

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

The issue of the £500,000,000 Fixed Rate Reset Perpetual Restricted Tier 1 Write Down Notes (the “Notes”, which expression shall in these Conditions, unless the context otherwise requires, include any further notes issued pursuant to Condition 17 and forming a single series with the Notes) was (save in respect of any such further notes) authorised by resolutions of the board of directors of Phoenix Group Holdings (“PGH”) passed on 20 February 2018. The substitution as issuer with effect from 12 December 2018 was (save in respect of any further notes issued pursuant to Condition 17 and forming a single series with the Notes) authorised by a resolution of the Board of Directors of Phoenix Group Holdings plc ((or any substitute therefor from time to time pursuant to the terms of Condition 14), the “Issuer”) passed on 15 October 2018.

The Notes are constituted by a trust deed dated 26 April 2018 as amended and restated by the amended and restated trust deed dated 12 December 2018 (together, the “Trust Deed”) between PGH, the Issuer and Citibank, N.A., London Branch (the “Trustee”, which expression shall include all persons for the time being and from time to time appointed as the trustee or trustees under the Trust Deed) as trustee in respect of the Notes. These terms and conditions (the “Conditions”) include summaries of, and are subject to, the detailed provisions of the Trust Deed. Copies of the Trust Deed and of the paying agency agreement dated 26 April 2018 as amended and restated by the amended and restated agency agreement dated 12 December 2018 (together, the “Agency Agreement”) relating to the Notes between PGH, the Issuer, the Trustee, Citigroup Global Markets Europe AG as registrar (the “Registrar”, which expression shall include any successor thereto) and Citibank, N.A., London Branch as transfer agent (the “Transfer Agent”, which expression shall include any successor thereto and any additional transfer agents appointed thereunder), as initial agent bank (the “Agent Bank”, which expression shall include any successor thereto) and as initial principal paying agent (the “Principal Paying Agent”, which expression shall include any successor thereto, and, together with any further paying agents appointed thereunder, the “Paying Agents”, which expression shall include any successors thereto) are available for inspection during usual business hours at the specified offices of the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar and any Transfer Agent. The Noteholders are entitled to the benefit of, are bound by, and are deemed to have notice of, all the provisions of the Trust Deed and are deemed to have notice of those applicable to them of the Agency Agreement.

All capitalised terms that are not defined in these Conditions will have the meanings given to them in the Trust Deed.

### 1 Form, Denomination and Title

#### (a) Form and Denomination

The Notes are issued in registered form in principal amounts of £200,000 and integral multiples of £1,000 in excess thereof (referred to as the “principal amount” of a Note, and references in these Conditions to “principal” in relation to a Note shall be construed accordingly) without coupons attached. A certificate (each, a “Certificate”) will be issued to each Noteholder in respect of its registered holding of Notes. Each Certificate will be numbered serially with an identifying number which will be recorded on the relevant Certificate and in the register of Noteholders which the Issuer will procure to be kept by the Registrar (the “Register”) on which shall be entered the names, addresses and account details of Noteholders and the particulars of the Notes held by them and of all transfers and repayments of Notes.

#### (b) Title

Title to the Notes passes only by transfer and registration in the Register. The holder of any Note will (except as otherwise required by law or as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction) be treated as its absolute owner for all purposes (whether or not it is overdue and regardless of any notice of ownership, trust or any interest or any writing on, or the theft or loss of, the Certificate issued in

respect of it) and no person will be liable for so treating the holder. In these Conditions, “**Noteholder**” and (in relation to a Note) “**holder**” means the person against whose name a Note is registered in the Register (or, in the case of joint holders, the first named thereof). Each Noteholder shall be entitled to receive only one Certificate in respect of its entire holding of Notes.

## 2 Transfers of Notes and Issue of Certificates

### (a) *Transfers*

Subject to Conditions 2(d) and (e), each Note may be transferred (in whole or in part, subject to such transfer being in a minimum denomination of £200,000 and integral multiples of £1,000 in excess thereof) by depositing the Certificate issued in respect of that Note, together with the form of transfer in respect thereof duly completed and executed at the specified office of the Registrar or a Transfer Agent.

No transfer of a Note will be valid unless and until entered on the Register. A Note may be registered only in the name of, and transferred only to, a named person (or persons not exceeding four in number) or a nominee.

### (b) *Delivery of new Certificates*

Each new Certificate to be issued upon a transfer of Notes will, within five Business Days of receipt by the Registrar or the relevant Transfer Agent of the duly completed, executed and (where applicable) stamped form of transfer endorsed on the relevant Certificate, be mailed by uninsured mail at the risk of the holder entitled to the Note (but free of charge to the Noteholder) to the address specified in the form of transfer. The form of transfer shall be available at the specified offices of the Transfer Agents.

Where some but not all of the Notes in respect of which a Certificate is issued are to be transferred, a new Certificate in respect of the balance of Notes not so transferred will, within five Business Days of receipt by the Registrar or the relevant Transfer Agent of the original Certificate, be mailed by uninsured mail at the risk of the holder of the Notes not so transferred (but free of charge to the Noteholder) to the address of such holder appearing on the Register or as specified in the form of transfer.

### (c) *Formalities free of charge*

Registration of transfer of any Notes will be effected without charge by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Registrar or any Transfer Agent but upon (i) payment (or the giving of such indemnity as the Issuer or any Agent may reasonably require) in respect of any tax or other governmental charges which may be imposed in relation to such transfer and (ii) the Registrar or the relevant Transfer Agent being satisfied with the documents of title and/or the identity of the person making the application.

### (d) *Closed periods*

No Noteholder may require the transfer of a Note (or part thereof) to be registered (i) during the period of 15 days prior to (and including) any date on which Notes may be called for redemption by the Issuer at its option pursuant to Condition 8(f), (ii) after the Notes have been called for redemption pursuant to Condition 8 or (iii) during the period of seven days ending on (and including) any Record Date.

### (e) *Regulations*

All transfers of Notes and entries on the Register will be made subject to the detailed regulations concerning transfer of Notes scheduled to the Agency Agreement. The regulations may be changed by the Issuer with the prior written approval of the Registrar and the Trustee. A copy of the current regulations will be mailed (free of charge) by the Registrar to any Noteholder who requests one and will be available at the specified offices of the Transfer Agents.

### 3 Status of the Notes

(a) *Status*

The Notes constitute direct, unsecured and subordinated obligations of the Issuer and rank *pari passu* and without any preference among themselves. The rights and claims of the Noteholders in any Issuer Winding-Up are as described in the Trust Deed, this Condition 3 and Condition 11.

(b) *Issuer Winding-Up*

The rights and claims of the Noteholders (and the Trustee on their behalf) are subordinated to the claims of Senior Creditors in that if at any time prior to a Write Down Date an Issuer Winding-Up occurs, there shall be payable by the Issuer in respect of each Note (in lieu of any other payment by the Issuer), such amount, if any, as would have been payable to the holder of such Note if, throughout such winding-up or administration, such Noteholder were the holder of one of a class of preference shares in the capital of the Issuer (“**Notional Preference Shares**”) having an equal right to a return of assets in the winding-up or administration to, and so ranking *pari passu* with, the holders of the most senior class or classes of issued preference shares (if any) in the capital of the Issuer from time to time and which have a preferential right to a return of assets in the winding-up or administration over, and so rank ahead of, the holders of all other classes of issued shares for the time being in the capital of the Issuer but ranking junior to the claims of Senior Creditors, on the assumption that the amount that such Noteholder was entitled to receive in respect of each Notional Preference Share on a return of assets in such winding-up or administration were an amount equal to the principal amount of the relevant Note and any accrued but unpaid interest thereon (other than any interest which has been cancelled pursuant to these Conditions) together with any damages awarded for breach of any obligations in respect of such Note, whether or not the Solvency Condition is satisfied on the date upon which the same would otherwise be due and payable.

(c) *Trustee’s fees*

Nothing in the Trust Deed or these Conditions shall affect or prejudice the payment of the costs, fees, charges, expenses, liabilities or remuneration of the Trustee under the Trust Deed or the rights and remedies of the Trustee in respect thereof.

(d) *Solvency Condition*

Other than in circumstances where an Issuer Winding-Up has occurred or is occurring (but subject to Condition 3(c)) or where a Trigger Event has occurred, all payments under or arising from the Notes or the Trust Deed shall be conditional upon the Issuer being solvent at the time for payment by the Issuer and no amount shall be payable under or arising from the Notes or the Trust Deed (including any damages awarded for breach of obligations thereunder) except to the extent that the Issuer could make such payment and still be solvent immediately thereafter (the “**Solvency Condition**”).

Any payment of interest that would have been due and payable but for the operation of this Condition 3(d) shall be cancelled.

For the purposes of this Condition 3(d), the Issuer will be “**solvent**” if (i) it is able to pay its debts owed to Senior Creditors as they fall due and (ii) its Assets exceed its Liabilities.

A certificate as to the solvency or lack thereof of the Issuer signed by two Directors or, if there is a winding-up or administration of the Issuer, the liquidator or, as the case may be, the administrator of the Issuer shall (in the absence of manifest error) be treated and accepted by the Issuer, the Trustee, the Noteholders and all other interested parties as correct and sufficient evidence thereof and shall be binding on all such persons. The Trustee shall be entitled to rely absolutely on such certificate without liability to any person and without any obligation to verify or investigate the accuracy thereof.

(e) *Set off, etc.*

By acceptance of the Notes, subject to applicable law, each Noteholder will be deemed to have waived and to have directed and authorised the Trustee on its behalf to have waived any right of set-off or counterclaim that such Noteholder might otherwise have against the Issuer in respect of or arising under the Notes or the Trust Deed whether prior to or in liquidation, winding-up or administration. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, if any of the rights and claims of any Noteholder in respect of or arising under the Notes or the Trust Deed are discharged by set-off, such Noteholder will immediately pay an amount equal to the amount of such discharge to the Issuer or, if applicable, the liquidator, trustee, receiver or administrator of the Issuer and, until such time as payment is made, will hold a sum equal to such amount on trust for the Issuer or, if applicable, the liquidator, trustee, receiver or administrator in the relevant liquidation, winding-up or administration. Accordingly, such discharge will be deemed not to have taken place.

#### 4 Interest

(a) *Interest Rate and Interest Payment Dates*

Subject to Conditions 3(d), 5 and 6, the Notes bear interest on their principal amount at the applicable Interest Rate from (and including) the Issue Date in accordance with the provisions of this Condition 4.

Subject to Conditions 3(d), 5 and 6, interest shall be payable on the Notes semi-annually in arrear on each Interest Payment Date in equal instalments (in respect of each Interest Period ending prior to the First Call Date, of £28.75 per Calculation Amount), in each case as provided in this Condition 4.

Where it is necessary to compute an amount of interest in respect of any Note for any period (other than any full Interest Period), the relevant day-count fraction shall be determined on the basis of the number of days in the relevant period, from and including the date from which interest begins to accrue to but excluding the date on which it falls due, divided by the product of (a) two and (b) the actual number of days in the Interest Period in which the relevant period falls (including the first such day but excluding the last).

(b) *Interest Accrual*

Subject to Conditions 3(d), 5 and 6, the Notes will accrue interest in respect of each Interest Period and cease to bear interest from (and including) the due date for redemption or substitution thereof pursuant to Condition 8, unless, upon surrender of the Certificate representing any Note, payment of all amounts due in respect of such Note is not properly and duly made, in which event interest shall continue to accrue on the principal amount of such Note, both before and after judgment, and shall be payable, as provided in these Conditions up to (but excluding) the Relevant Date.

Interest in respect of any Note shall be calculated per Calculation Amount and the amount of interest per Calculation Amount shall, save as provided in Condition 4(a) in relation to equal instalments and subject to Conditions 3(d), 5 and 6, be equal to the product of the Calculation Amount, the relevant Interest Rate and the day-count fraction as described in Condition 4(a) for the relevant period, rounding the resultant figure to the nearest penny (half a penny being rounded upwards). Where the denomination of a Note is more than the Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of each such Note, is the aggregate of the amounts (calculated as aforesaid) for each Calculation Amount comprising the denomination of the Note.

(c) *Initial Fixed Interest Rate*

For the Initial Fixed Rate Interest Period, the Notes bear interest, subject to Conditions 3(d), 5 and 6, at the rate of 5.750 per cent. per annum (the “**Initial Fixed Interest Rate**”).

(d) *Reset Rate of Interest*

The Interest Rate will be reset (the “**Reset Rate of Interest**”) in accordance with this Condition 4 on each Reset Date. The Reset Rate of Interest in respect of each Reset Period will be determined by the Agent Bank on the relevant Reset Determination Date as the sum of the relevant Reset Reference Rate and the Margin.

(e) *Determination of Reset Rate of Interest*

The Agent Bank will, as soon as practicable after 11.00 a.m. (London time) on each Reset Determination Date, subject to receipt from the Issuer of the bid and offered price of the Benchmark Gilt as provided by the Reset Reference Banks (if any), determine the Reset Rate of Interest in respect of the relevant Reset Period. The determination of the Reset Rate of Interest by the Agent Bank shall (in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding upon all parties.

(f) *Publication of Reset Rate of Interest*

The Agent Bank shall cause notice of the Reset Rate of Interest determined in accordance with this Condition 4 in respect of each Reset Period to be given to the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar, each of the Transfer Agents, any stock exchange on which the Notes are for the time being listed or admitted to trading and, in accordance with Condition 13, the Noteholders, in each case as soon as practicable after its determination but in any event not later than the fourth Business Day thereafter.

If the Notes become due and payable pursuant to Condition 11, the Reset Rate of Interest payable in respect of the Notes shall nevertheless continue to be calculated by the Agent Bank in accordance with this Condition 4 but no publication of the Reset Rate of Interest need be made unless the Trustee otherwise requires.

(g) *Agent Bank*

The Issuer will maintain an Agent Bank. The name of the initial Agent Bank is set out in the preamble to these Conditions.

The Issuer may, with the prior written approval of the Trustee, from time to time replace the Agent Bank with another leading investment, merchant or commercial bank or financial institution of international repute. If the Agent Bank is unable or unwilling to continue to act as the Agent Bank or fails duly to determine the Reset Rate of Interest in respect of any Reset Period as provided in Condition 4(e), the Issuer shall forthwith appoint another leading investment, merchant or commercial bank or financial institution of international repute approved in writing by the Trustee to act as such in its place. The Agent Bank may not resign its duties or be removed without a successor having been appointed as aforesaid.

(h) *Determinations of Agent Bank Binding*

All notifications, opinions, determinations, certificates, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of this Condition 4, by the Agent Bank, shall (in the absence of manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Agent Bank, the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar, the Transfer Agents and all Noteholders and (in the absence of wilful default or gross negligence) no liability to the Noteholders, the Trustee or the Issuer shall attach to the Agent Bank in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of any of its powers, duties and discretions.

## 5 Cancellation of Interest

### (a) *Interest Payments Discretionary*

Interest on the Notes is due and payable only at the sole and absolute discretion of the Issuer and is subject to the provisions of Conditions 3(d), 5(b) and 6. Accordingly, the Issuer may at any time elect to cancel any Interest Payment (or any part thereof) which would otherwise be due and payable on any Interest Payment Date.

If the Issuer does not make an Interest Payment or part thereof on the relevant Interest Payment Date, such non-payment shall evidence the non-payment and cancellation of such Interest Payment (or relevant part thereof) by reason of it not being due in accordance with Condition 3(d), the cancellation of such Interest Payment in accordance with Condition 5(b), the cancellation of interest upon an Automatic Write Down in accordance with Condition 6 or, as appropriate, the Issuer's exercise of its discretion otherwise to cancel such Interest Payment (or relevant part thereof) in accordance with this Condition 5(a), and accordingly such interest shall not in any such case be due and payable.

### (b) *Mandatory Cancellation of Interest*

To the extent required by the Relevant Rules from time to time and save as otherwise permitted pursuant to Condition 5(c), the Issuer shall cancel in full any Interest Payment on the Notes in accordance with this Condition 5 if:

- (i) the Solvency Condition is not met at the time for payment of such Interest Payment, or would cease to be met immediately following, and as a result of making, such Interest Payment (having regard also to any Additional Amounts payable with respect thereto);
- (ii) there is non-compliance with the Solvency Capital Requirement at the time for payment of such Interest Payment, or non-compliance with the Solvency Capital Requirement would occur immediately following, and as a result of making, such Interest Payment (having regard also to any Additional Amounts payable with respect thereto);
- (iii) there is non-compliance with the Minimum Capital Requirement at the time for payment of such Interest Payment, or non-compliance with the Minimum Capital Requirement would occur immediately following, and as a result of making, such Interest Payment (having regard also to any Additional Amounts payable with respect thereto);
- (iv) the amount of such Interest Payment, together with any Additional Amounts payable with respect thereto, when aggregated together with any interest payments or distributions which have been paid or made or which are scheduled simultaneously to be paid or made on all Tier 1 Own Funds (excluding any such payments which do not reduce the Issuer's Distributable Items and any payments already accounted for by way of deduction in determining the Issuer's Distributable Items) since the end of the latest financial year of the Issuer and prior to, or on, such Interest Payment Date, would exceed the amount of the Issuer's Distributable Items as at the Interest Payment Date in respect of such Interest Payment; or
- (v) the Issuer is otherwise required by the PRA or under the Relevant Rules to cancel the relevant Interest Payment,

each of the events or circumstances described in sub-paragraphs (i) to (v) (inclusive) above being a "**Mandatory Interest Cancellation Event**".

A certificate signed by two Directors confirming that (i) a Mandatory Interest Cancellation Event has occurred and is continuing, or would occur if payment of interest on the Notes were to be made or (ii) a Mandatory Interest Cancellation Event has ceased to occur and/or payment of interest on the Notes would not result in a new or further Mandatory Interest Cancellation Event occurring, shall, in the absence of manifest error, be treated and accepted by the Issuer, the Trustee, the Noteholders and all

other interested parties as correct and sufficient evidence thereof and shall be binding on all such persons. The Trustee shall be entitled to rely absolutely on such certificate without liability to any person and without any obligation to verify or investigate the accuracy thereof.

(c) *Waiver of Cancellation of Interest Payments by the PRA*

Notwithstanding Condition 5(b), the Issuer shall not be required to cancel an Interest Payment where a Mandatory Interest Cancellation Event has occurred and is continuing, or would occur if payment of interest on the Notes were to be made (to the extent permitted by the Relevant Rules) where:

- (i) the Mandatory Interest Cancellation Event is of the type described in sub-paragraph (ii) of Condition 5(b) only;
- (ii) the PRA has exceptionally waived the cancellation of the Interest Payment;
- (iii) payment of the Interest Payment would not further weaken the solvency position of the Issuer or the Insurance Group; and
- (iv) the Minimum Capital Requirement will be complied with immediately following such Interest Payment, if made.

A certificate signed by two Directors confirming that the conditions set out in this Condition 5(c) are met, shall, in the absence of manifest error, be treated and accepted by the Issuer, the Trustee, the Noteholders and all other interested parties as correct and sufficient evidence thereof and shall be binding on all such persons. The Trustee shall be entitled to rely absolutely on such certificate without liability to any person and without any obligation to verify or investigate the accuracy thereof.

(d) *Effect of Cancellation of Interest Payments*

Any Interest Payment (or relevant part thereof) which is cancelled in accordance with this Condition 5 or which is otherwise not due and payable in accordance with Condition 3(d) or which is cancelled in accordance with Condition 6 shall not become due and shall not accumulate or be payable at any time thereafter, and Noteholders shall have no rights in respect thereof (whether in an Issuer Winding-Up or otherwise) and any such cancellation or non-payment shall not constitute a default or event of default on the part of the Issuer for any purpose and will not give Noteholders or the Trustee any right to accelerate repayment of the Notes or take any enforcement action under the Notes or the Trust Deed.

(e) *Notice of Cancellation of Interest*

If practicable, the Issuer shall provide notice of any cancellation of any Interest Payment (or any part thereof) pursuant to Condition 5(a) or 5(b) to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13, and to the Trustee in a certificate signed by two Directors, and the Principal Paying Agent and the Registrar in writing, at least five Business Days prior to the relevant Interest Payment Date (or, if the determination that such Interest Payment (or any part thereof) is to be cancelled is made after such fifth Business Day, as soon as is practicable following the making of such determination). However, any failure to provide such notice will not invalidate the cancellation of the relevant Interest Payment.

## 6 Automatic Write Down

If a Trigger Event has occurred, the Issuer shall:

- (i) immediately inform the PRA of the occurrence of the Trigger Event; and
- (ii) without delay, give the Trigger Event Notice which notice shall be irrevocable.

On the Business Day following the determination that a Trigger Event has occurred (the “**Write Down Date**”), an Automatic Write Down shall occur.

As a result of such Automatic Write Down there shall be no reinstatement of any part of the principal amount of the Notes at any time, including where the Trigger Event ceases to occur.

Effective upon, and following, the Automatic Write Down, the Issuer's obligation to repay the principal amount outstanding of each Note shall, without any further action required on the part of the Issuer or the Trustee, be irrevocably discharged and Noteholders shall not have any rights against the Issuer in a winding-up or administration of the Issuer or otherwise with respect to:

- (i) repayment of the principal amount of the Notes or any part thereof;
- (ii) the payment of any interest on the Notes for any period; or
- (iii) any other amounts arising under or in connection with the Notes and/or the Trust Deed.

Such Automatic Write Down shall take place without the need for the consent of Noteholders or the Trustee.

The determination as to whether a Trigger Event has occurred shall be made by the Issuer. Any such determination shall be binding on the Trustee and the Noteholders.

Any Trigger Event Notice delivered to the Trustee shall be accompanied by a certificate signed by two Directors certifying the accuracy of the contents of the Trigger Event Notice upon which the Trustee shall rely (without further enquiry and without liability to any person).

Any failure by the Issuer to give a Trigger Event Notice or the aforementioned certificate will not affect the effectiveness of, or otherwise invalidate, any Automatic Write Down, or give Noteholders any rights as a result of such failure.

The reduction to zero of the principal amount of a Note pursuant to this Condition 6 shall be permanent and shall not constitute a default or event of default on the part of the Issuer for any purpose and will not give Noteholders or the Trustee any right to take any enforcement action under the Notes or the Trust Deed.

## 7 Payments

### (a) *Payments in respect of Notes*

- (i) Payments of principal and interest shall be made on the date scheduled for payment to the persons shown on the Register at the close of business on the date falling 15 days before the due date in respect of such payment (the "**Record Date**"). Payment of principal and interest will be made by transfer to the registered account of the relevant Noteholder.
- (ii) Payments of principal and interest due at the time of redemption of the Notes will only be made against surrender of the relevant Certificate at the specified office of any of the Paying Agents.
- (iii) For the purposes of this Condition 7, a Noteholder's registered account means the sterling account maintained by or on behalf of it with a bank that processes payments in sterling, details of which appear on the Register at the close of business on the date falling two Business Days before the due date for payment.

### (b) *Payments subject to applicable laws*

Payments will be subject in all cases to (i) any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 9 and (ii) any withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "**Code**") or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder, any official interpretations thereof, or (without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 9) any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto.



(c) *No commissions*

No commissions or expenses shall be charged to the Noteholders in respect of any payments made in accordance with this Condition 7.

(d) *Payment on Business Days*

Where payment is to be made by transfer to a registered account, payment instructions (for value the due date or, if that is not a Business Day, for value the first following day which is a Business Day) will be initiated on the due date for payment or, in the case of a payment of principal or interest due at the time of redemption of the Notes, if later, on the Business Day on which the relevant Certificate is surrendered at the specified office of any Paying Agent.

Noteholders will not be entitled to any interest or other payment for any delay after the due date in receiving the amount due if the due date is not a Business Day or if the Noteholder is late in surrendering its Certificate (in circumstances where it is required to do so).

(e) *Partial payments*

If the amount of principal or interest which is scheduled to be paid on the Notes is not paid in full, the Registrar will annotate the Register with a record of the amount of principal or interest in fact paid. With respect to the amount of any Interest Payment or part thereof, the Registrar shall have regard to the provisions of Condition 5(a).

(f) *Agents*

The names of the initial Agents and their initial specified offices are set out at the end of these Conditions. The Issuer reserves its right, subject to the prior written approval of the Trustee, at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of any Agent and to appoint additional or other Agents, provided that it will:

- (i) at all times maintain a Principal Paying Agent, an Agent Bank, a Registrar and a Transfer Agent; and
- (ii) at all times maintain such other agents as may be required by any stock exchange on which the Notes may be listed.

Notice of any termination or appointment and of any changes in specified offices of any of the Agents will be given to the Noteholders promptly by the Issuer in accordance with Condition 13.

## **8 Redemption, Substitution, Variation and Purchase**

(a) *No Redemption Date*

The Notes are perpetual securities in respect of which there is no fixed redemption date and the Issuer shall only have the right to redeem or purchase the Notes in accordance with the following provisions of this Condition 8. The Notes are not redeemable at the option of the Noteholders at any time.

(b) *Conditions to Redemption and Purchase*

To the extent required pursuant to the Relevant Rules at the relevant time, and save as otherwise permitted pursuant to Condition 8(c), the Issuer may not redeem or purchase any Notes unless each of the following conditions is satisfied:

- (i) the relevant date of any redemption or purchase of the Notes pursuant to Condition 8(g), 8(h), 8(i) or 8(m) is on or after the fifth anniversary of the Issue Date unless such redemption or purchase is funded out of the proceeds of a new issuance of, or the Notes are exchanged into, Tier 1 Own Funds of the same or a higher quality than the Notes;

- (ii) in respect of any redemption or purchase of the Notes occurring on or after the fifth anniversary of the Issue Date and before the tenth anniversary of the Issue Date, the PRA has confirmed to the Issuer that it is satisfied that the Solvency Capital Requirement is exceeded by an appropriate margin (taking into account the solvency position of the Issuer including the Issuer's medium-term capital management plan) unless such redemption or purchase is funded out of the proceeds of a new issuance of, or the Notes are exchanged into, Tier 1 Own Funds of the same or a higher quality than the Notes;
- (iii) the Solvency Condition is met immediately prior to the redemption or purchase of the Notes (as applicable) and the redemption or purchase (as applicable) would not cause the Solvency Condition to be breached;
- (iv) the Solvency Capital Requirement is met immediately prior to the redemption or purchase of the Notes (as applicable) and the redemption or purchase (as applicable) would not cause the Solvency Capital Requirement to be breached;
- (v) the Minimum Capital Requirement is met immediately prior to the redemption or purchase of the Notes (as applicable) and the redemption or purchase (as applicable) would not cause the Minimum Capital Requirement to be breached;
- (vi) no Insolvent Insurer Winding-up has occurred and is continuing;
- (vii) the Regulatory Clearance Condition is satisfied; and/or
- (viii) any other additional or alternative requirements or pre-conditions to which the Issuer is otherwise subject and which may be imposed by the PRA or the Relevant Rules have (in addition or in the alternative to the foregoing subparagraphs, as the case may be) been complied with (and shall continue to be complied with following the proposed redemption or purchase),

the conditions set out in paragraphs (i) to (viii) (inclusive) above (to the extent required pursuant to the Relevant Rules at the relevant time as aforesaid) being the “**Redemption and Purchase Conditions**”.

If on the proposed date for redemption of the Notes the Redemption and Purchase Conditions are not met, redemption of the Notes shall instead be suspended and such redemption shall occur only in accordance with Conditions 8(c) and 8(d).

(c) *Waiver of Redemption and Purchase Condition relating to Solvency Capital Requirement by the PRA*

Notwithstanding Condition 8(b), the Issuer shall be entitled to redeem or purchase Notes (to the extent permitted by the Relevant Rules) where:

- (i) all Redemption and Purchase Conditions are met other than that described in paragraph (iv) of Condition 8(b);
- (ii) the PRA has exceptionally waived the cancellation or suspension of redemption or, as the case may be, purchase of the Notes;
- (iii) all (but not some only) of the Notes being redeemed or purchased at such time are exchanged for a new issue of Tier 1 Own Funds of the same or higher quality than the Notes; and
- (iv) the Minimum Capital Requirement will be complied with immediately following such redemption or purchase, if made.

A certificate signed by two Directors confirming that the conditions set out in this Condition 8(c) are met, shall, in the absence of manifest error, be treated and accepted by the Issuer, the Trustee, the Noteholders and all other interested parties as correct and sufficient evidence thereof and shall be binding on all such persons. The Trustee shall be entitled to rely absolutely on such certificate without liability to any person and without obligation to verify or investigate the accuracy thereof.

(d) *Suspension of Redemption*

The Issuer shall notify the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar and, in accordance with Condition 13, the Noteholders no later than five Business Days prior to any date set for redemption of the Notes if such redemption is to be suspended in accordance with Condition 8(b), provided that if an event occurs or is determined less than five Business Days prior to the date set for redemption that results in the Redemption and Purchase Conditions ceasing to be met, the Issuer shall notify the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar and, in accordance with Condition 13, the Noteholders as soon as reasonably practicable following the occurrence or determination (as the case may be) of such event.

If redemption of the Notes does not occur on the date specified in the notice of redemption by the Issuer under Condition 8 as a result of the operation of Condition 8(b), the Issuer shall redeem such Notes at their principal amount outstanding together with any accrued and unpaid interest (in each case, to the extent that such amounts have not previously been cancelled pursuant to these Conditions), upon the earlier of:

- (i) the date falling ten Business Days after the date on which the Redemption and Purchase Conditions are met or redemption of the Notes is otherwise permitted pursuant to Condition 8(c) (unless on such tenth Business Day the Redemption and Purchase Conditions are again not met or the redemption of the Notes on such date would result in the Redemption and Purchase Conditions ceasing to be met (in each case save for the Redemption and Purchase Condition at sub-paragraph (iv) of Condition 8(b) to the extent waived under Condition 8(c)), in which case the provisions of Condition 8(b) and this sub-paragraph (i) of this Condition 8(d) will apply *mutatis mutandis* to determine the rescheduled due date for redemption of the Notes); or
- (ii) the date on which an Issuer Winding-Up occurs (insofar as such Issuer Winding-Up occurs prior to a Write Down Date).

The Issuer shall notify the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar and, in accordance with Condition 13, the Noteholders no later than five Business Days prior to any such date set for redemption pursuant to (i) or (if reasonably practicable in the circumstances) (ii) above.

A certificate signed by two Directors confirming that: (i) the Redemption and Purchase Conditions are not met or would cease to be met if the proposed redemption or purchase were to be made; or (ii) the Redemption and Purchase Conditions are met and would continue to be met if the proposed redemption or purchase were to be made, shall, in the absence of manifest error, be treated and accepted by the Issuer, the Trustee, the Noteholders and all other interested parties as correct and sufficient evidence thereof and shall be binding on all such persons. The Trustee shall be entitled to rely on such certificate absolutely without liability to any person and without any obligation to verify or investigate the accuracy thereof.

(e) *Suspension of Redemption and Cancellation of Purchases Not a Default*

Notwithstanding any other provision in these Conditions or in the Trust Deed, the suspension of redemption of the Notes and any cancellation of any purchases of any Notes in accordance with Condition 8(b) and 8(d) shall not constitute a default or event of default on the part of the Issuer for any purpose and will not give Noteholders or the Trustee any right to accelerate repayment of the Notes or take any enforcement action under the Notes or the Trust Deed.

(f) *Redemption at the Option of the Issuer*

Provided that the Redemption and Purchase Conditions are met, the Issuer may, at its option, having given not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar and, in accordance with Condition 13, the Noteholders (which notice shall (save as provided in Condition 8(o) below) be irrevocable and shall specify the date fixed for redemption) redeem all

(but not some only) of the Notes, on the First Call Date or on any Interest Payment Date thereafter at their principal amount together with (to the extent that such interest has not been cancelled in accordance with these Conditions) any accrued and unpaid interest to (but excluding) the date of redemption.

(g) *Redemption, substitution or variation at the option of the Issuer due to a Tax Event*

Provided that the Redemption and Purchase Conditions and the preconditions to redemption, variation and substitution in Condition 8(k) are met, if a Tax Event has occurred and is continuing, then the Issuer may, at its option (without any requirement for the consent or approval of the Noteholders), and having given not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar and, in accordance with Condition 13, the Noteholders (which notice shall (save as provided in Condition 8(o) below) be irrevocable and shall, where applicable, specify the date fixed for redemption or on which any variation or substitution is to become effective) either:

- (i) redeem all (but not some only) of the Notes at any time at their principal amount, together with (to the extent that such interest has not been cancelled in accordance with these Conditions) any accrued and unpaid interest to (but excluding) the date of redemption; or
- (ii) substitute at any time all (but not some only) of the Notes for, or vary at any time the terms of the Notes so that they become or remain, Qualifying Securities, and the Trustee shall (subject to the receipt by it of the certificates of the Directors referred to in Condition 8(b) above and in the definition of "Qualifying Securities") agree to such substitution or variation,

provided that:

- (1) no such notice shall be given earlier than 90 days prior to the earliest date on which (A) (i) with respect to limb (a) of the definition of Tax Event, the Issuer would be obliged to pay such Additional Amounts; (ii) with respect to limb (b) of the definition of Tax Event, the Issuer would not be able to claim such a deduction or such a deduction is reduced; or (iii) with respect to limb (d) of the definition of Tax Event, the Issuer would not to a material extent be able to have losses or deductions set against the profits or gains in the manner set out therein, in each case were a payment in respect of the Notes then due; or (B) (i) with respect to limbs (c), (e) and (f) of the definition of Tax Event, such change in treatment is effective; or (ii) with respect to limb (g) of the definition of Tax Event, the relevant adverse tax consequence would arise or be suffered; and
- (2) the Issuer shall also deliver to the Trustee an opinion from a nationally recognised law firm or other tax adviser in the applicable Relevant Jurisdiction experienced in such matters to the effect that the relevant requirement or circumstance referred to in subparagraph (1) applies or (where applicable) will apply on the next Interest Payment Date (save that such opinion need not provide any confirmation as to whether the Issuer could avoid the occurrence of the relevant Tax Event by taking measures reasonably available to it).

Subject as aforesaid, upon expiry of such notice the Issuer shall either redeem, vary or substitute the Notes, as the case may be.

(h) *Redemption, substitution or variation at the option of the Issuer due to a Capital Disqualification Event*

Provided that the Redemption and Purchase Conditions and the preconditions to redemption, variation and substitution in Condition 8(k) are met, if a Capital Disqualification Event has occurred and is continuing or, as a result of any change to the Relevant Rules (or change to the interpretation of the Relevant Rules by any court or authority entitled to do so), a Capital Disqualification Event will occur within the forthcoming period of six months, then the Issuer may, at its option (without any

requirement for the consent or approval of the Noteholders), and having given not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar and, in accordance with Condition 13, the Noteholders (which notice shall (save as provided in Condition 8(o) below) be irrevocable and shall, where applicable, specify the date fixed for redemption or on which any variation or substitution is to become effective) either:

- (i) redeem all (but not some only) of the Notes at any time at their principal amount, together with (to the extent that such interest has not been cancelled in accordance with these Conditions) any accrued and unpaid interest to (but excluding) the date of redemption; or
- (ii) substitute at any time all (but not some only) of the Notes for, or vary the terms of the Notes so that they become or remain Qualifying Securities and the Trustee shall (subject to the receipt by it of the certificates of the Directors referred to in Condition 8(b) above and in the definition of "Qualifying Securities") agree to such substitution or variation,

provided, however, that no such notice of redemption, substitution or variation shall be given more than 12 months following the occurrence of the relevant Capital Disqualification Event.

Subject as aforesaid, upon expiry of such notice the Issuer shall either redeem, vary or substitute the Notes, as the case may be.

(i) *Redemption, substitution or variation at the option of the Issuer due to a Ratings Methodology Event*

Provided that the Redemption and Purchase Conditions and the preconditions to redemption, variation and substitution in Condition 8(k) are met, if a Ratings Methodology Event has occurred and is continuing or, as a result of a change in (or clarification to) the methodology of the Rating Agency (or in the interpretation of such methodology), a Ratings Methodology Event will occur within the forthcoming period of six months, then the Issuer may, at its option (without any requirement for the consent or approval of the Noteholders), and having given not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar and, in accordance with Condition 13, the Noteholders (which notice shall (save as provided in Condition 8(o) below) be irrevocable and shall specify the date fixed for redemption or on which any variation or substitution is to become effective) either:

- (i) redeem all (but not some only) of the Notes at any time at their principal amount, together with (to the extent that such interest has not been cancelled in accordance with these Conditions) any accrued and unpaid interest to (but excluding) the date of redemption; or
- (ii) substitute at any time all (but not some only) of the Notes for, or vary the terms of the Notes so that they become or remain Rating Agency Compliant Securities and the Trustee shall (subject to the receipt by it of the certificates of the Directors referred to in Condition 8(b) above and in the definitions of "Qualifying Securities" and "Rating Agency Compliant Securities") agree to such substitution or variation,

provided, however, that no such notice of redemption, substitution or variation shall be given more than 12 months following the occurrence of the relevant Ratings Methodology Event.

Subject as aforesaid, upon expiry of such notice the Issuer shall either redeem, vary or substitute the Notes, as the case may be.

(j) *Trustee role on redemption, variation or substitution; Trustee not obliged to monitor*

- (i) Subject to Condition 8(b), the Trustee shall (at the expense of the Issuer) use its reasonable endeavours to co-operate with the Issuer (including, but not limited to, entering into such documents or deeds as may be necessary) to give effect to the substitution or variation of the Notes for or into Qualifying Securities pursuant to Condition 8(g) or 8(h) above or Rating Agency Compliant Securities pursuant to Clause 8(i) above, provided that the Trustee shall not

be obliged to co-operate in any such substitution or variation if the securities resulting from such substitution or variation, or the co-operation in such substitution or variation, imposes, in the Trustee's opinion, more onerous obligations upon it or exposes it to liabilities or reduces its protections, in each case as compared with the corresponding obligations, liabilities or, as appropriate, protections under the Notes. If the Trustee does not so co-operate as provided above, the Issuer may, subject as provided above, redeem the Notes as provided in this Condition 8.

- (ii) The Trustee shall not be under any duty to monitor whether any event or circumstance has happened or exists for the purposes of this Condition 8 and will not be responsible to Noteholders for any loss arising from any failure by it to do so. Unless and until the Trustee has actual knowledge pursuant to these Conditions or the Trust Deed of the occurrence of any event or circumstance to which this Condition 8 relates, it shall be entitled to assume that no such event or circumstance exists or has arisen.

(k) *Preconditions to redemption, variation and substitution*

- (i) Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption, variation or substitution pursuant to Condition 8(g), 8(h) or 8(i), the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee a certificate signed by two Directors stating that, as the case may be, the Issuer is entitled to redeem, vary or substitute the Notes on the grounds that a Tax Event, a Capital Disqualification Event or a Ratings Methodology Event has occurred and is continuing as at the date of the certificate or, as the case may be (in the case of a Capital Disqualification Event or a Ratings Methodology Event) will occur within a period of six months and that it would have been reasonable for the Issuer to conclude, judged at the Issue Date, that such Tax Event, Capital Disqualification Event or Ratings Methodology Event was unlikely to occur.
- (ii) For the purposes of Condition 8(k)(i), each Noteholder, by acquiring and holding any Note, agrees and accepts that given the advisory nature of the EIOPA Advice Paper it was reasonable for the Issuer to conclude, judged at the Issue Date, that a Capital Disqualification Event was unlikely to occur as a result of the matters discussed at chapter 19 (*Comparison of own funds in insurance and banking sectors*) and chapter 20 (*Capital instruments only eligible as tier 1 up to 20 per cent. of total tier 1*) of the EIOPA Advice Paper.
- (iii) The Issuer shall not be entitled to amend or otherwise vary the terms of the Notes or substitute the Notes unless it has notified the PRA in writing of its intention to do so not less than one month (or such other period as may be required by the PRA or the Relevant Rules at the relevant time) prior to the date on which such amendment, variation or substitution is to become effective and the Regulatory Clearance Condition has been satisfied in respect of such proposed amendment, variation or substitution.

A certificate signed by any two Directors to the Trustee confirming compliance with the relevant requirements set out above shall, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive and binding on the Issuer, the Trustee, the Noteholders and all other interested parties. The Trustee shall be entitled to accept such certificate as sufficient evidence of such compliance and shall be entitled to rely absolutely on such certificate without liability to any person and without any obligation to verify or investigate the accuracy thereof.

(l) *Compliance with stock exchange rules*

In connection with any substitution or variation of the Notes in accordance with Condition 8(g), 8(h) or 8(i), the Issuer shall comply with the rules of any stock exchange or other relevant authority on which the Notes are for the time being listed or admitted to trading.

(m) *Purchases*

Provided that the Redemption and Purchase Conditions are met at the time of such purchase, the Issuer or any of the Issuer's Subsidiaries may purchase Notes in any manner and at any price. All Notes purchased by or on behalf of the Issuer or any Subsidiary of the Issuer may be held, reissued, resold or, at the option of the relevant purchaser, surrendered for cancellation to the Registrar.

(n) *Cancellations*

All Notes redeemed or substituted by the Issuer pursuant to this Condition 8, and all Notes purchased and surrendered for cancellation pursuant to Condition 8(m), will forthwith be cancelled. Any Notes so surrendered for cancellation may not be reissued or resold and the obligations of the Issuer in respect of any such Notes shall be discharged.

(o) *Notices Final*

Subject to and without prejudice to the Redemption and Purchase Conditions and to Condition 8(d), any notice of redemption as is referred to in Condition 8 above shall, except in the circumstances described in the following paragraph of this Condition 8(o), be irrevocable and on the redemption, variation or (as the case may be) substitution date specified in such notice, the Issuer shall be bound to redeem or, as the case may be, vary or substitute the Notes in accordance with the terms of the relevant Condition.

The Issuer may not give a notice of redemption, substitution or variation of the Notes pursuant to this Condition 8 if a Trigger Event Notice has been given. If a Trigger Event Notice is given after a notice of redemption, substitution or variation has been given by the Issuer but before the relevant redemption, substitution or (as the case may be) variation date, such notice of redemption, substitution or variation (as applicable) shall automatically be revoked and be null and void and the relevant redemption, substitution or variation (as applicable) shall not be made or effected and the Notes shall be written down in accordance with Condition 6.

## 9 Taxation

(a) *Payment without withholding*

All payments of principal and interest by or on behalf of the Issuer in respect of the Notes shall be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for, any taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed by a Relevant Jurisdiction, unless such withholding or deduction is required by law. In that event the Issuer shall pay such additional amounts in relation to Interest Payments ("**Additional Amounts**") (but not in respect of any payments of principal) as will result in receipt by the Noteholders of such amounts as would have been received by them had no such withholding or deduction been required, except that no such Additional Amounts shall be payable in respect of any Note:

- (i) *Other connection*: held by or on behalf of a holder who is liable to such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges in respect of such Note by reason of his having some connection with the Relevant Jurisdiction other than the mere holding of the Note; or
- (ii) *Lawful avoidance of withholding*: held by, or by a third party on behalf of, a holder who could lawfully avoid (but has not so avoided) such deduction or withholding by complying or procuring that any third party complies with any statutory requirements or by making or procuring that any third party makes a declaration of non-residence or other similar claim for exemption to any tax authority in the place where the relevant Certificate is presented for payment; or
- (iii) *Surrender more than 30 days after the Relevant Date*: where (in the case of an Interest Payment payable on redemption) the relevant Certificate representing such Note is surrendered for

payment more than 30 days after the Relevant Date except to the extent that the holder of it would have been entitled to such Additional Amounts on surrendering the Certificate representing such Note for payment on the last day of such period of 30 days; or

- (iv) Any combination: where such withholding or deduction arises out of any combination of paragraphs (i) to (iii) above.

“**Relevant Date**” means (i) in respect of any payment other than a sum to be paid by the Issuer in an Issuer Winding-Up, the date on which payment in respect of it first becomes due or (if any amount of the money payable is improperly withheld or refused) the date on which payment in full of the amount outstanding is made or (if earlier) the date seven days after that on which notice is duly given to the Noteholders that, upon further surrender of the Certificate representing such Note being made in accordance with the Conditions, such payment will be made, provided that payment is in fact made upon such surrender, and (ii) in respect of a sum to be paid by the Issuer in an Issuer Winding-Up, the date which is one day prior to the date on which an order is made or a resolution is passed for the winding-up (or, in the case of an administration, one day prior to the date on which any dividend is distributed).

- (b) *Additional Amounts*

Any reference in these Conditions to any amounts payable in respect of the Notes shall be deemed also to refer to any Additional Amounts which may be payable under this Condition 9 or under any undertakings given in addition to, or in substitution for, this Condition 9 pursuant to the Trust Deed.

## 10 Prescription

Claims against the Issuer in respect of principal and interest will become prescribed unless made within 10 years (in the case of principal) and five years (in the case of interest) from the Relevant Date.

## 11 Non-payment of principal when due

- (a) *Proceedings for an Issuer Winding-Up*

If default is made by the Issuer for a period of 14 days or more in the payment of principal due in respect of the Notes or any of them the Trustee at its discretion may, and if so requested by Noteholders of at least one fifth in principal amount of the Notes then outstanding or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution shall (but in each case subject to it having been indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to its satisfaction) institute proceedings for an Issuer Winding-Up.

Subject to Condition 6, in the event of a winding-up or administration of the Issuer (whether or not instituted by the Trustee), the Trustee may prove in the winding-up or administration of the Issuer and/or (as the case may be) claim in the liquidation or administration of the Issuer, such claim being as provided in, and subordinated in the manner described in, Condition 3(b), but may take no further or other action to enforce, prove or claim for any payment by the Issuer in respect of the Notes or the Trust Deed.

- (b) *Enforcement*

Without prejudice to Condition 11(a), the Trustee may at its discretion and without further notice institute such proceedings or take such steps or actions against the Issuer as it may think fit to enforce any term or condition binding on the Issuer under the Trust Deed or the Notes (other than any payment obligation of the Issuer under or arising from the Notes or the Trust Deed, including any payment of damages awarded for breach of any obligations thereunder) but in no event shall the Issuer, by virtue of the institution of any such proceedings or the taking of such steps or actions, be obliged to pay any sum or sums, in cash or otherwise, sooner than the same would otherwise have been payable by it.



Nothing in this Condition 11(b) shall, however, prevent the Trustee or the Noteholders from pursuing the remedies to which they are entitled pursuant to Condition 11(a).

(c) *Entitlement of Trustee*

The Trustee shall not be bound to take any of the actions referred to in Condition 11(a) or 11(b) above against the Issuer to enforce the terms of the Trust Deed, the Notes or any other action under or pursuant to the Trust Deed unless (a) it shall have been so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders or requested in writing by the holders of at least one fifth in principal amount of the Notes then outstanding and (b) it shall have been indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to its satisfaction.

(d) *Right of Noteholders*

No Noteholder shall be entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer or to institute proceedings for the winding-up or administration of the Issuer or claim in the liquidation or administration of the Issuer or to prove in such winding-up or administration of the Issuer unless the Trustee, having become so bound to proceed or being able to prove in such winding-up or administration of the Issuer or claim in such liquidation or administration, fails to do so within a reasonable period and such failure shall be continuing, in which case the Noteholders shall have only such rights against the Issuer as those which the Trustee is entitled to exercise as set out in this Condition 11.

(e) *Extent of Noteholders' remedy*

No remedy against the Issuer, other than as referred to in this Condition 11, shall be available to the Trustee or the Noteholders, whether for the recovery of amounts owing in respect of the Notes or under the Trust Deed or in respect of any breach by the Issuer of any of its other obligations under or in respect of the Notes or under the Trust Deed.

## **12 Replacement of Certificates**

If any Certificate is lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed it may be replaced at the specified office of the Registrar or other Transfer Agent (or any other place notice of which shall have been given in accordance with Condition 13) upon payment by the claimant of the expenses incurred in connection with the replacement and on such terms as to evidence and indemnity as the Issuer may reasonably require (provided that the requirement is reasonable in light of prevailing market practice). Mutilated or defaced Certificates must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

## **13 Notices**

All notices to the Noteholders will be valid if mailed to them at their respective addresses in the Register. The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly given or published in a manner which complies with the rules and regulations of any stock exchange or other relevant authority on which the Notes are for the time being listed. Any notice shall be deemed to have been given on the second day after being so mailed or on the date of publication or, if so published more than once or on different dates, on the date of the first publication.

## **14 Substitution of Issuer**

(a) *Discretion to agree to substitution*

The Trust Deed contains provisions permitting the Trustee to agree, subject to (a) such substitution not being, in the opinion of the Trustee, materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders, (b) certain additional conditions set out in the Trust Deed being satisfied and (c) such amendment of the Trust Deed and such other conditions as the Trustee may require, but without the consent of the Noteholders:

- (i) to the substitution of a successor in business (as defined in the Trust Deed) of the Issuer in place of the Issuer or any previous substitute under this Condition 14 as principal debtor under the Trust Deed and the Notes; or
- (ii) to the substitution of the Insurance Group Parent Entity in place of the Issuer or any previous substitute under this Condition 14 as principal debtor under the Trust Deed and the Notes; or
- (iii) (subject to the Notes becoming unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed on a subordinated basis by the Issuer), to the substitution of a Subsidiary or parent company of the Issuer or its successor in business in place of the Issuer or any previous substitute under this Condition 14 as principal debtor under the Trust Deed and the Notes,

any such substitute, and any substitute pursuant to a Newco Scheme as described below, being a **“Substituted Obligor”**.

Any such substitution shall be subject to the Issuer having complied with the Regulatory Clearance Condition.

(b) *Mandatory substitutions*

If a Newco Scheme occurs, the Issuer may, without the consent of the Noteholders, at its option, procure that (pursuant to the Newco Scheme or otherwise) Newco is substituted under the Notes and the Trust Deed as Issuer in place of the Issuer (or any previous substitute therefor under this Condition 14), and upon such substitution all references to “the Issuer” hereunder will be construed as references to Newco and the obligations of the Issuer (or the relevant previous substitute) as issuer under the Notes and the Trust Deed will, without any further formality (including, without limitation, the execution of any agreement or deed) be terminated.

The Trustee shall (at the expense of the Issuer) use its reasonable endeavours to co-operate with the Issuer (including, but not limited to, entering into such documents or deeds (if any) as may be necessary) to give effect to such substitution.

Any such substitution shall be subject to the Issuer having complied with the Regulatory Clearance Condition.

(c) *Change in law*

In the case of any substitution pursuant to this Condition 14, the Trustee may agree, without the consent of the Noteholders, to a change of the law governing the Notes and/or the Trust Deed, provided that such change or the substitution would not in the opinion of the Trustee be materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders.

(d) *Notice to Noteholders*

The Issuer will give notice of any substitution pursuant to this Condition 14 to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13 as soon as reasonably practicable following such substitution.

## **15 Meetings of Noteholders, Modification, Waiver and Authorisation**

(a) *Meetings of Noteholders*

The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening meetings of the Noteholders to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the modification or abrogation by Extraordinary Resolution of any of these Conditions or any of the provisions of the Trust Deed. Such a meeting may be convened by the Issuer, the Trustee or Noteholders holding not less than 10 per cent. in principal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding. The quorum at any meeting for passing an Extraordinary Resolution will be one or more persons present holding or representing a clear majority in principal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned such meeting one or more

persons present whatever the principal amount of the Notes held or represented by him or them, except that, at any meeting the business of which falls within the proviso to paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 to the Trust Deed, the necessary quorum for passing an Extraordinary Resolution will be one or more persons present holding or representing not less than two-thirds, or at any adjourned such meeting not less than one-third, of the principal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding. An Extraordinary Resolution passed at any meeting of the Noteholders will be binding on all Noteholders, whether or not they are present at the meeting.

The Trust Deed also provides that a written resolution executed by or on behalf of the holders of not less than 75 per cent. in principal amount of the Notes outstanding or consent given by way of electronic consents through the relevant clearing system(s) (in a form satisfactory to the Trustee) by or on behalf of holders of not less than 75 per cent. in principal amount of the Notes outstanding who would have been entitled to vote upon it if it had been proposed at a meeting at which they were present shall take effect as if it were an Extraordinary Resolution. A resolution in writing may be contained in one document or several documents in the same form, each signed by or on behalf of one or more Noteholders.

The agreement or approval of the Noteholders shall not be required in the case of any variation of these Conditions and/or the Trust Deed required to be made in connection with the substitution or variation of the Notes pursuant to Condition 8(g), 8(h) or 8(i) or any consequential amendments to these Conditions and/or the Trust Deed approved by the Trustee in connection with a substitution of the Issuer or upon the substitution of a Newco pursuant to Condition 14.

(b) *Modification, waiver, authorisation and determination*

Without prejudice to Conditions 8(g), 8(h), 8(i) and 14, the Trustee may agree, without the consent of the Noteholders, to any modification of, or to the waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach of, any of these Conditions or any of the provisions of the Trust Deed: (i) which is not, in the opinion of the Trustee, materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders or (ii) which, in its opinion, is of a formal, minor or technical nature or to correct a manifest error or to comply with mandatory provisions of the law of the jurisdiction in which the Issuer is incorporated. For the avoidance of doubt, such power shall not extend to any such modification as mentioned in the proviso to paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 to the Trust Deed unless required for the substitution or variation of the Notes pursuant to Condition 8(g), 8(h) or 8(i) or any consequential amendments to these Conditions and/or the Trust Deed approved by the Trustee in connection with a substitution of the Issuer or upon the substitution of a Newco pursuant to Condition 14.

(c) *Trustee to have regard to interests of Noteholders as a class*

In connection with the exercise by it of any of its trusts, powers, authorities and discretions (including, without limitation, any modification, waiver, authorisation, determination or substitution of obligor), the Trustee shall have regard to the general interests of the Noteholders as a class but shall not have regard to any interests arising from circumstances particular to individual Noteholders (whatever their number) and, in particular but without limitation, shall not have regard to the consequences of any such exercise for individual Noteholders (whatever their number) resulting from their being for any purpose domiciled or resident in, or otherwise connected with, or subject to the jurisdiction of, any particular territory or any political sub-division thereof and the Trustee shall not be entitled to require, nor shall any Noteholder be entitled to claim, from the Issuer, the Trustee or any other person any indemnification or payment in respect of any tax consequence of any such exercise upon individual Noteholders except to the extent provided for in Condition 9 and/or any undertaking given in addition to, or in substitution for, Condition 9 pursuant to the Trust Deed.

(d) *Notification to the Noteholders*

Any modification, abrogation, waiver, authorisation, determination or substitution pursuant to this Condition 15 shall be binding on the Noteholders and, unless the Trustee agrees otherwise, shall be notified by the Issuer to the Noteholders as soon as practicable thereafter in accordance with Condition 13.

(e) *Notice to the PRA*

No modification to these Conditions or any other provisions of the Trust Deed shall become effective unless the Issuer shall have first satisfied the Regulatory Clearance Condition.

## **16 Indemnification of the Trustee and its Contracting with the Issuer**

(a) *Indemnification of the Trustee*

The Trust Deed contains provisions for the indemnification of the Trustee and for its relief from responsibility and liability towards the Issuer and the Noteholders, including (i) provisions relieving it from taking action unless indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to its satisfaction and (ii) provisions limiting or excluding its liability in certain circumstances. The Trust Deed provides that, when determining whether an indemnity or any security or pre-funding is satisfactory to it, the Trustee shall be entitled (i) to evaluate its risk in any given circumstance by considering the worst-case scenario and (ii) to require that any indemnity or security given to it by the Noteholders or any of them be given on a joint and several basis and be supported by evidence satisfactory to it as to the financial standing and creditworthiness of each counterparty and/or as to the value of the security and an opinion as to the capacity, power and authority of each counterparty and/or the validity and effectiveness of the security.

(b) *Trustee contracting with the Issuer*

The Trust Deed also contains provisions pursuant to which the Trustee is entitled, *inter alia*, (i) to enter into business transactions with the Issuer and/or any of the Issuer's Subsidiaries and/or any Substituted Obligor and to act as trustee for the holders of any other securities issued or guaranteed by, or relating to, the Issuer and/or any of the Issuer's Subsidiaries and/or any Substituted Obligor, (ii) to exercise and enforce its rights, comply with its obligations and perform its duties under or in relation to any such transactions or, as the case may be, any such trusteeship without regard to the interests of, or consequences for, the Noteholders, and (iii) to retain and not be liable to account for any profit made or any other amount or benefit received thereby or in connection therewith.

(c) *Reports and certificates*

The Trust Deed provides that the Trustee may rely and act upon the advice, opinion or report of or any information obtained from any lawyer, valuer, accountant (including the auditors of the Issuer), surveyor, banker, broker, auctioneer, or other expert (whether obtained by the Issuer, the Trustee or otherwise, whether or not addressed to the Trustee, and whether or not the advice, opinion, report or information, or any engagement letter or other related document, contains a monetary or other limit on liability or limits the scope and/or basis of such advice, opinion, report or information). The Trustee may also rely and act upon certificates and/or information addressed to it from, or delivered by, the Issuer, any Substituted Obligor or any one or more Directors or any Substituted Obligor or any of their respective auditors, liquidators, administrators or other insolvency officials. The Trustee will not be responsible to anyone for any liability occasioned by so relying and acting. Any such advice, opinion, information or certificate may be sent or obtained by letter, electronic communication or fax and the Trustee shall not be liable for acting in good faith on any advice, opinion, information or certificate purporting to be conveyed by such means even if it contains an error or is not authentic.

The Trustee shall have no responsibility for, or liability or obligation in respect of, any loss, claim or demand incurred as a result of or in connection with any non-payment of interest or other amounts by reason of Condition 3(d), 5, 6 or 8. Furthermore, the Trustee shall not be responsible for any calculation or the verification of any calculation in connection with the foregoing.

(d) *Trustee may refrain from acting*

The Trustee may refrain from taking any action in any jurisdiction if the taking of such action in that jurisdiction would, in its opinion based upon legal advice in the relevant jurisdiction, be contrary to any law of that jurisdiction. Furthermore, the Trustee may also refrain from taking such action if it would otherwise render it liable to any person in that jurisdiction or if, in its opinion based upon such legal advice, it would not have the power to do the relevant thing in that jurisdiction by virtue of any applicable law in that jurisdiction or if it is determined by any court or other competent authority in that jurisdiction that it does not have such power.

## 17 Further Issues

The Issuer may from time to time, without the consent of the Noteholders, create and issue further notes ranking *pari passu* in all respects (or in all respects save for the first payment of interest thereon) and so that the same shall be consolidated and form a single series with the outstanding Notes. Any further notes which are to form a single series with the outstanding Notes may be constituted by a deed supplemental to the Trust Deed.

## 18 Governing Law

(a) *Governing law*

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

(b) *Jurisdiction*

The courts of England are to have jurisdiction to settle any disputes that may arise out of or in connection with the Trust Deed or the Notes and accordingly any legal action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with the Trust Deed or any Notes (“**Proceedings**”) may be brought in such courts. The Issuer has in the Trust Deed irrevocably submitted to the jurisdiction of the courts of England in respect of any such Proceedings (but this is without prejudice to the rights of the Trustee or the Noteholders to commence Proceedings in any jurisdiction and/or concurrent Proceedings in one or more jurisdictions to the extent permitted by law).

## 19 Rights of Third Parties

No rights are conferred on any person under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term or condition of the Notes, but this does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available apart from that Act.

## 20 Defined Terms

In these Conditions:

“**Additional Amounts**” has the meaning given to it in Condition 9;

“**Agency Agreement**” has the meaning given in the preamble to these Conditions;

“**Agent Bank**” has the meaning given in the preamble to these Conditions;

“**Agents**” means the Principal Paying Agent, the Agent Bank, the Registrar and the Transfer Agents or any of them and shall include such other agents appointed from time to time under the Agency Agreement;

“**Assets**” means the unconsolidated gross assets of the Issuer as shown in the latest published audited balance sheet of the Issuer but adjusted for contingencies and subsequent events, all in such manner as the Directors may determine;

“**Automatic Write Down**” means the irrevocable and automatic (without the need for the consent of Noteholders or the Trustee) reduction of the full principal amount of each Note to zero on a permanent basis, the cancellation of all accrued and unpaid interest and any other amounts (if any) arising under or in connection with the Notes and/or the Trust Deed and the cancellation of the Notes on the Write Down Date;

“**Business Day**” means (i) except for the purposes of Conditions 2 and 7(d), a day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for general business in London, (ii) for the purposes of Condition 2, a day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) on which commercial banks are open for business in the city in which the specified office of the Registrar or Transfer Agent with whom a Certificate is deposited in connection with a transfer is located and (iii) for the purpose of Condition 7(d), a day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) on which commercial banks are open for business in London and, in the case of surrender of a Certificate, in the place in which the Certificate is surrendered;

“**Calculation Amount**” means £1,000 in principal amount;

a “**Capital Disqualification Event**” shall be deemed to have occurred if at any time, as a result of any change to the Relevant Rules (or change to the interpretation of the Relevant Rules by any court or authority entitled to do so) the whole or any part of the principal amount of the Notes is no longer capable of counting as Tier 1 Capital for the purposes of (i) the Issuer on a solo, group or consolidated basis or (ii) the Insurance Group on a group or consolidated basis, except where such non-qualification is only as a result of any applicable limitation on the amount of such capital (other than a limitation derived from any transitional or grandfathering provisions under the Relevant Rules);

“**Certificate**” has the meaning given in Condition 1(a);

“**Companies Act**” means the Companies Act 2006 (as amended or re-enacted from time to time);

“**Directors**” means the directors of the Issuer or a Substituted Obligor (as the case may be) from time to time;

“**Distributable Items**” means, subject as otherwise defined from time to time in the Relevant Rules, with respect to and as at any Interest Payment Date, without double-counting, an amount equal to:

- (a) the Distributable Profits of the Issuer, calculated on an unconsolidated basis, as at the last day of the then most recently ended financial year of the Issuer; plus
- (b) the interim retained earnings (if any) of the Issuer, calculated on an unconsolidated basis, for the period from the Issuer’s then latest financial year end to (but excluding) such Interest Payment Date; less
- (c) the interim net loss (if any) of the Issuer, calculated on an unconsolidated basis, for the period from the Issuer’s then latest financial year end to (but excluding) such Interest Payment Date;

“**Distributable Profits**” has the meaning given to such term under section 736 of the Companies Act, or (where any Substituted Obligor is not a United Kingdom company) the relevant provision under the law of the jurisdiction of incorporation of the Issuer or (in each case) any equivalent or replacement provision;

“**EEA**” means the countries comprising the European Union together with Norway, Liechtenstein and Iceland;

“**EIOPA**” means the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority;

“**EIOPA Advice Paper**” means the paper published by the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority on 28 February 2018 entitled “*EIOPA’s second set of advice to the European Commission on specific items in the Solvency II Delegated Regulation*” (EIOPA-BoS-18/075);

“**Existing Shareholders**” has the meaning ascribed to it in the definition of Newco Scheme;

“**Extraordinary Resolution**” has the meaning given in the Trust Deed;

“**First Call Date**” means 26 April 2028;

“**Group Insurance Undertaking**” means an insurance undertaking whose data is included for the purposes of the calculation of the Solvency Capital Requirement of the Insurance Group pursuant to the Relevant Rules;

“**Initial Fixed Interest Rate**” has the meaning given to it in Condition 4(c);

“**Initial Fixed Rate Interest Period**” means the period from (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the First Call Date;

“**Insolvent Insurer Winding-up**” means:

- (a) the winding-up of any Group Insurance Undertaking; or
- (b) the appointment of an administrator of any Group Insurance Undertaking,

in each case where the Issuer has determined, acting reasonably, that all Policyholder Claims of the policyholders or beneficiaries under contracts of insurance of that Group Insurance Undertaking may or will not be met in full;

“**Insurance Group**” means the Insurance Group Parent Entity and its Subsidiaries;

“**Insurance Group Parent Entity**” means the Issuer or any Subsidiary or parent company of the Issuer which from time to time constitutes the highest entity in the relevant insurance group for which supervision of group capital resources or solvency is required pursuant to the Regulatory Capital Requirements in force from time to time;

“**insurance undertaking**” has the meaning given to it in the Solvency II Directive;

“**Interest Payment**” means, in respect of any Interest Payment Date, the amount of interest which is (or would, but for cancellation in accordance with these Conditions, be) due and payable on such Interest Payment Date;

“**Interest Payment Date**” means 26 October and 26 April in each year, commencing on 26 October 2018;

“**Interest Period**” means the period from (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each successive period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Interest Payment Date;

“**Interest Rate**” means the Initial Fixed Interest Rate and/or the applicable Reset Rate of Interest, as the case may be;

“**Issue Date**” means 26 April 2018;

“**Issuer**” has the meaning given in the preamble to these Conditions;

“**Issuer Winding-Up**” means:

- (a) an order is made, or an effective resolution is passed, for the winding-up of the Issuer (except, in any such case, (A) a solvent winding-up solely for the purpose of a reconstruction or amalgamation, the terms of which have previously been approved in writing by the Trustee or by an Extraordinary Resolution and do not provide that the Notes or any amount in respect thereof shall thereby become payable or (B) the substitution in place of the Issuer of a successor in business of the Issuer in accordance with the provisions of Condition 14); or

(b) an administrator of the Issuer is appointed and such administrator gives notice that it intends to declare and distribute a dividend or other distribution of the assets of the Issuer;

“**Level 2 Regulations**” means the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No. 2015/35 of 10 October 2014 supplementing Directive 2009/138/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union on the taking-up and pursuit of the business of insurance and reinsurance (Solvency II), as amended;

“**Liabilities**” means the unconsolidated gross liabilities of the Issuer as shown in the latest published audited balance sheet of the Issuer but adjusted for contingent liabilities and for subsequent events, all in such manner as the Directors may determine;

“**London Stock Exchange**” means the London Stock Exchange plc;

“**Mandatory Interest Cancellation Event**” has the meaning given to such term in Condition 5(b);

“**Margin**” means 4.169 per cent.;

“**Minimum Capital Requirement**” means the Minimum Capital Requirement of the Issuer, the minimum consolidated group Solvency Capital Requirement or other minimum capital requirements relating to the Issuer or the Insurance Group (as applicable) referred to in Solvency II or the Relevant Rules;

“**Member State**” means a member of the European Economic Area;

“**Newco**” has the meaning ascribed to it in the definition of Newco Scheme;

“**Newco Scheme**” means a scheme of arrangement or analogous proceeding (“**Scheme of Arrangement**”) which effects the interposition of a limited liability company (“**Newco**”) between the shareholders of the Issuer immediately prior to the Scheme of Arrangement (the “**Existing Shareholders**”) and the Issuer; provided that (i) only ordinary shares or units or equivalent of Newco or depositary or other receipts or certificates representing ordinary shares or units or equivalent of Newco are issued to Existing Shareholders; (ii) immediately after completion of the Scheme of Arrangement the only holders of ordinary shares, units or equivalent of Newco or, as the case may be, the only holders of depositary or other receipts or certificates representing ordinary shares or units or equivalent of Newco, are Existing Shareholders holding in the same proportions as immediately prior to completion of the Scheme of Arrangement; (iii) immediately after completion of the Scheme of Arrangement, Newco is (or one or more wholly-owned Subsidiaries of Newco are) the only shareholder of the Issuer; (iv) all Subsidiaries of the Issuer immediately prior to the Scheme of Arrangement (other than Newco, if Newco is then a Subsidiary of the Issuer) are Subsidiaries of the Issuer (or of Newco) immediately after completion of the Scheme of Arrangement; and (v) immediately after completion of the Scheme of Arrangement the Issuer (or Newco) holds, directly or indirectly, the same percentage of the ordinary share capital and equity share capital of those Subsidiaries as was held by the Issuer immediately prior to the Scheme of Arrangement;

“**Noteholder**” has the meaning given in Condition 1(b);

“**Notes**” has the meaning given in the preamble to these Conditions;

“**Notional Preference Shares**” has the meaning given to such term in Condition 3(b);

“**Own Fund Items**” means any own fund item referred to in the Relevant Rules;

“**Paying Agents**” has the meaning given in the preamble to these Conditions;

“**Policyholder Claims**” means claims of policyholders or beneficiaries under contracts of insurance in a winding-up, liquidation or administration of a Group Insurance Undertaking to the extent that those claims relate to any debt to which the Group Insurance Undertaking is, or may become, liable to a policyholder or such a beneficiary pursuant to a contract of insurance, including all amounts to which policyholders or such beneficiaries are entitled under applicable legislation or rules relating to the winding-up or administration of insurance companies to reflect any right to receive, or expectation of receiving, benefits which such policyholders or such beneficiaries may have;



“**PRA**” means the Bank of England acting as the United Kingdom Prudential Regulation Authority through its Prudential Regulation Committee or such successor or other authority having primary supervisory authority with respect to prudential matters in relation to the Issuer, the Insurance Group and/or the Insurance Group Parent Entity;

“**Principal Paying Agent**” has the meaning given in the preamble to these Conditions;

“**Proceedings**” has the meaning given to it in 18(b);

“**Qualifying Securities**” means securities issued by the Issuer or another entity that:

- (a) have terms not materially less favourable to an investor than the terms of the Notes (as reasonably determined by the Issuer in consultation with an independent investment bank of international standing or independent financial adviser of international standing, and provided that a certification to such effect (including as to the consultation with the independent investment bank or independent financial adviser and in respect of the matters specified in (b) below) signed by two Directors shall have been delivered to the Trustee (upon which the Trustee shall be entitled to rely absolutely without liability to any person and without any obligation to verify or investigate the accuracy thereof) prior to the issue of the relevant securities);
- (b) (subject to (a) above) shall (1) contain terms which comply with the then current requirements of the Relevant Rules in relation to Tier 1 Capital; (2) bear the same rate of interest from time to time applying to the Notes and preserve the same Interest Payment Dates; (3) rank *pari passu* with the ranking of the Notes; (4) preserve the obligations of (including obligations arising from the exercise of any rights of) the Issuer as to redemption of the Notes, including as to the timing of, and amounts payable upon redemption of the Notes and provided that such Qualifying Securities may not be redeemed by the Issuer prior to the First Call Date except in circumstances analogous to those referred to in Condition 8(g), 8(h) or 8(i) of the Notes; (5) contain terms providing for the cancellation and/or suspension of payments of interest or principal only if such terms are not materially less favourable to an investor than the cancellation and/or suspension provisions, respectively, contained in the terms of the Notes and (6) preserve any existing rights under these Conditions to any accrued interest which has accrued to Noteholders but not been paid (but without prejudice to any right of the Issuer subsequently to cancel any such rights so preserved in accordance with the terms of the Qualifying Tier 1 Notes); and
- (c) are listed or admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange’s regulated market (for the purposes of Directive 2014/65/EU) or such other regularly operating, internationally recognised stock exchange in the EEA as selected by the Issuer and approved by the Trustee;

“**Rating Agency**” means Fitch Ratings Limited or any affiliate of or successor thereto;

“**Rating Agency Compliant Securities**” means securities which are (i) Qualifying Securities and (ii) assigned substantially the same “equity credit” (or such other nomenclature as may be used by the Rating Agency from time to time to describe the degree to which the terms of an instrument are supportive of an issuer’s senior obligations in terms of either leverage or total capital) or, at the absolute discretion of the Issuer, a lower “equity credit” (provided such “equity credit” is still higher than the “equity credit” assigned to the Notes immediately after the occurrence of the Ratings Methodology Event) as that which was assigned by the Rating Agency or its predecessor to the Notes on or around the Issue Date and provided that a certification to such effect signed by two Directors shall have been delivered to the Trustee prior to the issue of the relevant securities (upon which the Trustee shall be entitled to rely absolutely without liability to any person and without any obligation to verify or investigate the accuracy thereof);

a “**Ratings Methodology Event**” will be deemed to occur if at any time there occurs a change in (or clarification to) the methodology of the Rating Agency (or in the interpretation of such methodology) as a result of which the “equity credit” (or such other nomenclature as may be used by the Rating Agency from time to time to describe the degree to which the terms of an instrument are supportive of an issuer’s senior

obligations in terms of either leverage or total capital) assigned by the Rating Agency to the Notes is, as notified by the Rating Agency to the Issuer or as published by the Rating Agency, reduced when compared to the “equity credit” assigned by the Rating Agency or its predecessor to the Notes on or around the Issue Date;

“**Record Date**” has the meaning given to such term in Condition 7(a);

“**Redemption and Purchase Conditions**” has the meaning given to such term in Condition 8(b);

“**Register**” has the meaning given in Condition 1(a);

“**Registrar**” has the meaning given in the preamble to these Conditions;

“**Regulatory Capital Requirements**” means any applicable capital resources requirement or applicable overall financial adequacy rule required by the PRA pursuant to the Relevant Rules, as such requirements or rules are in force from time to time;

“**Regulatory Clearance Condition**” means, in respect of any proposed act on the part of the Issuer, the PRA having approved, granted permission for, consented to, or provided a non-objection to and having not withdrawn its approval, permission or consent to, such act (in any case only if and to the extent such approval, permission, consent or non-objection is required by the PRA, the Relevant Rules or any other applicable rules of the PRA at the relevant time);

“**Relevant Date**” has the meaning given in 9(a);

“**Relevant Jurisdiction**” means the United Kingdom or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax or any other jurisdiction or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax to which the Issuer becomes subject to tax in respect of payments made by it of principal and/or interest on the Notes;

“**Relevant Rules**” means, at any time, any legislation, rules or regulations (whether having the force of law or otherwise) then applying to the Issuer, the Insurance Group Parent Entity or the Insurance Group relating to own funds, capital resources, capital requirements, financial adequacy requirements or other prudential matters (including, but not limited to, the characteristics, features or criteria of any of the foregoing) and without limitation to the foregoing, includes (to the extent then applying as aforesaid) Solvency II and any legislation, rules or regulations of the PRA relating to such matters; and references in these Conditions to any matter, action or condition being required or permitted by, or in accordance with, the Relevant Rules shall be construed in the context of the Relevant Rules as they apply to Tier 1 Capital and on the basis that the Notes are intended to continue to have the characteristics of Tier 1 Capital under the Relevant Rules notwithstanding the occurrence of a Capital Disqualification Event;

“**Reset Date**” means the First Call Date and each fifth anniversary of the First Call Date thereafter;

“**Reset Determination Date**” means, in respect of a Reset Period, the second Business Day prior to the first day of such Reset Period unless such day is not a Business Day, in which case it shall mean the immediately preceding Business Day;

“**Reset Period**” means the period from and including the First Call Date to but excluding the next Reset Date, and each successive period from and including a Reset Date to but excluding the next succeeding Reset Date;

“**Reset Rate of Interest**” has the meaning given to it in Condition 4(d);

“**Reset Reference Banks**” means five brokers of gilts and/or gilt-edged market makers selected by the Issuer;

“**Reset Reference Rate**” means in respect of a Reset Period, the gross redemption yield (as calculated by the Agent Bank on the basis set out by the United Kingdom Debt Management Office in the paper “Formulae for Calculating Gilt Prices from Yields”, page 5, Section One: Price/Yield Formulae “Conventional Gilts”; Double dated and Undated Gilts with Assumed (or Actual) Redemption on a Quasi-Coupon Date (published 8 June 1998, as amended or updated from time to time) or if such basis is no longer in customary market usage at such time, in accordance with generally accepted market practice at such time, on a semi-annual

compounding basis (rounded up (if necessary) to four decimal places) of the Benchmark Gilt in respect of that Reset Period, with the price of the Benchmark Gilt for the purpose of determining the gross redemption yield being the arithmetic average (rounded up (if necessary) to the nearest 0.001 per cent. (0.0005 per cent. being rounded upwards)) of the bid and offered prices of such Benchmark Gilt quoted by the Reset Reference Banks at 11.00 a.m. (London time) on the Reset Determination Date in respect of such Reset Period on a dealing basis for settlement on the next following dealing day in London. Such quotations shall be obtained by or on behalf of the Issuer and provided to the Agent Bank. If at least four quotations are provided, the Reset Reference Rate will be determined by reference to the rounded arithmetic mean of the quotations provided, eliminating the highest quotation (or, in the event of equality, one of the highest) and the lowest quotation (or, in the event of equality, one of the lowest). If only two or three quotations are provided, the Reset Reference Rate will be determined by reference to the rounded arithmetic mean of the quotations provided. If only one quotation is provided, the Reset Reference Rate will be determined by reference to the rounded quotation provided. If no quotations are provided, the Reset Reference Rate will be the previous Reset Reference Rate or (in the case of the first Reset Period) 1.581 per cent., where:

“**Benchmark Gilt**” means, in respect of a Reset Period, such United Kingdom government security customarily used in the pricing of new issues with a similar tenor having a maturity date on or about the last day of such Reset Period as the Issuer (on the advice of an investment bank of international repute) may determine to be appropriate following any guidance published by the International Capital Market Association at the relevant time (if any); and

“**dealing day**” means a day on which the London Stock Exchange (or such other stock exchange on which the Benchmark Gilt is at the relevant time listed) is ordinarily open for the trading of securities;

“**Scheme of Arrangement**” has the meaning ascribed to it in the definition of Newco Scheme;

“**Senior Creditors**” means creditors of the Issuer:

- (a) who are unsubordinated creditors including all policyholders (if any) or beneficiaries under contracts of insurance of the Issuer (if any);
- (b) whose claims constitute upon issue or would, but for any applicable limitation on the amount of such capital, constitute, Tier 2 Capital or Tier 3 Capital of the Issuer;
- (c) whose claims are, or are expressed to be, subordinated (whether only in the event of the winding-up or administration of the Issuer or otherwise) to the claims of unsubordinated creditors of the Issuer but not further or otherwise; or
- (d) whose claims are, or are expressed to be, junior to the claims of other creditors of the Issuer, whether subordinated or unsubordinated, other than those whose claims rank, or are expressed to rank, *pari passu* with, or junior to, the claims of the holders of the Notes in a winding-up or administration of the Issuer occurring prior to a Trigger Event;

“**Solvency II**” means the Solvency II Directive and any additional measures adopted to give effect to the Solvency II Directive (for the avoidance of doubt, whether implemented by way of regulation (including, without limitation, the Level 2 Regulations), a directive, application of relevant EIOPA guidelines or otherwise);

“**Solvency II Directive**” means Directive 2009/138/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union of 25 November 2009 on the taking-up and pursuit of the business of insurance and reinsurance (Solvency II) (as amended);

“**Solvency Capital Requirement**” means the solvency capital requirement of the Issuer or the group solvency capital requirement of the Insurance Group referred to in Solvency II (howsoever described or defined in Solvency II) or any other solvency capital requirement, group solvency capital requirement or any other equivalent capital requirement relating to the Issuer or the Insurance Group (other than the Minimum Capital Requirement) howsoever described in the Relevant Rules;

“**Solvency Condition**” has the meaning given in Condition 3(d);

“**sterling**” or “**£**” means the lawful currency of the United Kingdom from time to time;

“**Subsidiary**” has the meaning given to that term under section 1159 of the Companies Act;

“**Substituted Obligor**” has the meaning given in Condition 14(a);

“**successor in business**” has the meaning, with respect to the Issuer, given in the Trust Deed;

a “**Tax Event**” is deemed to have occurred if as a result of a Tax Law Change:

- (a) in making any Interest Payments on the Notes, the Issuer will or would on the next Interest Payment Date be required to pay Additional Amounts; or
- (b) the Issuer is no longer entitled to claim a deduction in respect of any Interest Payments in respect of the Notes in computing its taxation liabilities or the amount of such deduction is reduced in the Relevant Jurisdiction; or
- (c) the Notes are prevented from being treated as loan relationships for United Kingdom tax purposes; or
- (d) in respect of an Interest Payment, the Issuer would not to any material extent be able to have losses or deductions set against the profits or gains, or profits or gains offset by the losses or deductions, of companies with which it is or would otherwise be so grouped for applicable United Kingdom tax purposes (whether under the group relief system current as at the date of issue of the Notes or any similar system or systems having like effect as may from time to time exist); or
- (e) the Notes or any part thereof are treated as a derivative or an embedded derivative for United Kingdom tax purposes; or
- (f) the Issuer would be subject to a tax liability in a Relevant Jurisdiction, or the receipt of income or profit would be subject to tax in a Relevant Jurisdiction, if a Trigger Event or an Automatic Write Down were to occur; or
- (g) the Issuer suffers or would suffer any other material adverse tax consequence in connection with the Notes in a Relevant Jurisdiction,

and, in any such case the Issuer could not avoid the foregoing by taking measures reasonably available to it;

“**Tax Law Change**” means a change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of a Relevant Jurisdiction, including any treaty to which such Relevant Jurisdiction is a party, or any change in the application of official or generally published interpretation of such laws, including a decision of any court or tribunal, or any interpretation or pronouncement by any relevant tax authority that provides for a position with respect to such laws or regulations that differs from the previously generally accepted position in relation to similar transactions, which change or amendment (x) (subject to (y)) becomes effective on or after the Issue Date, or (y) in the case of a change in law, is enacted on or after the Issue Date;

“**Tier 1 Capital**” has the meaning given to such term by the Relevant Rules from time to time;

“**Tier 2 Capital**” has the meaning given to such term by the Relevant Rules from time to time;

“**Tier 3 Capital**” has the meaning given to such term by the Relevant Rules from time to time;

“**Tier 1 Own Funds**” means subordinated notes, ordinary shares or any other share capital of any class which constitute Tier 1 Capital for the purposes of the Issuer or the Insurance Group, whether on a solo, group or consolidated basis;

“**Transfer Agent**” has the meaning ascribed to it in the preamble to the Conditions;

a “**Trigger Event**” shall occur if at any time:

- (a) the amount of Own Fund Items eligible to cover the Solvency Capital Requirement is equal to or less than 75 per cent. of the Solvency Capital Requirement;
- (b) the amount of Own Fund Items eligible to cover the Minimum Capital Requirement is equal to or less than the Minimum Capital Requirement; or
- (c) a breach of the Solvency Capital Requirement has occurred and such breach has not been remedied within a period of three months from the date on which the breach was first observed;

“**Trigger Event Notice**” means the notice referred to as such in Condition 6 which shall be given by the Issuer to the Noteholders, in accordance with Condition 13, the Trustee, the Registrar, the Principal Paying Agent and the PRA, and which shall state with reasonable detail the nature of the relevant Trigger Event, the basis of its calculation and the relevant Write Down Date (which may be a date prior to or following the date of the Trigger Event Notice);

“**Trust Deed**” has the meaning given in the preamble to these Conditions;

“**Trustee**” has the meaning given in the preamble to these Conditions; and

“**Write Down Date**” has the meaning given to it in Condition 6.