in writing and given by lodging the same, together with the relevant Note or Notes, with the Issuing and Paying Agent or the Registrar (as applicable). While any of the Notes are represented by a Global Note, such notice may be given by any Holder to the Issuing and Paying Agent or the Registrar (as applicable) through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may

be, in such manner as the Issuing and Paying Agent or the Registrar and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, may approve for this purpose.

#### ***In relation to Swedish Notes***

**14.04** All notices regarding the Swedish Notes will be deemed to be validly given if sent by mail to a Holder of Swedish Notes to the address registered for such Holder in the system of Euroclear Sweden or in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to, and/or issued by, Euroclear Sweden. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given, if sent by mail to the Holder, on the fourth Business Day following the day the notice was sent by mail.

#### **15. Further Issues**

The Issuer may from time to time, without the consent of the Holders of any Notes or Coupons, create and issue further Notes, bonds or debentures having the same terms and conditions as such Notes in all respects (or in all respects except for the first payment of interest, if any, on them and/or the Specified Denomination thereof) so as to form a single series with the Notes of any particular Series.

#### **16. Currency Indemnity**

Subject to Condition 9.16, the currency in which the Notes are denominated or, if different, payable, as specified in the Pricing Supplement (the “**Contractual Currency**”), is the sole currency of account and payment for all sums payable by the Issuer in respect of the Notes, including damages. Any amount received or recovered in a currency other than the Contractual Currency (whether as a result of, or of the enforcement of, a judgement or order of a court of any jurisdiction or otherwise) by any Holder of a Note or Coupon in respect of any sum expressed to be due to it from the Issuer shall only constitute a discharge to the Issuer to the extent of the amount in the Contractual Currency which such Holder is able to purchase with the amount so received or recovered in that other currency on the date of that receipt or recovery (or, if it is not practicable to make that purchase on that date, on the first day on which it is practicable to do so). If that amount is less than the amount in the Contractual Currency expressed to be due to any Holder of a Note or Coupon in respect of such Note or Coupon the Issuer shall indemnify such Holder against any loss sustained by such Holder as a result. In any event, the Issuer shall indemnify each such Holder against any cost of making such purchase which is reasonably incurred. These indemnities constitute a separate and independent obligation from the Issuer’s other obligations, shall give rise to a separate and independent cause of action, shall apply irrespective of any indulgence granted by any Holder of a Note or Coupon and shall continue in full force and effect despite any judgement, order, claim or proof for a liquidated amount in respect of any sum due in respect of the Notes or any judgement or order. Any such loss aforesaid shall be deemed to constitute a loss suffered by the relevant Holder of a Note or Coupon and no proof or evidence of any actual loss will be required by the Issuer.

#### **17. Waiver and Remedies**

No failure to exercise, and no delay in exercising, on the part of the Holder of any Note, any right hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof nor shall any single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or future exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right. Rights hereunder shall be in addition to all other rights provided by law. No notice or demand given in any case shall constitute a waiver of rights to take other action in the same, similar or other instances without such notice or demand.

#### **18. Branch of Account**

**18.01** This Condition 18 applies to Senior Notes only. For the purposes of the *Bank Act* (Canada) the branch of account of the Bank for the deposit liabilities under the *Bank Act* (Canada) evidenced by this Senior Note shall be either the main Toronto branch or London branch or any other branch as specified in the applicable

Pricing Supplement (the “**Branch of Account**”). If not specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the Branch of Account will be the main branch of the Issuer in Toronto. Senior Notes, irrespective of the Branch of Account specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, are obligations of the Bank.

**18.02** Senior Notes will be paid without the necessity of first being presented for payment at the Branch of Account.

**18.03** If the Branch of Account in respect of Senior Notes is not in Canada, the Bank may change the Branch of Account for the deposit liabilities under the *Bank Act* (Canada) evidenced by the Senior Note upon not less than seven days’ prior notice to the Holder given in accordance with Condition 14 and upon and subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (i) if the Note is denominated in Yen, the Branch of Account shall not be in Japan;
- (ii) the Issuer shall indemnify and hold harmless the holders of the Senior Notes and Coupons relating thereto against any tax, duty, assessment or governmental charge which is imposed or levied upon such holder as a consequence of such change, and shall pay the reasonable costs and expenses of the Issuing and Paying Agent in connection with such change; and
- (iii) notwithstanding (ii) above, no change of the Branch of Account may be made unless immediately after giving effect to such change (a) no Event of Default, and no event which, after the giving of notice or lapse of time or both, would become an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and (b) payments of principal, interest or other amounts on Notes of this Series and Coupons relating thereto to holders thereof (other than Excluded Holders, as hereinafter defined) shall not, in the opinion of counsel to the Issuer, be subject to any taxes, as hereinafter defined, to which they would not have been subject had such change not taken place. For the purposes of this section, an “**Excluded Holder**” means a holder of a Note of this Series or Coupon relating thereto who is subject to taxes by reason of its having some connection with the Relevant Jurisdiction other than the mere holding of a Note of this Series or Coupon as a non- resident of such Relevant Jurisdiction. “**Relevant Jurisdiction**” means Canada, its provinces or territories and the jurisdiction in which the new Branch of Account is located, and “**taxes**” means any tax, duty, assessment or other governmental charge imposed or levied in respect of the payment of the principal of the Notes of this Series or interest thereon for or on behalf of a Relevant Jurisdiction or any authority therein or thereof having power to tax.

## **19. Amendment Option and Conversion Option**

This Condition 19 is applicable to Subordinated Notes only.

- (i) The Issuer may, with the prior approval of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (Canada) (the “**Superintendent**”), without the Holders’ consent, at any time upon notice to Holders given not less than 30 days but not more than 60 days prior to the effective date of the amendment, amend these Conditions such that, with effect from the date specified in such notice, (a) the Notes constitute deposit liabilities of the Issuer for purposes of the *Bank Act* (Canada) evidencing the same, (b) continuing debt obligations as the Subordinated Notes so amended, constitute unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and rank *pari passu* with all other deposit liabilities of the Issuer (except as otherwise prescribed by law) and without any preference amongst themselves and at least *pari passu* with all other unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer, present and future (except as otherwise prescribed by law) and (c) the Events of Default in Condition 7.01(i) and (ii) shall thereafter apply to such Notes. The remaining terms and conditions of such Notes shall remain in full force and effect unamended.

- (ii) Subject to the following sentence, a Holder of Notes will be entitled, but only upon notice from the Issuer which may be given by the Issuer at various times only with the prior approval of the Superintendent, to convert, without payment of additional consideration, all, but not less than all, of the Notes held by such Holder on the date specified in such notice into an equal aggregate principal amount of new debentures issued by the Issuer, together with accrued and unpaid interest to the date of conversion. Any such notice from the Issuer must describe the material terms of the debentures to result from such conversion and must be given not less than 30 days but not more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for the conversion.

**20. Law and Jurisdiction**

**20.01** The Issue and Paying Agency Agreement, the Subordinated Notes and Coupons and Talons related thereto and the Senior Notes and Coupons and Talons related thereto are governed by and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

## FORM OF PRICING SUPPLEMENT

Set out below is a form of Pricing Supplement for use in connection with each Tranche of Non PD Notes issued under the Programme. This pro forma Pricing Supplement is subject to completion and amendment to set out the terms upon which each Tranche or Series of Notes to be issued.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

**NO PROSPECTUS IS REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIRECTIVE 2003/71/EC AS AMENDED (THE “PROSPECTUS DIRECTIVE”) FOR THIS ISSUE OF NOTES. THE NOTES WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF THIS PRICING SUPPLEMENT ARE NOT COMPLIANT WITH THE PROSPECTUS DIRECTIVE AND THE UK LISTING AUTHORITY HAS NEITHER APPROVED NOR REVIEWED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS PRICING SUPPLEMENT.**

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**ROYAL BANK OF CANADA**  
(a Canadian chartered bank)  
(the “**Issuer**”)

Issue of [Aggregate Principal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Notes]  
issued pursuant to the Non-PD Notes Offering Circular as part of the  
Programme for the Issue of Securities

### PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Any person making or intending to make an offer of the Notes in the European Economic Area may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer.

Neither the Issuer nor any Dealer has authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of Notes in any other circumstances.

[This document constitutes the Pricing Supplement of the Notes described herein and must be read in conjunction with the Non-PD Notes Offering Circular dated October 30, 2015 [and the supplements to it dated [ ]] which [together] constitute[s] the Offering Circular<sup>1</sup> (the “**Offering Circular**”). Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of this Pricing Supplement and the Offering Circular. The Offering Circular and all documents incorporated by reference therein are available for viewing and may be obtained from the offices of the Issuer, Royal Bank Plaza, 200 Bay Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, South Tower, Toronto, Ontario, Canada and the offices of the Issuing and Paying Agent, One Canada Square, London E14 5AL, England.]

[Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the “**Conditions**”) set forth in the Offering Circular dated October 30, 2015 [and the supplements to it dated [ ]] which [together] constitute[s] the Offering Circular<sup>2</sup> (the “**Offering Circular**”).

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<sup>1</sup> Only include details of a supplemental Prospectus in which the Conditions have been amended for the purposes of all future issues under the Programme.

*[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as “Not Applicable” (N/A). 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 Pricing Supplement.]*

1. [(i)] Series Number: [ ]  
 [(ii)] Tranche Number: [ ]  
 [(iii)] Date on which the Notes become fungible: [Not Applicable] [The Notes shall be consolidated and form a single Series and be interchangeable for trading purposes with the [ ] on [ ] [the Issue Date] [exchange of the Temporary Global Note for interests in the Permanent Global Note, as referred to in paragraph [21] below [which is expected to occur on or about [ ]].]
  
2. Specified Currency or Currencies: [ ]  
 (Condition 1.11)
  
3. Aggregate Principal Amount: [ ]  
 [(i)] Series: [ ]  
 [(ii)] Tranche: [ ]
  
4. Issue Price: [ ] per cent of the Aggregate Principal Amount [plus accrued interest from [ ]]
  
5. (a) Specified Denominations: [ ]  
 (Condition 1.08 or 1.09)  
 [[●] [and integral multiples of [●] in excess thereof up to and including [●]. No Notes in definitive form will be issued with a denomination above [●].]\*\*  
 (b) Calculation Amount: [ ]  
*[If only one Specified Denomination and no integral multiples in excess thereof, insert the Specified Denomination. If there is more than one Specified Denomination, and no integral multiples in excess thereof, insert the highest common factor of the Specified Denominations. If there are integral multiples in excess of the Specified Denomination(s), insert the highest common factor of the integral multiples and the Specified Denomination(s).] [Note – there must be a common factor in the case of two or more Specified Denominations or integral multiples in excess of the Specified Denomination(s).]*

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\*\* If item 14 indicates that a Global Note is exchangeable for Definitive Notes at the option of a Holder, the Specified Denominations may not include integral multiples.

- (c) Minimum Trading Size: [Applicable: [●]/Not Applicable]
6. (i) Issue Date: [ ]
- (ii) Interest Commencement Date [Specify] [Issue Date] [Not Applicable]
7. Maturity Date: [Specify date or (for Floating Rate Notes) Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to the relevant month and year]
8. Interest Basis: [[●] per cent. Fixed Rate]
- [● month] [[LIBOR/EURIBOR/CNH HIBOR/ [ ] +/-
- ][●] per cent. Floating Rate]
- [Zero Coupon]
- [Other]
- (Further particulars specified below)*
- (N.B. If two or more of the above apply, state which are applicable and complete the relevant particulars)*
9. Redemption/Payment Basis<sup>2</sup>: Subject to any purchase and cancellation or early redemption, the Notes would be redeemed on the Maturity Date at [[par] / [ ] per cent. of their nominal amount / other]
- (N.B. If two or more of the above apply, state which are applicable and complete the relevant particulars)*
10. Change of Interest Basis / Redemption / Payment Basis: [Not Applicable] [Paragraph [13/14] applicable for the period from and including [ ] to but excluding [ ]]
- [Paragraph [13/14] applicable for the period from and including [ ] to but excluding [ ]]
- [[Coupon Switch Option applies: Coupon Switch Option Date is [ ]] / [Prior to Coupon Switch Option Date, paragraph [13/14] applies. On and following Coupon Switch Option Date, paragraph [13/14] applies] / [Principal Financial Centre is [ ]] / [Notice Period is [ ]] / [Business Centres are [ ]]]
- [Other]
11. Put Option/ Call Option: [Put Option]
- [Call Option]
- [Not Applicable]

<sup>2</sup> If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the principal value the Notes will be derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation will apply. This pro forma has been annotated to indicate where the key additional requirements of Annex XII are dealt with.

12. (i) Status of the Notes: [Senior/Subordinated] Notes
- (ii) Date of Board approval for issuance of Notes obtained: [ ] [and [ ], respectively]] [Not Applicable]
- (N.B Only relevant where Board (or similar) authorisation is required for the particular tranche of Notes or, if Subordinated Notes, specify date of most recent Standing Resolution of Board of Directors for issue of Subordinated Indebtedness obtained if other than [ ])*

#### PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE

13. **Fixed Rate Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
(Condition 5.02)
- (If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Rate[(s)] of Interest: [ ] per cent. per annum [payable [annually/semi-annually/quarterly/monthly] in arrear] in each Interest Payment Date
- (ii) Specified Interest Payment Date(s): [ ] in each year, commencing on [ ], [adjusted for payment purposes only in accordance with the Business Day Convention specified in paragraph 13(iii) below / adjusted for calculation of interest and for payment purposes in accordance with the Business Day Convention specified in paragraph 13(iii) below / not adjusted]
- (iii) Business Day Convention: [Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention] [Not Applicable]
- (iv) Business Centre(s): [ ] [Not Applicable]
- (v) Fixed Coupon Amount[(s)]: [[ ] per Calculation Amount] [Not Applicable]
- (vi) Broken Amount(s): [ ] per Calculation Amount, payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] [ ] [Not Applicable]
- [Insert particulars of any initial or final broken interest amounts which do not correspond with the Fixed Coupon Amount[(s)]]*
- (vii) Day Count Fraction: [30/360 / Actual/Actual (ICMA/ISDA)/Actual/360/RBA Bond Basis/ other]
- (viii) Determination Dates: [Not Applicable] [[ ] in each year] *(insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date or maturity date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon. N.B. only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA))*

- (ix) Relevant Time: [Not Applicable / [ ]]
- (x) Default Rate: [As set out in Condition 5.07 / [ ]]
- (xi) Other terms relating to the method of calculating interest for Fixed Rate Notes: [Not Applicable / [ ]]
- 14. Floating Rate Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
(Condition 5.03) *(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Specified Period(s): [ ] [Not Applicable]
- (ii) Specified Interest Payment Dates: [ ], [subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention specified in paragraph 14(iv) below] [not subject to any adjustment, as the Business Day Convention in (iv) below is specified to be Not Applicable]/[Not Applicable]
- (iii) First Interest Payment Date: [ ]
- (iv) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/ Following Business Day Convention/ Modified Following Business Day Convention/ Preceding Business Day Convention] [Not Applicable]
- (v) Business Centre(s): [ ] [TARGET] [Not Applicable]
- (vi) Manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined: [Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination *Other*]
- (vii) Party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of Interest and Interest Amount(s) (if not the Issuing and Paying Agent): [[ ] shall be the Calculation Agent] [Not Applicable]
- (viii) Screen Rate Determination: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- Reference Rate: [ ] month [LIBOR] [EURIBOR] [CNH HIBOR] [ ] *(Additional information is required if other, including fallback provisions)*
- Interest Determination Date(s): [ ]
- (Second London business day prior to start of each Interest Period if LIBOR (other than Sterling or euro LIBOR), first day of each Interest Period if Sterling LIBOR and the second day on which the TARGET System is open prior to start of each Interest Period if EURIBOR or euro LIBOR.)*

- Relevant Screen Page: [ ]  
*(In the case of EURIBOR, if not Reuters EURIBOR01 ensure it is on page which shows a composite rate or amend fallback provisions appropriately.)*
- Relevant Time: [ ] [Not Applicable]
- Reference Banks: [ ] [Not Applicable]
- Relevant Financial Centre: [ ] [Not Applicable]
- (ix) ISDA Determination: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- Floating Rate Option: [ ]
- Designated Maturity: [ ]
- Reset Date: [ ]
- (x) Linear Interpolation: [Not Applicable] [Applicable – the Rate of Interest for the [long/short] [first/last] Interest Period shall be calculated using Linear Interpolation (*specify for each short or long interest period*)]
- (xi) Margin(s): [+/-][ ] per cent. per annum
- (xii) Minimum Rate of Interest: [[ ] per cent. per annum] [Not Applicable]  
(Condition 5.05)
- (xiii) Maximum Rate of Interest: [[ ] per cent. per annum] [Not Applicable]  
(Condition 5.05)
- (xiv) Day Count Fraction: [Actual/Actual or Actual/Actual (ISDA)  
Actual/365 (Fixed)  
Actual/360  
30/360 or 360/360 or Bond Basis  
30E/360 or Eurobond Basis  
30E/360 (ISDA)  
Actual/365 (Sterling)  
RBA Bond Basis]  
[Other]
- (xv) Default Rate: [As set out in Condition 5.07 / [ ] ]
- (xvi) Fallback provisions, rounding provisions, denominator and any other terms relating to the method of calculating Interest on Floating Rate Notes, if different from those set out in the Conditions: [Not Applicable / [ ] ]

15. **Zero Coupon Note Provisions**

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*

- (i) Accrual Yield: [ ] per cent per annum
- (ii) Reference Price: [ ] per Calculation Amount
- (iii) Any other formula / basis of determining amount payable: [Not Applicable / [ ]]
- (iv) Day Count Fraction:
  - [30/360]
  - [30E/360]
  - [Actual/360]
  - [Actual/365]
  - [Actual/Actual (ICMA)]
  - [Other]
- (v) Determination Dates: [[ ] in each year] *(insert dates. N.B. only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA))*  
[Not Applicable]
- (vi) Default Rate: [Accrual Yield / [ ]]

**PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION**

16. **Call Option**

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

(Condition 6.03)

*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*

- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [ ]
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Note and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [ ] per Calculation Amount
- (iii) Redeemable in part:  
If redeemable in part: [Applicable] [Note Applicable] *[If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph]*
  - (a) Minimum Redemption Amount: [ ] per Calculation Amount
  - (b) Maximum Redemption Amount: [ ] per Calculation Amount
- (iv) Notice period:<sup>3</sup>  
Minimum period: [15] [•] days  
Maximum period: [30] [•] days

<sup>3</sup> If setting notice periods which are different to those provided in the terms and conditions, issuers are advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the issuer and its issuing and paying agent.

17. **Put Option** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
 (Condition 6.06) *(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [ ]
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Note and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [ ] per Calculation Amount
- (iii) Notice period:<sup>4</sup> Minimum period: [15] [●] days  
 Maximum period: [30] [●] days
18. **Final Redemption Amount of each Note** [Par] / [[ ] per Calculation Amount / *other*]
19. **Early Redemption Amount of each Note**
- (i) Early Redemption Amount(s) payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on event of default or other early redemption and/or the method of calculating the same: [[ ] per Calculation Amount] / [As per Condition 6.09 and 6.10 [*specify other*] / See appendix]  
*[If effective date for changes in law triggering redemption for taxation reasons is not Issue Date, indicate effective date.]*
- (ii) Early Redemption Amount includes amount in respect of accrued interest: [Yes: no additional amount in respect of accrued interest to be paid / No: together with the Early Redemption Amount, accrued interest shall also be paid]

**GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES**

20. (i) Form of Notes: [Bearer Notes] [Bearer Notes exchangeable for Registered Notes]  
 [Temporary Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note which is exchangeable for Definitive Notes [and/or Registered Notes] in the limited circumstances specified in the Permanent Global Note]  
 [Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes [and/or Registered Notes] on [ ] days' notice]  
 [Exchange Date: [ ] ]  
 [Permanent Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes [and/or Registered Notes] in the limited circumstances specified in the Permanent Global Note]  
 [Registered Notes]

<sup>4</sup> If setting notice periods which are different to those provided in the terms and conditions, issuers are advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the issuer and its issuing and paying agent.

[Swedish Notes]

[Other]

(ii) New Global Note:

[Yes] [No]

21. Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to payment dates: [Not Applicable] *[give details (including specifying "TARGET" and/or financial centre(s) as applicable – N.B. TARGET is not required to be specified in the case of payment in euro as the definition of Payment Date already covers this in that case). Note that this item relates to the date and place of payment, and not interest period end dates, to which item 9(iv) relate]*
22. Relevant Renminbi Settlement Centre: [Not Applicable / [ ]]
23. Calculation Agent for purposes of Condition 9.16 (if other than Fiscal Agent): [ ] shall be the Calculation Agent] [Not Applicable]
24. Name and address of RMB Rate Calculation Agent (for purposes of Condition 9.17): [Not Applicable / [ ]]
25. Branch of Account: [Main branch in Toronto] [London branch] [other] [Not Applicable]
26. Unmatured Coupons missing upon Early Redemption: [Condition 9.06(i) applies] [Condition 9.06(ii) applies]
27. Talons for future Coupons to be attached to Definitive Notes (Condition 1.06) [Yes, as the Notes have more than 27 Coupon payments, Talons may be required if, on exchange into definitive form, more than 27 Coupon payments are still to be made] [No]
28. Issuer access to register of creditors (Sw.: *skuldbokenf*) in respect of Swedish Notes: [Yes / No] [Not Applicable]
29. Redenomination, renominialization and reconventioning provisions: [Not Applicable] [The provisions annexed to the Pricing Supplement apply]
30. Consolidation provisions: [ ]
31. Other final terms: [Not Applicable] *[give details]*  
*[Include Notice provisions other than those found in Condition 14]*  
*[Include additional Events of Default (Condition 7.01) and any Default Interest Rate (Condition 5.07)]*

### [THIRD PARTY INFORMATION]

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

**[Purpose of Pricing Supplement**

This Pricing Supplement comprises the final terms for issue [and admission to trading on the [*specify relevant market*] of the Notes described herein issued under the Non PD Notes Offering Circular pursuant to the Programme for the Issuance of Securities of Royal Bank of Canada.]

Signed on behalf of the Issuer:

By: .....  
Duly authorised

By: .....  
Duly authorised

## PART B – OTHER INFORMATION

### 1. LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING

[Not Applicable] [Application [has been / will be / is expected to be] made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to [*specify relevant market*] with effect from [ ]].

*[Where documenting a fungible issue need to indicate that original Securities are already admitted to trading.]*

### 2. RATINGS

Ratings: [The Notes to be issued [have been] / [are expected to be] [have not been] specifically rated:

[S&P Canada: ●]

[Moody's Canada: ●]

[[*Other*]: ●]

*[Need to include the full legal name of each rating agency above]*

### 3. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

(i) ISIN: [ ]

(ii) Common Code: [ ]

(iii) Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking Societe Anonyme, their addresses and the relevant identification number(s): [Not Applicable] [*give name(s), address(es) and number(s)*] [Euroclear Sweden]

(iv) Delivery: Delivery [against / free of payment]

(v) Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s), Registrar and Transfer Agents (if any): [ ]

(vi) Intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility: [Yes] [No]

*[Note that the designation "Yes" simply means that the Notes are intended upon issue to be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common Safekeeper and does not necessarily mean that the Notes will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any or all times during their life. Such recognition will depend upon the ECB being satisfied that Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met.]*

[No. While the designation is specified as "no" at the date of these Final Terms, should the Eurosystem eligibility criteria be amended in the future such that the Notes are capable of meeting them the Notes may then be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safe-keeper. Note that this does not necessarily mean that the Notes will then be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra day credit operations by the Eurosystem at any time during their life. Such recognition will depend upon the ECB being satisfied that Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met.]

#### 4. DISTRIBUTION

- (i) Method of distribution: [Syndicated] [None syndicated]
- (ii) If syndicated, name(s) of Manager(s) and underwriting commitments: [ ] [Not Applicable]
- (iii) Date of Subscription Agreement: [ ] [Not Applicable]
- (iv) Stabilisation Manager(s) (if any): [ ] [Not Applicable]
- (v) If non-syndicated, the name of relevant Dealer: [ ] [Not Applicable]
- (vi) Canadian Selling Restrictions: [Canadian Sales Permitted] [Canadian Sales not Permitted]
- (vii) U.S. Selling Restrictions: [Regulation S, Compliance Category 2] [TEFRA D Rules applicable] [TEFRA C Rules applicable] [TEFRA Rules not applicable]
- (viii) Additional Selling Restrictions: [ ] [Not Applicable]

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

The following supplements the “Use of Proceeds” section in the Base Prospectus incorporated by reference herein:

Except as otherwise set out in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the purpose of an issue of Subordinated Non PD Notes will be to enlarge the Issuer’s capital base.

## **SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE**

The following sentence amends the section entitled “Subscription and Sale – Canada” in the Base Prospectus incorporated by reference herein by replacing the first sentence in the sub-section with the following:

While the Senior Notes are exempted from the prospectus requirement under the securities laws of any province or territory of Canada, the Subordinated Notes are not exempt and have not been and will not be qualified for sale under such laws.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS**

The following supplements the “General Information and Recent Developments” section in the Base Prospectus incorporated by reference herein:

The issue of subordinated indebtedness is also subject to a Standing Resolution of the Board of Directors dated October 16, 2015 or any subsequent resolution replacing such Standing Resolution as is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement for any Subordinated Non PD Notes.

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