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## SUMMARY

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

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

**Issuer:** The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. (previously named ABN AMRO Bank N.V.) (the “**Issuer**” or “**RBS N.V.**”) acting through its London branch at 250 Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 4AA.

**History and Incorporation:** RBS N.V. is a public limited liability company incorporated under Dutch law on 7 February 1825. RBS N.V. is registered in the Trade Register of Amsterdam under number 33002587. RBS N.V.’s registered office is at Gustav Mahlerlaan 350, 1082 ME Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

RBS N.V. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of RBS Holdings N.V. (previously named ABN AMRO Holding N.V.) (“**RBS Holdings**”), which is a public limited liability company incorporated under Dutch law on 30 May 1990. The registered office of RBS Holdings is at Gustav Mahlerlaan 350 17A90, 1082 ME Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

RBS Holdings has one operating subsidiary, RBS N.V., and RBS N.V. has various subsidiaries.

As used herein, the “**Group**” refers to RBS Holdings and its

consolidated subsidiaries. The term “**RBSG**” refers to The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc and the “**RBSG Group**” refers to RBSG and its subsidiaries consolidated in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The term “**RBS**” refers to The Royal Bank of Scotland plc and the “**RBS Group**” refers to RBS and its subsidiaries consolidated in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

**Overview:**

The Issuer is a bank licensed and regulated by the Dutch Central Bank (*De Nederlandsche Bank*).

The Issuer operates on a significant scale across Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA), the Americas and Asia. The Group had total consolidated assets of €146.7 billion and owners’ equity of €3.318 billion as at 31 December 2011. The Group’s capital ratios as at 31 December 2011 were a total capital ratio of 17.5 per cent., a Core Tier 1 capital ratio of 8.4 per cent. and a Tier 1 capital ratio of 12.0 per cent.

RBS Holdings and RBS N.V. form part of the RBSG Group. RBSG is the holding company of a large global banking and financial services group. Headquartered in Edinburgh, the RBSG Group operates in the United Kingdom, the United States and internationally through its principal subsidiaries, RBS and National Westminster Bank Plc (“**NatWest**”). Both RBS and NatWest are major United Kingdom clearing banks. In the United States, the RBSG Group’s subsidiary Citizens Financial Group, Inc. is a large commercial banking organisation. Globally, the RBSG Group has a diversified customer base and provides a wide range of products and services to personal, commercial and large corporate and institutional customers.

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



ratio of 10.6 per cent. and a Tier 1 capital ratio of 13.0 per cent.

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

### **Group Organisational Structure:**

The Group comprises the following four segments:

- **Global Banking & Markets (“GBM”):** The GBM segment represents the business providing an extensive range of debt and equity financing, risk management and investment services as a leading banking partner to major corporations and financial institutions around the world. The GBM business within the Group is organised along four principal business lines: Global Lending, Equities, Short Term Markets & Funding and Local Markets.
- **Global Transaction Services (“GTS”):** GTS provides global transaction services, offering Global Trade Finance, Transaction Banking and International Cash Management.
- **Central Items:** The Central Items segment includes group and corporate functions, such as treasury, capital management and finance, risk management, legal, communications and human resources. Central Items manages the Group's capital resources, statutory and regulatory obligations and provides services to the branch network.
- **Non-Core Segment:** The Non-Core segment contains a range of businesses and asset portfolios managed separately that the Group intends to run off or dispose of, in line with the RBSG Group strategy for Non-Core assets. It also includes the

remaining assets and liabilities in RBS N.V. that have not yet been sold, wound down or alternatively transferred by the Consortium Members (as defined below), in which each of the Consortium Members has a joint and indirect interest.

Global Banking & Markets, Global Transaction Services and Central Items comprise the Group's Core segments.

These RBS N.V. businesses are part of global business units of the RBSG Group that operate across multiple legal entities. The strategy of RBS N.V. is part of the overall business strategy of the RBSG Group. RBS Holdings has been restructured into Core and Non-Core components. The RBSG Group expects to substantially run down or dispose of the businesses, assets and portfolios within the Non-Core division by the end of 2013 and, during the course of 2010 and 2011, it concluded the sales of businesses in Latin America, Asia, Europe and the Middle East.

In January 2012, the RBSG Group announced changes to its wholesale banking operations in light of a changed market and regulatory environment. The changes will see the reorganisation of the RBSG Group's wholesale businesses into 'Markets' and 'International Banking' and the exit and downsizing of selected activities. The changes will ensure the wholesale businesses continue to deliver against the RBSG Group's strategy.

**ABN AMRO:**

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

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

AMRO Group N.V., itself owned by the Dutch State.

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

Approximately 98 per cent. of the issued share capital of RFS Holdings B.V. is now held by the RBSG Group.

On 19 April 2011, the RBSG Group announced the proposed transfers of a substantial part of the business activities of RBS N.V. to RBS (the “**Proposed Transfers**”). Subject to, among other matters, regulatory and other approvals, it is expected that the transfers will be implemented on a phased basis over a period ending 31 December 2013. A large part of the transfers is expected to have taken place by the end of 2012.

On 17 October 2011, the RBSG Group completed the transfer of a substantial part of the UK activities of RBS N.V. to RBS pursuant to Part VII of the UK Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

On 26 March 2012, the Group announced that (1) RBS N.V. (as the demerging company) and RBS II B.V. (as the acquiring company) had that day filed a proposal with the Dutch Trade Register for a legal demerger and (2) following a preliminary hearing at the Court of Session in Scotland, RBS and RBS II B.V. had that day made filings with Companies House in the UK and the Dutch Trade Register respectively for a proposed cross-border merger of RBS II B.V. into RBS (together with the proposal for the legal demerger, the “**Proposals**”). Upon implementation of the Proposals, a substantial part of the business conducted by RBS N.V. in The Netherlands as well as in certain EMEA branches of RBS N.V. (the “**Transferring Businesses**”) will be transferred to RBS. The Proposals will be

implemented by the demerger of the Transferring Businesses into RBS II B.V. (a Dutch company licensed as a bank in The Netherlands that has been established specifically for the purposes of the Dutch Scheme (as defined below)) by way of a Dutch statutory demerger (the “**Demerger**”), followed by the merger of RBS II B.V. into RBS through a cross-border merger (the “**Merger**” and, together with the Demerger, the “**Dutch Scheme**”). RBS and RBS N.V. have discussed the Dutch Scheme in detail with De Nederlandsche Bank and the Financial Services Authority. Implementation of the Dutch Scheme is subject, amongst other matters, to regulatory and court approvals. If granted, the regulatory approvals will be granted on the basis that the Demerger will not proceed unless the Merger is to proceed thereafter. Subject to these matters, it is expected that the Dutch Scheme will take effect on 9 July 2012.

RBS will not become the issuer of the Securities as a result of the Dutch Scheme. However, certain disclosure relating to RBS has been incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus as a result of the possibility that RBS may become the issuer of certain Securities as a result of a substitution of the Issuer in accordance with General Condition 8(a)(i). There is, however, no assurance that any such substitution will take place.

**Risk Factors:**

*Risks Relating to the Issuer*

**PART A: In relation to RBS N.V.**

Certain factors may affect RBS N.V.’s ability as Issuer to fulfil its obligations under the Securities, including:

- The Group is reliant on the RBSG Group.
- The Group’s businesses and performance can be negatively affected by actual or perceived global economic and financial market conditions and by other geopolitical risks.

- The Group's ability to meet its obligations including its funding commitments depends on the Group's ability to access sources of liquidity and funding.
- The execution and/or any delay in the execution (or non-completion) of the approved proposed transfers of a substantial part of the business activities of RBS N.V. to RBS may have a material adverse effect on the Group and may also negatively impact the value of securities issued by RBS Holdings and RBS N.V.
- An extensive restructuring and balance sheet reduction programme of the RBSG Group is ongoing and may adversely affect the Group's business, results of operations, financial condition, capital ratios and liquidity and may also negatively impact the value of securities issued by RBS Holdings and RBS N.V.
- As a condition to the RBSG Group receiving HM Treasury support, the Group is prohibited from making discretionary coupon payments on, and exercising call options in relation to, certain of its existing hybrid capital instruments, which may impair the Group's ability to raise new capital through the issuance of Securities.
- The financial performance of the Group has been, and continues to be, materially affected by deteriorations in borrower and counterparty credit quality and further deteriorations could arise due to prevailing economic and market conditions and legal and regulatory developments.
- The Group's earnings and financial condition have been, and its future earnings and financial condition may continue to be, materially affected by

depressed asset valuations resulting from poor market conditions.

- Changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, credit spreads, bond, equity and commodity prices, basis, volatility and correlation risks and other market factors have significantly affected and will continue to affect the Group's business and results of operations.
- The Group's borrowing costs, its access to the debt capital markets and its liquidity depend significantly on its credit ratings.
- The Group's business performance could be adversely affected if its capital is not managed effectively or as a result of changes to capital adequacy and liquidity requirements.
- The Group is and may be subject to litigation and regulatory investigations that may have a material impact on its business.
- The value of certain financial instruments recorded at fair value is determined using financial models incorporating assumptions, judgements and estimates that may change over time or may ultimately not turn out to be accurate.
- The Group operates in markets that are highly competitive and its business and results of operations may be adversely affected.
- The Group could fail to attract or retain senior management, which may include members of the Group's Supervisory Board and Managing Board, or other key employees, and it may suffer if it does not maintain good employee relations.
- Each of the Group's businesses is subject to substantial regulation and oversight. Significant

regulatory developments, including changes in tax law, could have an adverse effect on how the Group conducts its business and on its results of operations and financial condition.

- The Group may be required to make further contributions to its pension schemes if the value of pension fund assets is not sufficient to cover potential obligations.
- Operational risks are inherent in the Group's businesses.
- The Group's operations have inherent reputational risk.
- The recoverability and regulatory capital treatment of certain deferred tax assets recognised by the Group depends on the Group's ability to generate sufficient future taxable profits and there being no adverse changes to tax legislation, regulatory requirements or accounting standards.
- Risks relating to the Asset Protection Scheme and the Contracts.
- The extensive governance, asset management and information requirements under the Scheme Conditions, which the Group is required to comply with, or to ensure that RBS can comply with, pursuant to the Contracts may have an adverse impact on the Group and the expected benefits of the Asset Protection Scheme.
- Any changes to the expected regulatory capital treatment of the Contracts may have a material adverse impact on the Group.
- The legal demerger of ABN AMRO Bank N.V. (as it was then named) has resulted in a cross liability that changes the legal recourse available to

investors. A similar cross liability will also arise in connection with the Dutch Scheme.

**PART B: In relation to RBS N.V. and RBS**

Certain factors may affect RBS N.V.'s ability as Issuer to fulfil its obligations under the Securities due to the Group's reliance on the RBSG Group. In addition, if RBS becomes the issuer of Securities as a result of a substitution of the Issuer in accordance with General Condition 8(a)(i), then certain factors may affect RBS' ability to fulfil its obligations under the Securities. In each case, such factors include:

- The RBSG Group's businesses and performance can be negatively affected by actual or perceived global economic and financial market conditions and by other geopolitical risks.
- The RBSG Group's ability to meet its obligations including its funding commitments depends on the RBSG Group's ability to access sources of liquidity and funding.
- The Independent Commission on Banking has published its final report on competition and possible structural reforms in the UK banking industry. The UK Government has indicated that it supports and intends to implement the recommendations substantially as proposed, which could have a material adverse effect on the RBSG Group.
- The RBSG Group's ability to implement its strategic plan depends on the success of the RBSG Group's refocus on its core strengths and its balance sheet reduction programme.
- The occurrence of a delay in the implementation of (or any failure to implement) the approved proposed transfers of a substantial part of the



business activities of RBS N.V. to RBS may have a material adverse effect on the RBSG Group.

- The RBSG Group is subject to a variety of risks as a result of implementing the state aid restructuring plan and is prohibited from making discretionary dividend or coupon payments on existing hybrid capital instruments (including preference shares and B shares) which may impair the RBSG Group's ability to raise new Tier 1 capital.
- RBSG and its United Kingdom bank subsidiaries may face the risk of full nationalisation or other resolution procedures under the Banking Act 2009 which may result in various actions being taken in relation to any securities issued by RBS.
- The financial performance of the RBSG Group has been, and continues to be, materially affected by deteriorations in borrower and counterparty credit quality and further deteriorations could arise due to prevailing economic and market conditions and legal and regulatory developments.
- The RBSG Group's earnings and financial condition have been, and its future earnings and financial condition may continue to be, materially affected by depressed asset valuations resulting from poor market conditions.
- The value or effectiveness of any credit protection that the RBSG Group has purchased depends on the value of the underlying assets and the financial condition of the insurers and counterparties.
- Changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, credit spreads, bond, equity and commodity prices, basis, volatility and correlation risks and other market factors have significantly affected and will continue to affect the RBSG Group's business and

results of operations.

- The RBSG Group's borrowing costs, its access to the debt capital markets and its liquidity depend significantly on its and the United Kingdom Government's credit ratings.
- The RBSG Group's business performance could be adversely affected if its capital is not managed effectively or as a result of changes to capital adequacy and liquidity requirements.
- The RBSG Group is and may be subject to litigation and regulatory investigations that may have a material impact on its business.
- The value of certain financial instruments recorded at fair value is determined using financial models incorporating assumptions, judgements and estimates that may change over time or may ultimately not turn out to be accurate.
- The RBSG Group operates in markets that are highly competitive and its business and results of operations may be adversely affected.
- The RBSG Group could fail to attract or retain senior management, which may include members of the board, or other key employees, and it may suffer if it does not maintain good employee relations.
- Each of the RBSG Group's businesses is subject to substantial regulation and oversight. Significant regulatory developments, including changes in tax law, could have an adverse effect on how the RBSG Group conducts its business and on its results of operations and financial condition.
- The RBSG Group's results could be adversely affected in the event of goodwill impairment.
- The RBSG Group may be required to make further

contributions to its pension schemes if the value of pension fund assets is not sufficient to cover potential obligations.

- Operational risks are inherent in the RBSG Group's businesses.
- HM Treasury (or UKFI on its behalf) may be able to exercise a significant degree of influence over the RBSG Group and any proposed offer or sale of its interests may affect the price of the Securities.
- The RBSG Group's operations have inherent reputational risk.
- In the United Kingdom and in other jurisdictions, the RBSG Group is responsible for contributing to compensation schemes in respect of banks and other authorised financial services firms that are unable to meet their obligations to customers.
- The recoverability and regulatory capital treatment of certain deferred tax assets recognised by the RBSG Group depends on the RBSG Group's ability to generate sufficient future taxable profits and there being no adverse changes to tax legislation, regulatory requirements or accounting standards.
- The RBSG Group's participation in the asset protection scheme is costly and may not produce the benefits expected and the occurrence of associated risks may have a material adverse impact on the RBSG Group's business, capital position, financial condition and results of operations.
- The extensive governance, asset management and information requirements under the scheme conditions may have an adverse impact on the RBSG Group and the expected benefits of the asset protection scheme.

- Any changes to the expected regulatory capital treatment of the asset protection scheme, the B shares or the contingent B shares may have a material adverse impact on the RBSG Group.
- RBS has entered into a credit derivative and a financial guarantee contract with RBS N.V. which may adversely affect the RBS Group's results.
- If the RBSG Group is unable to issue the contingent B shares to HM Treasury, it may have a material adverse impact on the RBSG Group's capital position, liquidity, operating results and future prospects.
- RBSG Group's insurance businesses are subject to inherent risks involving claims.

#### *Risks Relating to the Securities*

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

- The Securities are short or long turbo certificates which may be either (i) without a fixed maturity or expiration date, which can either be terminated by the Issuer, exercised by the holder of the Securities (each, a "**Holder**" and together, the "**Holders**") (open ended turbo certificates), or (ii) with a fixed maturity or expiration date if a Final Valuation Date is specified in the relevant Final Terms (fixed maturity certificates) and will automatically terminate following a single Final Valuation Date. Open ended and fixed maturity turbo certificates as described in (i) and (ii) above can be terminated by the Issuer following an Issuer Call, and may automatically terminate if the Underlying reaches a pre-determined level before its maturity, exercise or automatic exercise. Investors should be aware that

their entire investment may be lost in the event that the Underlying is valued at an unfavourable level.

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

by third-party investors. The issue size is therefore not indicative of the depth or liquidity of the market or of the demand for such Series of Securities.

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

exercise date) or by any person on any date. An investor may have to tender a specified minimum number of the Securities in order to exercise the Securities.

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

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

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



Issuer substitutes another entity for itself as issuer.

<b>Guarantor:</b>	RBS Holdings pursuant to its declaration under Article 2:403 of the Netherlands Civil Code (the “ <b>403 Declaration</b> ”).
<b>Principal Agent and Calculation Agent:</b>	RBS N.V., acting through its London branch at 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA.
<b>Dealer:</b>	The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V.
<b>Listing and Admission to Trading:</b>	Application will be made to NYSE Euronext or any other stock exchange or market specified in the Final Terms for Securities to be admitted to trading and listed on Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext or any other stock exchange or market specified in the Final Terms up to the expiry of 12 months from the date of this Base Prospectus. The Issuer may also issue unlisted Securities.
<b>Description of the Securities:</b>	A range of Turbo certificates may be issued under this Base Prospectus. The terms and conditions (the “ <b>Conditions</b> ”) applicable to such certificates are contained in the General Conditions which are applicable to all Turbo certificates, the Product Conditions applicable to the particular type of Turbo certificate being issued, the applicable Additional Conditions (if any) and the Final Terms applicable to the particular Series being issued.
<b>Turbo Certificates:</b>	Turbo certificates are investment instruments which may be either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) without a fixed maturity or expiration date, which can either be terminated by the Issuer or exercised by the Holder (open ended turbo certificates); or</li><li>(ii) with a fixed maturity or expiration date if a Final Valuation Date is specified in the relevant Final Terms (fixed maturity turbo certificates)</li></ul>

and will automatically terminate following a single Final Valuation Date.

Open ended and fixed maturity turbo certificates as described in (i) and (ii) above can be terminated by the Issuer following an Issuer Call, and may automatically terminate if the Underlying (as defined below) reaches a pre-determined level (stop loss level) before its maturity, exercise or automatic exercise, following any such event, the turbo certificates will pay an amount determined by reference to the value of the underlying currency, commodity, index and its constituent elements, share, bond, basket or other product ( each an “**Underlying**” and together, the “**Underlyings**”) on one or more specified days, subject to the certificate entitlement. The types of certificates that may be issued under this Base Prospectus are described below.

Turbo certificates track in a linear manner the Underlying either on an open ended basis or until the relevant Final Valuation Date. The amount needed to invest in a turbo certificate to give the same participation rate in the Underlying as a direct investment in the Underlying is considerably less. Therefore the percentage gain if the Underlying rises (in the case of turbo long certificates) or falls (in the case of turbo short certificates) and the percentage loss if the Underlying falls is much higher in Turbo certificates than as a direct investment in the Underlying.

**Turbo Long and Short Certificates:**

Turbo long certificates enable the investor to profit from rising markets. Turbo long certificates track the Underlying. If the value of the Underlying rises, the value of the turbo long certificate will rise by an equivalent amount, taking into account any applicable foreign exchange rate. The difference between a turbo long certificate and an ordinary certificate is that in the case of the turbo long certificate, the amount needed to invest to give the same participation rate

in the Underlying is usually considerably less.

Turbo short certificates enable the investor to profit from declining markets. Turbo short certificates track the Underlying in an inverse manner. If the value of the Underlying drops, the value of the turbo short certificate will rise by an equivalent amount, taking into account any applicable foreign exchange rate. The difference between a turbo short certificate and an ordinary certificate is that in the case of the turbo short certificate, the amount needed to invest to give the same inverse participation rate in the Underlying is usually considerably less.

**Stop-loss:**

The maximum loss to an investor in Turbo certificates is the initial amount invested. A feature of Turbo certificates is the stop-loss which, if breached, will result in the early termination of the turbo certificate.

**Commodity Certificates:**

Commodity certificates are certificates where the Underlying is a commodity. The Underlying in relation to a commodity Turbo certificate will be selected from a wide range of commodities.

**Currency Certificates:**

Currency certificates give their Holder exposure to interest rate differences between two currencies. The Underlying in relation to a currency Turbo certificate will be selected from a wide range of currencies.

**Single Stock Certificates:**

Single stock certificates are certificates where the Underlying is a share. The Underlying in relation to a single stock Turbo certificate will be selected from a wide range of shares.

**Index Certificates:**

Index certificates are certificates where the Underlying is an index. The Underlying in relation to an index Turbo certificate will be selected from a wide range of indices.

**Government Bond Certificates:**

Government bond certificates are certificates where the Underlying is a futures contract related to a Government bond. The Underlying in relation to a Government bond Turbo certificate will be selected from a wide range of

Government bonds.

**Commodity Forward or Future Certificates:** Commodity forward and future certificates are certificates where the Underlying is a forward or future contract related to a commodity. The Underlying in relation to a commodity forward or future Turbo certificate will be selected from a wide range of commodity forward and futures contracts.

**Fund Certificates:** Fund certificates are certificates where the Underlying is a fund. The Underlying in relation to a fund Turbo certificate will be selected from a wide range of funds.

**Rolling Certificates:** Rolling certificates observe certain elements to determine whether adjustments need to be made to any of the terms and conditions of the certificates to maintain the leverage within certain limits, these elements include but are not limited to the current leverage factor, the level of the Underlying and the value of the certificates. In addition to such adjustments, the Holder could be entitled to an interim payment.

**Index Future Certificates:** Index future certificates are certificates where the Underlying is a future contract related to an index. The Underlying in relation to an index future Turbo certificate will be selected from a wide range of index futures contracts.

**Mini or Minis:** This Base Prospectus relates to Turbo Certificates, where “Turbo” or “Turbos” is a marketing name for these Securities. The same Securities are offered in different jurisdictions under the marketing name “Mini” or “Minis”. For the purposes of this Base Prospectus, the terms “Turbo” or “Turbos” are to be read as referring to either “Turbo” or “Mini” and “Turbos” or “Minis” (as the context requires) to facilitate the appropriate marketing name “Turbo” or “Mini” as applicable in the relevant offering marketing of the Securities to be issued under this Base Prospectus.

**Indicative Issue Price:**

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

**Maturity:**

The Securities are either (i) open ended and do not have any fixed maturity date, or (ii) with a fixed maturity and, will exercise automatically following the Final Valuation Date.

**Interest:**

The Securities will not be interest bearing.

**General Conditions:**

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

*Status of the Securities:*

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

*Early Termination:*

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

The Issuer may terminate any Securities if it shall have determined in its absolute discretion that payments made on the Securities are, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly contingent upon, or determined by reference to, the payment of a dividend from a U.S. entity and that these payments have or will become subject to U.S. withholding tax. In such circumstances the Issuer will, to the extent permitted

by law, pay to each Holder in respect of each Security held by such Holder an amount calculated by it as the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such termination less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements and of paying any required U.S. withholding tax.

*Hedging Disruption:*

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

*Substitution:*

The Issuer may at any time, without the consent of the Holders substitute for itself as Issuer of the Securities, RBS or any entity other than RBS subject to the conditions set out in General Condition 8. In certain cases, substitution may be required to be effected in accordance with the rules of one or more clearing systems specified in the applicable Final Terms.

*Events of Default:*

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

- (a) default in payment of any principal or interest due in respect of the Securities, continuing for a specified period of time;
- (b) non-performance or non-observance by the Issuer

of any of its other obligations under the Securities continuing for a specified period of time; and

(c) events relating to the winding up of the Issuer.

*Taxation:*

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

**Product Conditions:**

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

*Form of Securities:*

The Securities, other than Securities issued in dematerialised form, will be issued in global bearer form. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as Clearing Agent, Securities will, following their issuance, be transformed into intermediated securities in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act.

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

*Exercise of Securities:*

Provided no Issuer Call or Stop Loss Event has occurred, the Securities may be exercised on any Exercise Date (if open ended), or will automatically exercise following a Final Valuation Date (if fixed maturity), as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

The Securities will be exercised automatically (and therefore terminate early) upon a Stop Loss Event occurring and may be called by the Issuer under an Issuer Call at any

time which may occur before any relevant Exercise. Notification of the occurrence of a Stop Loss Event will be made to Euronext Amsterdam and the Stop Loss Cash Amount of the relevant Securities will be posted on the Issuer's website at [www.markets.rbs.com](http://www.markets.rbs.com).

*Settlement of Securities:*

The Securities referred to in this Base Prospectus will be cash settled only. It is possible that in the future physically settled Securities may be issued and, in that case, a supplement to this Base Prospectus or a new Base Prospectus will be prepared describing the relevant Securities.

*Market Disruption Events:*

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

*Fund Event:*

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

*Emerging Market Disruption Events:*

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



Condition 1 for each type of Security.

*Potential Adjustment Event:*

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

*Adjustments to an Index:*

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

*De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency:*

If a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs, the Issuer may require the Calculation Agent to adjust one or more of the Conditions, including replacing the relevant Underlying, to account for such event or may cancel the Securities. De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation and Insolvency are each defined in Product Condition 4 for each type of Security (if applicable).

*Governing Law:*

English law.

*English courts:*

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

**Final Terms:**

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

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

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## RISK FACTORS

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*The Issuer believes that the following factors may affect its ability to fulfil its obligations under Securities issued. Most of these factors are contingencies which may or may not occur and the Issuer is not in a position to express a view on the likelihood of any such contingency occurring.*

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

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

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

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

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

Each potential investor in the Securities should refer to (a) the Risk Factors section in the Registration Document on pages 3-20 and (b) the Risk Factors section in the RBSG Registration Document on pages 3-25, each incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus for a description of those factors which may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under Securities issued. RBS will not become the issuer of the Securities as a result of the Dutch Scheme. However, certain disclosure relating to RBS has been incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus as a result of the possibility that RBS may become the issuer as a result of a substitution of the Issuer in accordance with General Condition 8(a)(i). There is, however, no assurance that any such substitution will take place. This disclosure includes certain risk factors relating to RBS and the RBSG Group. In respect of that disclosure, each potential investor in the Securities should refer to the Risk Factors section in the RBS Registration Document on pages 3-25.

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

### ***The Securities are short or long Turbo Certificates which entail particular risks***

The turbo certificates to be issued are either (i) open ended investment instruments without a fixed maturity or expiration date, which can be exercised by the Holder, or (ii) fixed maturity or expiration date, which will be exercised automatically following a Final Valuation Date, both open ended and fixed maturity turbo certificates can either be terminated by the Issuer following an Issuer Call, exercised by the Holder, and may automatically terminate if the Underlying (as defined below) reaches a pre-determined level. Following any such event, the turbo certificates pay an amount determined by reference to the level of the underlying currency, commodity, index (including in the case of an index, the index and its constituent elements), stock, bond or other product (each, an “**Underlying**”), subject to the certificate entitlement. Investors should be aware that their entire investment may be lost in the event that the Underlying is valued at an unfavourable level.

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

Turbo certificates track the Underlying in a linear manner either on an open ended basis or until the relevant Final Valuation Date. The amount needed to invest in a turbo certificate to give the same participation rate in the Underlying as a direct investment in the Underlying is considerably less. Therefore the percentage gain if the Underlying rises (in the case of turbo long certificates) or falls (in the case of turbo short certificates) and the percentage loss if the Underlying falls or rises, respectively, is higher in Turbo certificates than in a direct investment in the Underlying. This is the leverage effect. Investors should be aware that the leverage effect from holding Turbo certificates could result in gaining or losing a greater percentage of the investment than would occur through a direct investment in the Underlying. The maximum loss to the investor is the initial amount invested. Investors must expect to suffer a loss if the market price or value of the Underlying falls (in the case of turbo long certificates) or rises (in the case of turbo short certificates). A feature of Turbo certificates is the stop-loss which, if breached, will result in the early termination of the certificate.

Turbo short certificates enable the investor to profit from declining markets. Turbo short certificates track the Underlying in an inverse manner. If the value of the Underlying drops, the value of the turbo short certificate will rise by an equivalent amount, taking into account any applicable foreign exchange rate.

Turbo long certificates enable the investor to profit from rising markets. Turbo long certificates track the Underlying. If the value of the Underlying rises, the value of the turbo long certificate will rise by an equivalent amount, taking into account any applicable foreign exchange rate.

***The Securities may not be a suitable investment for all investors***

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

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

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

the Securities will perform under changing conditions, the resulting effects on the value of the Securities and the impact this investment will have on the potential investor's overall investment portfolio.

***The value of the Securities may fluctuate***

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (f) *Creditworthiness.* Any person who purchases the Securities is relying upon the creditworthiness of the Issuer and of RBS Holdings (pursuant to the 403 Declaration) and has no recourse, in that respect, against any other person. The Securities constitute general, unsecured, contractual

obligations of the Issuer and of no other person. Investors in Securities may therefore lose the entire value of their investment or part of it. The Securities rank pari passu among themselves.

***There may not be a secondary market in the Securities***

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

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

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

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

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

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

investments that have a developed secondary market.

***Over-Issuance***

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

***Purchasing the Securities as a hedge may not be effective***

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

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

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

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

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

The Issuer may enter into a hedging transaction in the relevant jurisdiction of the Underlying in order to offer exposure to the Underlying. Foreign exchange control restrictions, including restrictions which prevent the conversion of the Underlying Currency (as defined in the Product Conditions) into the



Settlement Currency (as defined in the Product Conditions) and the transfer of the Settlement Currency to accounts outside the jurisdiction of the Underlying could result in a delay in the determination of the Final Reference Price and the Settlement Date, which delay could be lengthy.

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

***Holders have no ownership interest in the Underlying***

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

***Actions taken by the Calculation Agent may affect the Underlying***

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

***There may be limitations on a Holder's right to exercise the Securities***

- (a)  *Fixed Maturity Turbo Certificates.*  If a Final Valuation Date is indicated in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will not be open ended and Holders will not have a right of Exercise. Turbo Certificates specifying a Final Valuation Date will be fixed maturity and will only exercise automatically following such Final Valuation Date;
- (b)  *Maximum Exercise Amount.*  If so indicated in the Conditions, the Issuer will have the option to limit the number of Securities exercisable on any date (other than the final exercise date) to the maximum number so specified and, in conjunction with such limitation, to limit the number of Securities exercisable by any person or group of persons (whether or not acting in concert) on such date. In the event that the total number of Securities being exercised on any date (other than the final exercise date) exceeds such maximum number and the Issuer has elected to limit the number of Securities exercisable on such date, a holder of Securities may not be able to exercise on such date all the Securities that it desires to exercise. In any such case, the number of Securities to be exercised on such date will be reduced until the total number of Securities exercised on such date no longer exceeds such maximum (unless the Issuer otherwise elects), such Securities being selected as specified in the Conditions. Securities tendered for exercise but

not exercised on such date will be automatically exercised on the next date on which Securities may be exercised, subject to the same daily maximum limitation and delayed exercise provisions.

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

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

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

***There may be delays in effecting settlement***

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

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

If the Securities are subject to provisions concerning delivery of a Notice and such notice is received by either the relevant Clearing Agent, with a copy to the Principal Agent after the latest time specified in

the Conditions, it will be deemed to be duly delivered on the next following Business Day. Such deemed delay may in the case of Cash Settled Securities increase or decrease the Cash Amount from what it would have been but for such deemed delivery. In the case of Securities which are exercisable on one day only or only during an exercise period any Notice, if not delivered by the latest time specified in the Conditions, shall be void.

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

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

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

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

***Taxes may be payable by investors***

Potential purchasers and sellers of the Securities should be aware that they may be required to pay stamp taxes or other documentary charges in accordance with the laws and practices of the country where the Securities are transferred. Holders are subject to the provisions of General Condition 9 and payment and/or delivery of any amount due in respect of the Securities will be conditional upon the payment of any Expenses as provided in the Product Conditions.

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

***No tax gross-up***

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

***Payments on the Securities may be subject to U.S. withholding tax and/or early termination on account of U.S. withholding tax***

Due to recently enacted U.S. legislation, payments on any Security that are, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly contingent upon, or determined by reference to, the payment of a dividend from a U.S. entity (a “**Dividend Equivalent Payment**”) may become subject to a 30% U.S. withholding tax when made to a beneficial owner that is not: (i) a citizen or individual resident of the United States, as defined in Section 7701(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, (ii) a corporation, including any entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, created or organised in or under the laws of the United States, any State thereof or the District of Columbia; (iii) an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income tax without regard to its source; or (iv) a trust if (x) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust, and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust, or (y) such trust has a valid election in effect under applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations to be treated as a United States person, (a “**Non-U.S. holder**”). The imposition of this U.S. withholding tax will reduce the amounts received by Non-U.S. holders. Neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor any other person shall pay any additional amounts to the Non-U.S. holders in respect of such U.S. withholding. Additionally, the Issuer may elect to terminate the Securities, in accordance with General Condition 3(b), should this U.S. withholding tax apply to any current or future payments on the Securities. If a Non-U.S. holder becomes subject to this withholding tax, the Non-U.S. holder may be able to claim an exemption under its applicable double tax treaty. The application and interpretation of the rules governing U.S. withholding tax on Dividend Equivalent Payments is subject to change.

#### ***U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Withholding***

The Issuer and other non-U.S. financial institutions through which payments on the Securities are made may be required to withhold U.S. tax at a rate of 30 per cent. on all, or a portion of, payments made after 31 December 2016 in respect of (i) any Securities issued or materially modified on or after 1 January 2013 (and (ii) any Securities which are treated as equity for U.S. federal tax purposes, whenever issued) pursuant to the foreign account provisions (“**FATCA**”) of the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act of 2010. This withholding tax may be triggered if (i) the Issuer is a foreign financial institution (“**FFI**”) (as defined in FATCA) which enters into and complies with an agreement with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (“**IRS**”) to provide certain information on its account holders (making the Issuer a “**Participating FFI**”), (ii) the Issuer has a positive “passthru percentage” (as defined in FATCA), and (iii)(a) an investor does not provide information sufficient for the relevant Participating FFI to determine whether the investor is subject to withholding under FATCA U.S. person or should otherwise be treated as holding a “United States Account” of the Issuer, or (b) any FFI to or through which payment on such Securities is made is not a Participating FFI or otherwise exempt from FATCA withholding.

The application of FATCA to interest, principal or other amounts paid with respect to the Securities is not clear. If an amount in respect of U.S. withholding tax were to be deducted or withheld from

interest, principal or other payments on the Securities as a result of a holder's failure to comply with these rules or as a result of the presence in the payment chain of a non-Participating FFI, none of the Issuer, any paying agent or any other person would, pursuant to the Conditions, be required to pay additional amounts as a result of the deduction or withholding of such tax other than in respect of payments that the Issuer makes itself to the Paying Agents (as defined in the Conditions). As a result, investors may, if FATCA is implemented as currently proposed by the IRS, receive less interest or principal than expected. Holders of the Securities should consult their own tax advisers on how these rules may apply to payments they receive under the Securities.

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

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

***The Securities may be terminated prior to their stated date***

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

***Risks associated with Securities held in global form***

The Securities will initially be held by or on behalf of one or more clearing systems specified in the applicable Final Terms (each a "**Relevant Clearing System**"), either in the form of a global bearer Security which will be exchangeable for definitive Securities in the event of the closure of all Relevant Clearing Systems or in dematerialised form depending on the rules of the Relevant Clearing System. For as long as any Securities are held by or on behalf of a Relevant Clearing System, payments of principal(if any) and any other amounts will be made through the Relevant Clearing System, where required, against presentation or surrender (as the case may be) of any relevant global Security. The risk is that the bearer of the relevant global Security, typically a depository or a nominee for a depository for the Relevant Clearing System, or, in the case of Securities in dematerialised form, the Relevant Clearing

System and not the Holder itself, shall be treated by the Issuer and any Agent (as defined in the Conditions) as the sole holder of the relevant Securities with respect to the payment of principal (if any) and any other amounts payable in respect of the Securities or any securities deliverable in respect of the Securities. Holders therefore are required to look to the Relevant Clearing System in respect of payments made to it by the Issuer in respect of Securities in global or dematerialised form.

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

***Risk associated with nominee arrangements***

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

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

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

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

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

***Change of law and jurisdiction***

The Conditions are based on English law in effect as at the date of this Base Prospectus. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible change to English law or administrative practice after the

date of this Base Prospectus. Prospective investors in the Securities should note that the courts of England and Wales shall have jurisdiction in respect of any disputes involving the Securities. Holders may, however, take any suit, action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with the Securities against the Issuer in any court of competent jurisdiction. English law may be materially different from the equivalent law in the home jurisdiction of prospective investors in its application to the Securities.

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

***Credit ratings may not reflect all risks***

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

***Legal investment considerations may restrict certain investments***

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

***Modification, waivers and substitution***

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

- (a) for the purpose of curing any ambiguity or of curing, correcting or supplementing any manifest error, proven error or other defective provision, as determined by the Issuer; or
- (b) in any other manner which is not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Holders; or

- (c) for the purpose of the substitution of another company as principal debtor under any Securities in place of the Issuer, in the circumstances described in General Condition 8.

***The amounts which Holders receive in respect of their Securities may be affected in the event that the Issuer substitutes another entity for itself as issuer***

The amounts which Holders receive in respect of their Securities may be affected in the event that the Issuer substitutes another entity for itself as issuer of the Securities under General Condition 8. Securities may provide for payments of amounts (either on an ongoing basis or on maturity) reflecting dividends or distributions in respect of certain underlying shares, funds or reference assets, net of certain taxes. The amounts of such taxes may potentially be affected in the event that the Issuer substitutes another entity for itself as issuer of the Securities under General Condition 8, for example as a result of a different double tax treaty becoming relevant, or as a result of credits or refunds no longer being available for the purposes of Dutch corporate income tax, which could result in the Holder receiving lesser (or potentially, in certain circumstances, greater) amounts under the Securities.



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## **RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

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

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## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

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

### **PART A: IN RELATION TO RBS N.V.**

1. The registration document of RBS Holdings N.V. (“**RBS Holdings**”) and the Issuer dated 28 March 2012 (the “**Registration Document**”).
2. The section headed “Risk Factors” on pages 3-25 of the registration document of RBSG dated 24 February 2012 (the “**RBSG Registration Document**”).
3. The section entitled “CONDITIONS: GENERAL CONDITIONS”, each section having a heading commencing with the words “CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS” and the section entitled “FORM OF FINAL TERMS” (excluding the first two paragraphs, which shall be deemed to be substituted with the third, fourth and fifth paragraphs set out under the heading “Final Terms” beginning on page 466 of this Base Prospectus) of the Base Prospectus entitled “Base Prospectus relating to Turbos” dated 1 July 2011 issued by the Issuer (the “**2011 Base Prospectus**”).
4. Sections 7.18 and 7.19 of the Eighth Supplement to the 2011 Base Prospectus dated 14 October 2011.
5. Section 6.3 of the Tenth Supplement to the 2011 Base Prospectus dated 9 November 2011.
6. The section entitled “CONDITIONS: GENERAL CONDITIONS”, each section having a heading commencing with the words “CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS” and the section entitled “FORM OF FINAL TERMS” (excluding the first two paragraphs, which shall be deemed to be substituted with the third, fourth and fifth paragraphs set out under the heading “Final Terms” beginning on page 466 of this Base Prospectus) of the Base Prospectus entitled “Base Prospectus relating to Turbos” dated 15 October 2010 issued by the Issuer (the “**2010 Base Prospectus**”).
7. Section 7 of the Third Supplement to the 2010 Base Prospectus dated 17 December 2010.
8. Section 7 of the Fourth Supplement to the 2010 Base Prospectus dated 10 March 2011.

9. The 2011 Annual Report of RBS Holdings (excluding the sections headed “Business Review – Risk factors” on page 10 and the section headed “Additional Information – Risk factors” on pages 236 to 245) which includes the audited consolidated annual financial statements of RBS Holdings as at and for the year ended 31 December 2011.
10. The 2010 Annual Report of RBS Holdings (excluding the sections headed “Business Review – Risk factors” on page 9 and the section headed “Additional Information – Risk factors” on pages 221 to 231) which includes the audited consolidated annual financial statements of RBS Holdings as at and for the year ended 31 December 2010.
11. The Articles of Association (*statuten*) of each of RBS Holdings and RBS N.V. as in force and effect on the date of this Base Prospectus.
12. The press release entitled “Further step in proposed transfers of a substantial part of the business activities of RBS N.V. to RBS plc: Dutch Scheme” (excluding the sections entitled “Unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information relating to RBSH Group”, “Unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December 2011”, “Unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statement of income for the year ended 31 December 2011” and “Notes to pro forma financial information relating to RBSH Group” set out in the Appendix thereto) which was published by RBSG, RBS, RBS Holdings, RBS N.V. and RBS II B.V. via RNS on 26 March 2012.

## **PART B: IN RELATION TO RBS**

1. The registration document of RBS dated 24 February 2012, which was published via the Regulatory News Service of the London Stock Exchange plc on 24 February 2012 (the “**RBS Registration Document**”), excluding:
  - (i) the sub-section entitled “Assets, owners’ equity and capital ratios” on page 26;
  - (ii) the sub-section entitled “No Significant Change and No Material Adverse Change” on page 63; and
  - (iii) the following information within the sub-section entitled “Introduction”:
    - (x) the final sentence of the fourth paragraph of such section, which begins with the words “Moody’s Investors Service Limited”;
    - (y) the seventh paragraph of such section, which begins with the words “As defined by Moody’s”;
    - (z) limb (ii) of the eighth paragraph of such section, which begins with the words “the ratings definitions set out above”;

2. The annual report and accounts of RBS (including the audited consolidated annual financial statements of RBS, together with the audit report thereon) for the year ended 31 December 2011 (excluding the sections headed “Financial review — Risk factors” on page 5 and “Additional Information — Risk Factors” on pages 283 to 296) published on 26 March 2012.
3. The annual report and accounts of RBS (including the audited consolidated annual financial statements of RBS, together with the audit report thereon) for the year ended 31 December 2010 (excluding the sections headed “Financial Review — Risk factors” on page 5 and “Additional Information — Risk Factors” on pages 238 to 254) published on 15 April 2011.
4. The following sections of the 2011 annual report and accounts of RBSG which was published by RBSG on 9 March 2012:
  - (i) Independent auditor’s report on page 306;
  - (ii) Consolidated income statement on page 307;
  - (iii) Consolidated statement of comprehensive income on page 308;
  - (iv) Consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December 2011 on page 309;
  - (v) Consolidated statement of changes in equity on pages 310 to 312;
  - (vi) Consolidated cash flow statement on page 313;
  - (vii) Accounting policies on pages 314 to 326;
  - (viii) Notes on the consolidated accounts on pages 327 to 419;
  - (ix) Parent company financial statements and notes on pages 420 to 431;
  - (x) Essential reading – Highlights on page 1;
  - (xi) Chairman’s statement on page 9;
  - (xii) Group Chief Executive’s review on pages 10 to 11;
  - (xiii) Our key targets on page 13;
  - (xiv) Our business and our strategy on pages 14 to 18;
  - (xv) Divisional review on pages 19 to 29;
  - (xvi) Business review on pages 32 to 249;
  - (xvii) Corporate governance on pages 258 to 262;
  - (xviii) Letter from the Chair of the Group Remuneration Committee on pages 272 to 273;
  - (xix) Directors’ remuneration report on pages 274 to 295;
  - (xx) Report of the Directors on pages 298 to 302;

- (xxi) Directors' interests in shares on page 303;
- (xxii) Financial Summary on pages 433 to 441;
- (xxiii) Exchange rates on page 441;
- (xxiv) Economic and monetary environment on page 442;
- (xxv) Supervision on page 443;
- (xxvi) Regulatory developments and reviews on page 444;
- (xxvii) Description of property and equipment on page 445;
- (xxviii) Major shareholders on page 445;
- (xxix) Material contracts on pages 445 to 450; and
- (xxx) Glossary of terms on pages 476 to 483.

5. The following sections of the 2010 annual report and accounts of RBSG which was published by RBSG on 17 March 2011:

- (i) Independent auditor's report on page 267;
- (ii) Consolidated income statement on page 268;
- (iii) Consolidated statement of comprehensive income on page 269;
- (iv) Balance sheets as at 31 December 2010 on page 270;
- (v) Statements of changes in equity on pages 271 to 273;
- (vi) Cash flow statements on page 274;
- (vii) Accounting policies on pages 275 to 286;
- (viii) Notes on the accounts on pages 287 to 385;
- (ix) Essential reading – We have met, and in some cases exceeded, the targets for the second year of our Strategic Plan on page 1;
- (x) Chairman's statement on pages 2 to 3;
- (xi) Group Chief Executive's review on pages 4 to 5;
- (xii) Our key targets on page 7;
- (xiii) Our business and our strategy on pages 10 to 19;
- (xiv) Divisional review on pages 21 to 41;

- (xv) Business review on pages 50 to 224 (excluding the financial information on page 51, pages 56 to 77, pages 106 to 118 and page 131 which is indicated as being “pro forma”);
  - (xvi) Report of the Directors on pages 230 to 234;
  - (xvii) Corporate governance on pages 235 to 245;
  - (xviii) Letter from the Chair of the Remuneration Committee on pages 246 to 247;
  - (xix) Directors’ remuneration report on pages 248 to 263;
  - (xx) Directors’ interests in shares on page 264;
  - (xxi) Financial summary on pages 387 to 395;
  - (xxii) Exchange rates on page 395;
  - (xxiii) Economic and monetary environment on page 396;
  - (xxiv) Supervision on page 397;
  - (xxv) Regulatory developments and reviews on pages 398 to 399;
  - (xxvi) Description of property and equipment on page 399;
  - (xxvii) Major shareholders on page 399;
  - (xxviii) Material contracts on pages 399 to 404; and
  - (xxix) Glossary of terms on pages 434 to 439.
6. The unaudited Interim Management Statement Q1 2012 of RBSG which was published via RNS on 4 May 2012.
7. The press release entitled “Divisional Reorganisation and Group Reporting Changes (effective 1 January 2012)” which was published via RBS on 1 May 2012.

#### **PART C: IN RELATION TO BOTH RBS N.V. AND RBS**

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

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

Copies of the above documents:

- are accessible at <http://markets.rbs.com/bparchive> or <http://markets.rbs.com/launchpad>; or
- can be obtained, on request, free of charge, by writing or telephoning, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group Investor Relations, 280 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4RB, United Kingdom, telephone +44 207 672 1758, email [investor.relations@rbs.com](mailto:investor.relations@rbs.com); or
- can be obtained (in the case of the Part A documents for RBS N.V.) at the registered office of the Issuer at 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA, United Kingdom and (in the case of the Part B documents for RBS) the registered office of RBS at 36 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YB.

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

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

#### *Material Changes*

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

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## TAXATION

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

### 1. GENERAL

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

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

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

Save as expressly stated, the following does not address any tax consequences of any substitution of RBS as Issuer in place of RBS N.V. in respect of any Securities in accordance with General Condition 8(a)(i) (a “**Substitution**”), regarding which Holders of Securities should seek their own professional advice. Holders and prospective Holders of Securities are also referred to the risk factor under the heading “The execution and/or any delay in the execution (or non-completion) of the approved proposed transfers of a substantial part of the business activities of RBS N.V. to RBS may have a material adverse effect on the Group and may also negatively impact the value of securities issued by RBS Holdings and RBS N.V.” which starts on page 6 of the registration document of RBS Holdings N.V. and RBS N.V. dated 28 March 2012 (which is incorporated by reference herein).

Any Security in respect of which RBS is substituted as Issuer in place of RBS N.V. pursuant to a Substitution shall be referred to in this section as a “**Substituted Security**”; and such Securities, “**Substituted Securities**”. References in this section to “the Issuer” shall be to RBS N.V. as Issuer.

If Securities do not become Substituted Securities, the expectation is that RBS N.V. will remain the issuer of such Securities and that RBS will not otherwise become the issuer of such Securities pursuant to the Proposed Transfers generally. As such, the following does not address the tax treatment of Securities that have been transferred pursuant to the Proposed Transfers



other than by way of a Substitution and does not address the tax treatment of Securities in the event that the Issuer is substituted otherwise than pursuant to a Substitution.

## 2. EU SAVINGS DIRECTIVE

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

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

## 3. THE NETHERLANDS

### **General**

The following applies only to persons who are the beneficial owners of the Securities and is a summary of the Issuer's understanding of current Netherlands tax law as applied in the Netherlands relating only to certain aspects of Netherlands taxation. This summary is intended as general information only and each prospective investor should consult a professional tax adviser with respect to the tax consequences of an investment in the Securities.

This summary is based on tax legislation, published case law, treaties, regulations and published policy, in each case as in force as of the date of this Base Prospectus, and does not take into account any developments or amendments thereof after that date whether or not such developments or amendments have retroactive effect.

For the purposes of this summary, “the Netherlands” shall mean that part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands that is in Europe.

With the exception of the section on withholding tax below, this summary does not address the Netherlands tax consequences for:

- (i) holders of Securities holding a substantial interest (*aanmerkelijk belang*) or deemed substantial interest (*fictief aanmerkelijk belang*) in the Issuer or RBS and holders of Securities of whom a certain related person holds a substantial interest in the Issuer or RBS. Generally speaking, a substantial interest arises if a person, alone or, where such person is an individual, together with his or her partner (statutory defined term), directly or indirectly, holds (i) an interest of 5 per cent. or more of the total issued capital of a company or of 5 per cent. or more of the issued capital of a certain class of shares of a company, (ii) rights to acquire, directly or indirectly, such interest or (iii) certain profit sharing rights in a company;
- (ii) investment institutions (*fiscale beleggingsinstellingen*);
- (iii) pension funds, exempt investment institutions (*vrijgestelde beleggingsinstellingen*) or other entities that are exempt from Netherlands corporate income tax; and
- (iv) holders of Securities which are a corporate entity and a resident of Aruba, Curaçao or Sint Maarten.

This summary does not describe the consequences of the exchange or the conversion of the Securities.

Where this summary refers to a holder of Securities, such reference is restricted to a holder holding legal title to as well as an economic interest in such Securities.

### **Withholding Tax**

#### *Securities issued by the Issuer and which are not Substituted Securities*

Payments on these Securities may be made free of withholding or deduction for any taxes of whatsoever nature imposed, levied, withheld or assessed by the Netherlands or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein provided that the Securities do not in fact function as equity of the Issuer within the meaning of article 10, paragraph 1, under d of the Netherlands corporate income tax act 1969 (*Wet op de vennootschapsbelasting 1969*).

#### *Substituted Securities*

Payments on these Securities may be made free of withholding or deduction for any taxes of whatsoever nature imposed, levied, withheld or assessed by the Netherlands or any political or taxing authority thereof or therein.

#### *Payments by the Guarantor*

Any payments by the Guarantor in respect of interest on, or other amounts due under, Securities issued by the Issuer (whether or not through its London branch), whether or not they are Substituted Securities (in each case, other than the repayment of amounts subscribed for the Securities), may generally be made without withholding on account of Netherlands taxation.

Investors are referred to the paragraph entitled “Guarantee” on page 94, which sets out the circumstances under which the Guarantor may or may not make payments.

### **Corporate and Individual Income Tax**

(a) Residents of the Netherlands

If a holder is a resident or deemed to be a resident of the Netherlands for Netherlands tax purposes and is fully subject to Netherlands corporate income tax or is only subject to Netherlands corporate income tax in respect of an enterprise to which the Securities are attributable, income derived from the Securities and gains realised upon the redemption, settlement or disposal of the Securities are generally taxable in the Netherlands (at up to a maximum rate of 25 per cent.).

If an individual holder is a resident or deemed to be a resident of the Netherlands for Netherlands tax purposes (including an individual holder who has opted to be taxed as a resident of the Netherlands), income derived from the Securities and gains realised upon the redemption, settlement or disposal of the Securities are taxable at the progressive rates (at up to a maximum rate of 52 per cent.) under the Netherlands income tax act 2001 (*Wet inkomstenbelasting 2001*), if:

- (i) the holder is an entrepreneur (*ondernemer*) and has an enterprise to which the Securities are attributable or the holder has, other than as a shareholder, a co-entitlement to the net worth of an enterprise (*medegerechtigde*), to which enterprise the Securities are attributable; or
- (ii) such income or gains qualify as income from miscellaneous activities (*resultaat uit overige werkzaamheden*), which include the performance of activities with respect to the Securities that exceed regular, active portfolio management (*normaal, actief vermogensbeheer*).

If neither condition (i) nor condition (ii) applies to the holder of the Securities, taxable income with regard to the Securities must be determined on the basis of a deemed return on income from savings and investments (*sparen en beleggen*), rather than on the basis of income actually received or gains actually realised. This deemed return on

income from savings and investments has been fixed at a rate of 4 per cent. of the individual's yield basis (*rendementsgrondslag*), insofar as it exceeds a certain threshold. The individual's yield basis is determined as the fair market value of certain qualifying assets held by the holder of the Securities less the fair market value of certain qualifying liabilities on 1 January of each respective year. The fair market value of the Securities will be included as an asset in the individual's yield basis. The 4 per cent. deemed return on income from savings and investments will be taxed at a rate of 30 per cent.

(b) Non-residents of the Netherlands

If a holder is not a resident nor is deemed to be a resident of the Netherlands for Netherlands tax purposes (or has not opted to be taxed as a resident of the Netherlands), such holder is not taxable in respect of income derived from the Securities and gains realised upon the settlement, redemption or disposal of the Securities, unless:

- (i) the holder is not an individual and such holder (1) has an enterprise that is, in whole or in part, carried on through a permanent establishment or a permanent representative in the Netherlands, a Netherlands Enterprise (*Nederlandse onderneming*) to which Netherlands Enterprise the Securities are attributable, or (2) is entitled to a share in the profits of an enterprise or a co-entitlement to the net worth of an enterprise, which is effectively managed in the Netherlands (other than by way of securities) and to which enterprise the Securities are attributable.

This income is subject to Netherlands corporate income tax at up to a maximum rate of 25 per cent.

- (ii) the holder is an individual and such holder (1) has a Netherlands Enterprise to which Netherlands Enterprise the Securities are attributable, or (2) realises income or gains with respect to the Securities that qualify as income from miscellaneous activities (*resultaat uit overige werkzaamheden*) in the Netherlands, which activities include the performance of activities in the Netherlands with respect to the Securities which exceed regular, active portfolio management (*normaal, actief vermogensbeheer*), or (3) is entitled to a share in the profits of an enterprise which is effectively managed in the Netherlands (other than by way of securities) and to which enterprise the Securities are attributable.

Income derived from the Securities as specified under (1) and (2) is subject to individual income tax at up to a maximum rate of 52 per cent. Income derived from a share in the profits as specified under (3) that is not already included under (1) or (2) will be taxed on the basis of a deemed return on income from savings and investments (as described above under “Residents of the Netherlands”). The fair market value of the share in the profits of the enterprise (which includes the Securities) will be part of the individual's Netherlands yield basis.

(c) Substituted Securities

Although not free from doubt, a Substitution is, on the basis of certain Netherlands case law, not expected to give rise to a charge to Netherlands income tax or corporate income tax for holders of Securities.

**Gift and Inheritance Tax**

Residents of the Netherlands

Generally, gift and inheritance tax will be due in the Netherlands in respect of the acquisition of the Securities by way of a gift by, or on the death of, a holder that is a resident, or deemed to be a resident, of the Netherlands for the purposes of Netherlands gift and inheritance tax at the time of the gift or his or her death.

A holder of Netherlands nationality is deemed to be a resident of the Netherlands for the purposes of the Netherlands gift and inheritance tax if he or she has been resident in the Netherlands and dies or makes a donation within ten years after leaving the Netherlands. A holder of any other nationality is deemed to be a resident of the Netherlands for the purposes of the Netherlands gift tax if he or she has been resident in the Netherlands and makes a donation within a twelve months period after leaving the Netherlands. The same twelve-month rule may apply to entities that have transferred their seat of residence out of the Netherlands.

Non-residents of the Netherlands

No gift or inheritance taxes will arise in the Netherlands in respect of the acquisition of the Securities by way of a gift by, or as a result of, the death of a holder that is neither a resident nor deemed to be a resident of the Netherlands for the purposes of Netherlands gift and inheritance tax, unless in the case of a gift of the Securities by, or on behalf of, a holder who at the date of the gift was neither a resident nor deemed to be a resident of the Netherlands, such holder dies

within 180 days after the date of the gift, and at the time of his or her death is a resident or deemed to be a resident of the Netherlands.

### **Value Added Tax**

In general, no value added tax will arise in respect of payments in consideration for the issue of the Securities or in respect of a cash payment made under the Securities, or in respect of a transfer of Securities.

### **Other Taxes and Duties**

No registration tax, customs duty, transfer tax, stamp duty or any other similar documentary tax or duty will be payable in the Netherlands by a holder in respect of or in connection with the subscription, issue, placement, allotment, delivery or transfer of the Securities.

## **4. UNITED KINGDOM**

**The following applies only to persons who are the beneficial owners of the Securities and is a summary of the Issuer's understanding of current United Kingdom tax law and United Kingdom HM Revenue & Customs ("HMRC") practice relating only to certain aspects of United Kingdom taxation. It does not deal with any other United Kingdom taxation implications of acquiring, holding, exercising, not exercising or disposing of Securities and should not be relied upon by Holders or prospective Holders of Securities. Some aspects do not apply to certain classes of persons (such as persons carrying on a trade of dealing in Securities and persons connected with the Issuer) to whom special rules may apply. The United Kingdom tax treatment of prospective Holders of Securities depends on their individual circumstances and may be subject to change in the future. The precise tax treatment of a Holder of Securities will depend for each issue on the terms of the Securities, as specified in the Conditions of the Securities as amended and supplemented by the applicable Final Terms. For United Kingdom tax purposes, the term "Security" or "Securities" refers to instruments of the type described in this Base Prospectus and is not intended to be determinative (or indicative) of the nature of the instrument for the purposes of United Kingdom taxation. Prospective Holders of Securities who may be subject to tax in a jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom or who may be unsure as to their tax position should seek their own professional advice. This summary is intended as general information only and each prospective Holder of Securities should consult a professional tax adviser with respect to the tax consequences of an investment in the Securities.**

## **Withholding Tax**

*Securities issued by the Issuer otherwise than through the Issuer's London branch and which are not Substituted Securities*

Payments on these Securities may generally be made without withholding on account of United Kingdom income tax.

*Securities issued by the Issuer's London branch and Substituted Securities*

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

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

If payments made in respect of the Securities were to be regarded as interest for United Kingdom tax purposes, provided that the Issuer's London branch or RBS, as applicable, is and continues to be a bank within the meaning of section 991 of the Income Tax Act 2007 (the "ITA 2007"), such payments may be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of United Kingdom income tax where the interest is paid in the ordinary course of the Issuer's London branch's or RBS's business, as applicable, within the meaning of section 878 ITA 2007.

Payments of interest on or in respect of the Securities may also be made by the Issuer's London branch or RBS, as applicable, without deduction of or withholding for or on account of United Kingdom income tax if the Securities are and continue to be listed on a "recognised stock exchange", as defined in section 1005 of the ITA 2007. The NYSE Euronext Amsterdam is a recognised stock exchange. The Securities will therefore satisfy this requirement if they are (a) officially listed in the Netherlands in accordance with provisions corresponding to those generally applicable in EEA states and are admitted to trading on the NYSE Euronext Amsterdam, or (b) admitted to trading on another "recognised stock exchange" and officially

listed in a country in which there is a “recognised stock exchange” in accordance with provisions corresponding to those generally applicable in EEA states. Provided, therefore, that the Securities are and remain so listed, interest on the Securities will be payable by the Issuer’s London branch or RBS, as applicable, without withholding or deduction for or on account of United Kingdom income tax whether or not the Issuer’s London branch or RBS, as applicable, carries on a banking business in the United Kingdom and whether or not the interest is paid in the ordinary course of its business.

Interest on or in respect of the Securities may also be paid without withholding or deduction for or on account of United Kingdom income tax where interest on or in respect of the Securities is paid by a company and, at the time the payment is made, the Issuer’s London branch or RBS, as applicable, reasonably believes (and any person by or through whom interest on the Securities is paid reasonably believes) that the beneficial owner is within the charge to United Kingdom corporation tax as regards the payment of interest; provided that HMRC has not given a direction (in circumstances where it has reasonable grounds to believe that the above exemption is not available in respect of such payment of interest at the time the payment is made) that the interest should be paid under deduction of tax.

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

In other cases, an amount must generally be withheld from payments by the Issuer’s London branch or RBS, as applicable, of interest on or in respect of Securities, on account of United Kingdom income tax at the basic rate (currently 20 per cent.). However, where an applicable double tax treaty provides for a lower rate of withholding tax (or for no tax to be withheld) in relation to a Holder of the Securities, HMRC can issue a notice to the Issuer’s London branch or RBS, as applicable, to pay interest to the Holder of the Securities without deduction of tax (or for interest to be paid with tax deducted at the rate provided for in the relevant double tax treaty, as applicable).

*Payments by the Guarantor*



Any payments by the Guarantor in respect of interest on, or other amounts due under, Securities issued by the Issuer otherwise than through the Issuer's London branch and which are not Substituted Securities may generally be made without withholding on account of United Kingdom income tax.

Any payments by the Guarantor in respect of interest on, or other amounts due under, Securities issued by the Issuer's London branch or which are Substituted Securities (in each case, other than the repayment of amounts subscribed for the Securities) may be subject to United Kingdom withholding tax, subject to the availability of any exemptions or reliefs or to any direction to the contrary from HMRC in respect of such relief as may be available pursuant to the provisions of any applicable double tax treaty.

Investors are referred to the paragraph entitled "Guarantee" on page 94, which sets out the circumstances under which the Guarantor may or may not make payments.

### **Certain other United Kingdom Tax Considerations**

Payments made in respect of Securities issued by the Issuer's London branch and (from the time of the Substitution) any Substituted Securities are generally expected to have a United Kingdom source. Accordingly, depending upon the category of the income, such payments may be chargeable to United Kingdom tax by direct assessment even where the Holder of Securities is not resident (or in the case of an individual, ordinarily resident) in the United Kingdom and does not hold their Securities for the purposes of, or receive such payments in connection with, a trade, profession or vocation carried on via a branch, agency or permanent establishment in the United Kingdom, although in practice HMRC may not seek to enforce any such liability in respect of such a Holder of Securities.

If Holders of Securities are liable to United Kingdom tax by way of direct assessment, Holders of Securities which are resident in a jurisdiction with an appropriate double taxation treaty with the United Kingdom may be entitled to claim exemption from direct assessment under the terms of that double taxation treaty.

Although not free from doubt, a Substitution is, on the basis of HMRC practice, not expected to give rise to a charge to United Kingdom tax on chargeable gains for Holders of Substituted Securities.

### **UK Information Gathering Powers**

Holders of the Securities may wish to note that, in certain circumstances, HMRC has power to obtain information (including the name and address of the beneficial owner) from any person in the United Kingdom who either pays or credits interest (or amounts treated as interest) to or receives interest (or amounts treated as interest) for the benefit of a Holder of the Securities.

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

### **Stamp Taxes**

For the purposes of the following paragraphs, “**Exempt Loan Capital**” means any security which constitutes loan capital for the purposes of section 78 of the Finance Act 1986 (“**FA 1986**”) (“**Loan Capital**”) and: (a) does not carry rights to acquire shares or securities (by way of exchange, conversion or otherwise); (b) has not carried and does not carry a right to interest the amount of which exceeds a reasonable commercial return on the nominal amount of the relevant security; (c) subject to certain exceptions has not carried and does not carry a right to interest the amount of which falls or has fallen to be determined to any extent by reference to the results of, or any part of, a business or to the value of any property; and (d) has not carried and does not carry a right to a premium which is not reasonably comparable with amounts payable on securities listed on the London Stock Exchange.

#### *Stamp duty on the issue of Securities*

Subject to the following paragraph, no stamp duty will generally be payable in relation to the issue of Securities, including where such Securities are issued into CREST and including where any Substitution involves an issue of Securities by RBS.

In relation to Securities issued in bearer form which are denominated in sterling and which are not Loan Capital a charge to United Kingdom stamp duty at 1.5 per cent. of the value of such Securities may arise, including where any Substitution involves an issue of Securities by RBS. No stamp duty liability will arise on the issue of such Securities by the Issuer if issued outside the United Kingdom. However, in relation to Securities of that kind originally issued by the Issuer outside the United Kingdom, on the first transfer by delivery in the United Kingdom of any such Security a stamp duty liability at 1.5 per cent. of the value of such Security may arise. Furthermore, an instrument issuing a Security which has the characteristics of an option or any instrument granting such a Security (including on any Substitution if this results in the grant of an option by RBS) may technically be subject to United Kingdom stamp duty at a rate of up to 4

per cent. of the consideration for the Security (subject to the comments under the heading ‘*Payment of Stamp Duty*’, below).

*Stamp duty on the transfer of Securities*

Other than as described above, no United Kingdom stamp duty should be required to be paid on transfers of Securities on sale provided no instrument of transfer is used to complete such sales.

An instrument transferring a Security on sale of the Security may technically be subject to stamp duty at a rate of 0.5 per cent. of the consideration paid for the Securities if the Securities are not Exempt Loan Capital.

*Payment of Stamp Duty*

Even if an instrument is subject to United Kingdom stamp duty, there may be no practical necessity to pay that stamp duty, for example if the Security to which it relates is issued by the Issuer and is not registered on a register maintained in the United Kingdom, as United Kingdom stamp duty is not an assessable tax. However, an instrument which is not duly stamped cannot be registered or used for certain purposes in the United Kingdom; for example it will be inadmissible in evidence in civil proceedings in a United Kingdom court. In the event that such an instrument is subject to United Kingdom stamp duty, and it becomes necessary to pay that stamp duty (for example because this is necessary in order to enforce the document in the United Kingdom), interest will be payable (in addition to the stamp duty) in respect of the period from 30 days after the date of execution of the instrument to the date of payment of the stamp duty. Penalties may also be payable if either (i) an instrument which was executed in the United Kingdom is not stamped within 30 days of being so executed or (ii) an instrument which was executed outside the United Kingdom is not stamped within 30 days of first being brought into the United Kingdom.

*Stamp duty reserve tax (“SDRT”) on the issue or transfer of Securities to a Clearance Service*

No SDRT should be payable in relation to the issue of a Security by the Issuer or the transfer of such a Security which is not a Substituted Security to any person providing a clearance service, or a nominee for any such person, within the meaning of section 96 FA 1986 (a “**Clearance Service**”), in each case, unless the Security is an interest in, or to dividends or other rights arising out of, or a right to allotment of or to subscribe for, or an option to acquire shares which are paired with shares issued by a body corporate incorporated in the United Kingdom.

Except where an election has been made under which the alternative system of charge as provided for in section 97A FA 1986 (a “**s97A Election**”) applies, SDRT at a rate of 1.5 per cent. may be payable in respect of a Security issued by the Issuer and which is not a Substituted Security on the issue or transfer of such a Security to a Clearance Service where it is an interest

in, or to dividends or other rights arising out of, or a right to allotment of or to subscribe for, or an option to acquire shares which are paired with shares issued by a body corporate incorporated in the United Kingdom.

Except where a s97A Election applies in respect of that Security, SDRT at a rate of 1.5 per cent. may be payable on a Substitution (if such Substitution results in an issue of Securities by RBS to a Clearance Service), or on a subsequent transfer to a Clearance Service of Substituted Securities, in each case, if such Substituted Securities (a) constitute stock and/or loan capital for the purposes of section 99(3) FA 1986 and are not Exempt Loan Capital; or (b) are an interest in, or to dividends or other rights arising out of, or a right to allotment of or to subscribe for, or an option to acquire stocks, shares or loan capital that are not Exempt Loan Capital.

Following the ECJ decision in *C-569/07 HSBC Holdings plc and Vidacos Nominees Ltd v The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs* (Case C-569/07) and the First-tier Tax Tribunal decision in *HSBC Holdings Plc and the Bank of New York Mellon Corporation v The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs* (the “**HSBC Decisions**”), HMRC has indicated that the overall effect of the HSBC Decisions is that the 1.5 per cent. SDRT charge is no longer applicable to issues of UK shares and securities to clearance services or depositary receipt systems anywhere in the world. It is however possible that HMRC might amend the UK stamp duty and/or SDRT regime in such a way as to alter the position outlined above.

*SDRT on the issue of Securities into CREST*

No SDRT will be payable in respect of the issue of Securities into CREST (including where any Substitution involves an issue of Securities by RBS into CREST), provided they are not issued into the CREST account of a Clearance Service or to a person issuing depositary receipts (or of an agent or nominee for such a person).

*SDRT on the transfer of Securities held within a Clearance Service where no s97A Election has been made*

SDRT should generally not be payable in relation to an agreement to transfer a Security held within a Clearance Service provided that no s97A Election applies in respect of the Security.

*SDRT on the transfer of Securities held outside a Clearance Service, held within CREST or held within a Clearance Service where a s97A Election applies in respect of the Security*

In the case of Securities issued by the Issuer which are not Substituted Securities and which are held outside a Clearance Service (otherwise than within CREST, regarding which, see below) or held within a Clearance Service where a s97A Election applies in respect of the Security, no SDRT should be payable in relation to any agreement to transfer such a Security unless it is an interest in, or to dividends or other rights arising out of, or a right to allotment of or to subscribe

for, or an option to acquire either: (i) stocks, shares or loan capital for the purposes of section 99(3) FA 1986 which are not Exempt Loan Capital and which are registered in a register kept in the United Kingdom; or (ii) shares which are paired with shares issued by a body corporate incorporated in the United Kingdom, unless (in either case) that Security is in bearer form.

In the case of Securities issued by the Issuer which are not Substituted Securities and which are held outside a Clearance Service (otherwise than within CREST, regarding which, see below) or held within a Clearance Service where a s97A Election applies in respect of the Security, SDRT should generally be payable in relation to any agreement to transfer such a Security where it is an interest in, or to dividends or other rights arising out of, or a right to allotment of or to subscribe for, or an option to acquire either: (i) stocks, shares or loan capital for the purposes of section 99(3) FA 1986 which are not Exempt Loan Capital and which are registered in a register kept in the United Kingdom; or (ii) shares which are paired with shares issued by a body corporate incorporated in the United Kingdom, unless (in either case) that Security is in bearer form. Any such SDRT would be payable at a rate of 0.5 per cent. of the consideration given under an agreement to transfer such Securities, unless the transfer is to a Clearance Service or to a person issuing depositary receipts (or to an agent or nominee of such a person) where SDRT may be payable at a rate of 1.5 per cent.

Were a Security which is not a Substituted Security to be registered in a register kept in the United Kingdom, for example, because this was required for the purposes of CREST, SDRT may be payable in relation to the transfer of such a Security within CREST or any agreement to transfer such a Security at a rate of 0.5 per cent. of the consideration given in circumstances other than those described in the paragraphs above if the Security is not Exempt Loan Capital.

In the case of Substituted Securities held outside a Clearance Service, Substituted Securities held within CREST or Substituted Securities held within a Clearance Service where a s97A Election has been made which applies to the Substituted Securities, SDRT may be payable in relation to the transfer of such a Substituted Security within CREST or any agreement to transfer such a Substituted Security if such Substituted Security (a) constitutes stock and/or loan capital for the purposes of section 99(3) FA 1986 and is not Exempt Loan Capital; or (b) is an interest in, or to dividends or other rights arising out of, or a right to allotment of or to subscribe for, or an option to acquire stocks, shares or loan capital that are not Exempt Loan Capital. Any such SDRT would be payable at a rate of 0.5 per cent. of the consideration given under an agreement to transfer such Substituted Securities, unless the transfer is to a Clearance Service or to a person issuing depositary receipts (or to an agent or nominee of such a person) where SDRT may be payable at a rate of 1.5 per cent.

SWITZERLAND THE FOLLOWING IS A GENERAL SUMMARY OF THE ISSUER'S UNDERSTANDING

OF CERTAIN SWISS TAX CONSEQUENCES IN RELATION TO DEALINGS IN THE SECURITIES ACCORDING TO THE CURRENTLY VALID SWISS TAX LAWS AND THE SWISS TAX AUTHORITIES' PRACTICE AS OF THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS BASE PROSPECTUS. THIS OUTLINE IS A SUMMARY AND NOT EXHAUSTIVE AND DOES NOT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION POSSIBLE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF SOME INVESTORS. TAX LAWS AND THE TAX AUTHORITIES' PRACTICE MAY UNDERGO CHANGES (OR THEIR INTERPRETATION OR APPLICATION MAY CHANGE) AND THEIR VALIDITY MIGHT ALSO BE RETROACTIVE.

If RBS becomes the issuer of Securities as a result of a substitution of the Issuer in accordance with General Condition 8(a)(i), the following will continue to apply, provided that the terms and conditions of Securities are otherwise not changed. Although not free from doubt, a Substitution, on the basis of current Federal Tax Administration practice, is not expected to give rise to a charge to Swiss stamp tax, Swiss withholding tax, Swiss income tax for private investors in Switzerland or EU savings tax, for Holders of Substituted Securities. Potential investors should consult their own tax advisers, legal advisers or financial consultants regarding their personal tax situation when entering into transactions with reference to the Securities.

- (a) General Information. The Swiss tax treatment of notes, bonds and other financial instruments are primarily regulated pursuant to the conditions set forth in the Circular Letter no. 15 of the Federal Tax Administration regarding the treatment of Bonds and Derivatives Financial Instruments for the purpose of the Federal Income Tax, Federal Withholding Tax and Federal Stamp Duties, as published on 7 February 2007. These rules are usually also applied by the Cantonal and Communal tax authorities. It should be noted that the Swiss tax terms “notes” and “bonds” are not consistent with the corresponding terms stipulated by Swiss security laws and the international or foreign understanding of such terms.
- (b) Swiss Stamp Taxes. The issuance of Securities issued by a foreign resident issuer is in general not subject to the Swiss Issue Stamp Tax (“Emissionsabgabe”). Secondary market transactions of Securities which are considered as (debt) financing instruments, share-like products, fund-like products and Low Exercise Price Options (LEPO) on shares with maturity more than one year and the issuance of fund-like Securities issued by a foreign resident issuer are subject to the Swiss Securities Transfer Tax, provided that a Swiss securities dealer (“Effekthändler”), as defined in art. 13 para. 3 of the Swiss Federal Act on Stamp Duties (“Stempelabgabengesetz”), is a party to the Securities transaction or acts as an intermediary thereto. Certain exemptions may, inter alia, apply with regard to institutional investors such as mutual funds, life insurance companies and social security institutions. Pure derivatives for Swiss tax purposes like

options and futures do normally not classify as taxable securities and are therefore not subject to Swiss Issue Stamp Tax and Swiss Securities Transfer Tax. If upon the exercise or redemption of a Security an underlying security is delivered to the holder of the Security, the transfer of the underlying security may be subject to Swiss Securities Transfer Tax.

- (c) Swiss Withholding Tax. Securities issued by a foreign resident issuer are in general not subject to Swiss withholding tax. Payments or credit of (deemed) interest or dividends on a Security issued by a Swiss resident issuer may be subject to Swiss federal withholding tax at a rate of 35%. This may apply likewise to payments or credits of yield from Securities which classify for tax purposes as fund-like products. The holder of a Security who is resident in Switzerland may be entitled to a full refund of or a full tax credit for the Swiss federal withholding tax, subject to conditions being met. A non Swiss resident holder of a Security may be able to claim a full or partial refund of the Swiss federal withholding tax if such a holder is entitled to claim benefits with regard to such a payment of a double taxation treaty between Switzerland and his or her country of residence.
- (d) Swiss Income Tax Treatment for Securities Held by Private Investors (Individuals) with Tax Residence in Switzerland as Part of their Private Assets. Payments or credits received by a holder of a Security, which are considered in a Swiss tax perspective as dividends or interests, are subject to income tax. Gains or losses realised upon a sale or other disposition by individuals with tax residence in Switzerland holding a Security as part of their private assets (private capital gain or losses) are in general not subject to Swiss Income Tax and are not deductible from taxable income respectively. However, capital gains may be subject to income taxation, if a Security qualifies as predominant one-time interest paying bond. Also gains or losses realised by buying or selling of pure derivatives for Swiss tax purposes (options and futures) are not subject to income tax as they are considered as tax-exempt capital gains or losses. Whether a Security generates taxable income (dividend and interest) or tax-exempt capital gains is depending on certain features of the Security (1-delta pay-off, reverse convertible, guaranteed coupon payments or capital protection etc.), on the underlying of the Security and on the maturity of the Security. Some Securities may be divided into taxable bonds and a tax-exempt option (or combinations of options) provided that the Security is, for Swiss tax purposes, made transparent by the issuer. A Security is considered transparent if the value on issuance of its bond and its option components can be determined separately. Under the condition of transparency, the option premium paid by the issuer is exempt

from income taxation (where otherwise applicable); taxation is limited to the interest of the bond part which would have been paid for an investment in a comparable straight bond of the same issuer with a similar term and the same currency at market conditions. If the interest part of the Security is paid as a one-time compensation, the so-called “modifizierte Differenzbesteuerung” may apply in each case of pre-maturity sale or redemption of the Security. If a Security is not made transparent for Swiss tax purposes (only if the security needs to be transparent for Swiss tax purposes) the total payment to the investor (except the repayment of the invested capital) could be considered as taxable income.

- (e) Swiss Income Tax Treatment for Securities Held by Swiss Resident Entities or Individuals as Part of Business Assets. Income of any kind realised from Securities as part of business assets of individuals (including deemed securities dealers for Swiss tax purposes) or entities in Switzerland are subject to personal income tax or corporate income tax respectively as part of their overall net income.
- (f) Wealth Taxation of Securities Held by Private Investors (Individuals) with Tax Residence in Switzerland. The market value of the Securities may be subject to wealth tax levied on overall net wealth of individuals with tax residence in Switzerland, regardless of whether the Securities are held as part of their private or business assets.
- (g) EU Savings Tax. On 26 October 2004, the European Community and Switzerland entered into an agreement on the taxation of savings income pursuant to which Switzerland adopts measures equivalent to those of the European Directive 2003/48/EC of 3 June 2003 on the taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments. The agreement came into force as of 1 July 2005. On the basis of this agreement, Switzerland introduced a withholding tax on interest payments and other similar income paid by a paying agent within Switzerland to an individual resident in an EU member state. The withholding tax is withheld at a rate of 15 % for the first three years beginning with 1 July 2005, 20 % for the next three years and 35 % thereafter, with the option of such an individual to have the paying agent and Switzerland provide to the tax authorities of the Member State details of the payments in lieu of the withholding. The beneficial owner of the interest payments may be entitled to a tax credit or refund of the withholding, if any, provided that that certain conditions are met. Securities issued under this programme may be subject to EU Savings Tax. The qualification regarding “in scope” or “out of scope” of the EU Savings Tax is depending on certain features of the Security and on the underlying of the Security.



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## SELLING RESTRICTIONS

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In respect of each Series of Securities issued under the Programme, a Dealer and/or distributor may, by entering into a purchase agreement, agree with the Issuer the basis upon which it agrees to purchase Securities. Any such agreement will extend to those matters stated under “Form of the Securities” and the Conditions.

*The statements which follow are of a general nature. Potential purchasers in each jurisdiction must ensure that they are able validly to take delivery of the Securities and any assets into which they may convert or be settled. Additional certifications may be required by the Issuer and/or any clearance system at the time of exercise and/or settlement.*

1. GENERAL

No action has been or will be taken by the Issuer or any Dealer that would permit a public offering of the Securities or possession or distribution of any offering material in relation to the Securities in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. No offers, sales or deliveries of any Securities, or distribution of any offering material relating to the Securities, may be made in or from any jurisdiction except in circumstances which will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations and will not impose any obligation on the Issuer.

2. PUBLIC OFFER SELLING RESTRICTION UNDER THE PROSPECTUS DIRECTIVE

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a “**Relevant Member State**”), each Dealer represents and agrees that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the “**Relevant Implementation Date**”) it has not made and will not make an offer of Securities which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Base Prospectus as completed by the final terms in relation thereto to the public in that Relevant Member State except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of such Securities to the public in that Relevant Member State:

- (a) if the final terms in relation to the Securities specify that an offer of those Securities may be made other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in that Relevant Member State (a “**Non-exempt Offer**”), following the date of publication of a prospectus in relation to such Securities which has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant

Member State provided that any such prospectus has subsequently been completed by the final terms contemplating such Non-exempt Offer, in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, in the period beginning and ending on the dates specified in such prospectus or final terms, as applicable, and the Issuer has consented in writing to its use for the purpose of that Non-exempt Offer;

- (b) at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- (c) at any time to fewer than 100 or if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive); or
- (d) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

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

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an “**offer of Securities to the public**” in relation to any Securities in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Securities to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the Securities, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State, the expression “**Prospectus Directive**” means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member State) and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State and the expression “2010 PD Amending Directive” means Directive 2010/73/EU.

### 3. THE NETHERLANDS

Securities which qualify as savings certificates as defined in the Savings Certificates Act (“*Wet inzake spaarbewijzen*”) may only be transferred or accepted through the mediation of either the Issuer or an admitted institution of Euronext Amsterdam N.V. with due observance of the Savings Certificates Act and its implementing regulations (including registration requirements), provided that no mediation is required in respect of:

- (a) the initial issue of those Securities to the first holders thereof;
- (b) any transfer and delivery by individuals who do not act in the conduct of a profession or trade; and

- (c) the issue and trading of those Securities, if they are physically issued outside The Netherlands and are not distributed in The Netherlands in the course of primary trading or immediately thereafter.

The Securities may not be offered to the public in the Netherlands in reliance on Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive unless (i) such offer is made exclusively to persons or entities which are qualified investors as defined in the Dutch Financial Supervision Act or (ii) standard exemption wording is disclosed as required by Article 5:20(5) of the Dutch Financial Supervision Act, provided that no such offer of Securities shall require publication of a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement to a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

#### 4. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No Securities of any Series have been, or will be, registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Securities Act**”), and trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the “**CFTC**”) under the United States Commodity Exchange Act as amended (the “**CEA**”). No Securities of any Series, or interests therein, may at any time be offered, sold, resold or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person or to others for offer, sale, resale or delivery, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person.

Offers, sales, resales or deliveries of Securities of any Series, or interests therein, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons would constitute a violation of United States securities laws unless made in compliance with the registration requirements of the Securities Act or pursuant to an exemption therefrom. In addition, in the absence of relief from the CFTC, offers, sales, resales, trades or deliveries of Securities, or interests therein, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons, may constitute a violation of United States law governing commodities trading.

Securities having a maturity of more than one year will be issued in compliance with U.S. Treas. Reg. §1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(C) (the “**C Rules**”). Securities having a maturity of one year or less are not subject to the C Rules.

The Securities subject to the C Rules may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. tax regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “**Code**”) and the U.S. Treasury regulations thereunder.

The Issuer will require each Dealer participating in the distribution of Securities subject to the C Rules to agree that it will not at any time offer, sell, resell or deliver, directly or indirectly, the Securities in the United States or to others for offer, sale, resale or delivery, directly or indirectly, in the United States. Further, the Issuer and each Dealer to which it sells the Securities will represent and agree that in connection with the original issuance of such Securities that it has not communicated, and will not communicate, directly or indirectly, with a prospective purchaser if such purchaser is within the United States and will not otherwise involve its U.S. office in the offer or sale of such Securities. The terms used in the preceding sentence (and not otherwise defined below) have the meanings given to them by the Code and the U.S. Treasury regulations thereunder, including the C Rules.

As used herein, “**United States**” means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia), its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction; and “**U.S. person**” means (i) an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States; (ii) a corporation, a partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (iii) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (iv) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (v) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (ii) above; (vi) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (i) to (v) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the CFTC's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (vii) any other “U.S. Person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act or in regulations adopted under the CEA.

#### **Notice to purchasers and holders of restricted securities and transfer restrictions**

Each purchaser of Securities will, by its purchase of such Securities, be deemed to acknowledge, represent and agree as follows:

- (a) that trading in the Securities has not been and will not be approved by the CFTC under the CEA;
- (b) that it will not at any time offer, sell, resell or deliver, directly or indirectly, any Securities of such Series so purchased in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any

U.S. person or to others for offer, sale, resale or delivery, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person;

- (c) that it is not purchasing any Securities of such Series for the account or benefit of any U.S. person;
- (d) that it will not make offers, sales, resales or deliveries of any Securities of such Series (otherwise acquired), directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person;
- (e) that it will send each person who purchases any Securities of such issue from it a written confirmation (which shall include the definitions of “**United States**” and “**U.S. person**” set forth herein) stating that the Securities have not been registered under the Securities Act, that trading in the Securities has not been approved by the CFTC under the CEA and stating that such purchaser agrees that it will not at any time offer, sell, resell or deliver any of such Securities, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person;
- (f) that no U.S. person or person in the United States may at any time trade or maintain a position in the instruments and that a person entitled to receive an interim payment or exercising (or entitled to receive any amount at maturity or exercise under) the instrument will be required to certify that neither it nor the beneficial owner of the instrument is a U.S. person or is located in the United States;
- (g) that any person exercising a Security will be required to represent that it is not a U.S. person; and
- (h) if it is outside the United States and is not a U.S. person, that if it should resell or otherwise transfer the Securities prior to 40 days after the closing of the offer of the relevant Securities, it will do so only (a) outside the United States in compliance with Rule 903 or 904 under the Securities Act and (b) in accordance with all applicable United States state securities laws; and it acknowledges that the Global Securities will bear a legend to the following effect unless otherwise agreed to by the Issuer:

**THE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE “SECURITIES ACT”) AND THE SECURITIES MAY NOT BE EXERCISED, OFFERED, SOLD, TRANSFERRED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, ANY U.S. PERSON AS DEFINED IN REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT. FURTHERMORE, TRADING IN THE SECURITIES HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION UNDER THE UNITED**

**STATES COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT, AS AMENDED AND NO U.S. PERSON MAY AT ANY TIME TRADE OR MAINTAIN A POSITION IN THE SECURITIES.**

5. UNITED KINGDOM

Each Dealer represents, warrants and agrees that it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated any invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the “FSMA”)) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Securities in circumstances in which section 21(1) of the FSMA would not, if the Issuer was not an authorised person, apply to the Issuer and it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Securities in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

6. INDIA

Any purchase of the Securities relating to or linked to securities listed on a stock exchange in India or indices that reference such securities should be made on the understanding that the purchaser shall be deemed to acknowledge, represent, warrant and undertake to the Group that:

- (a) it consents to the provision by the Group to any Indian governmental or regulatory authority upon receiving a request from such authority of any information regarding it and its dealings in the Securities as required under applicable Indian regulations and/or as requested by any Indian governmental or regulatory authority;
- (b) it agrees to promptly provide to the Group, or directly to the relevant Indian governmental or regulatory authority (and confirm to the Group when it has done so), such additional information that the Group deems necessary or appropriate in order for the Group to comply with any such regulations and/or requests;
- (c) the Securities are not being purchased by, for the account of or pursuant to or in connection with any back-to-back transaction with: (i) a Person Resident in India as the term is used in the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999; or (ii) a “Non-Resident Indian”, as such terms are used in the Foreign Exchange Management (Deposit) Regulations 2000 as notified by the Reserve Bank of India (each, a “**Restricted Entity**”) or a nominee of a Restricted Entity;
- (d) the Securities shall not be offered, sold or transferred to any person/entity whose controller is a Restricted Entity where “controller” means any person or group of persons who (i) is/are entitled to exercise, or control the exercise of a majority or more

of the voting power of the purchaser; (ii) holds or is otherwise entitled to a majority or more of the economic interest in the purchaser, or (iii) in fact exercises control over the purchaser. "Control" means the ability to appoint a majority or more of the directors of an entity, or the capacity to control decision-making, directly or indirectly, in relation to the financial, investment and/or operating policies of an entity in any manner.

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

- (e) the Securities are not being purchased by, for the account of, or pursuant to or in connection with any back-to-back transaction with any entity or person that is not a "person regulated by an appropriate foreign regulatory authority" (as such term and/or requirements relating thereto are defined or otherwise interpreted for the purposes of Regulation 15A of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Foreign Institutional Investors) Regulations, 1995) (a "**Regulated Entity**");
- (f) the Securities are not being purchased with the intent of circumventing or otherwise avoiding any requirements applicable under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Foreign Institutional Investors) Regulations, 1995 (including, without limitation, any restrictions applying to foreign institutional investors in relation to their issuances and/or other dealings in the Securities with, Restricted Entities and persons/entities who are not Regulated Entities);
- (g) it has purchased the Securities on its own account and not as an agent, nominee, trustee or representative of any other person and no agreement for the issuance of a back-to-back offshore derivatives instrument shall be entered against the Securities;
- (h) it will not, directly or indirectly, sell, transfer, assign, novate or otherwise dispose of the Securities to or for the account of any Restricted Entity, nominee of any Restricted Entity or an entity which is not a Regulated Entity;
- (i) it acknowledges that non-compliance with, or breach, violation or contravention of, the obligations under these representations, warranties, agreements and undertakings that (including, without limitation, any restrictions with respect to a transfer) ("Obligations") may result in non-compliance with, or breach, violation or contravention of, applicable laws, regulations, governmental orders or directions, regulatory sanctions against the

Issuer and/or its associates/affiliates and cause irreparable harm to the Issuer and/or its associates/affiliates. Accordingly, it further acknowledges that, in the event of any non-compliance with, or breach, violation or contravention of the Obligations by it, the Issuer and/or its associates/affiliates may notify the relevant Indian governmental or regulatory authority of the breach, violation or contravention and exercise any rights and take any measures available to the Issuer and/or its associates/affiliates under the terms of the Securities, or any other measures to prevent, avoid, mitigate, remedy or cure such non-compliance, breach, violation or contravention, including but not limited to termination or compulsory redemption of the Securities by the Issuer and/or its associates/affiliates;

- (j) it will promptly notify the Issuer should any of the representations, warranties, agreements and undertakings given by it change or no longer hold true; and
- (k) any sale, transfer, assignment, novation or other disposal of the Securities by it, whether direct or indirect, will be subject to the acquiring entity giving substantially the same representations and warranties to it as set out in sub-paragraphs (c) to (i) (inclusive).

The Securities shall not be offered, sold or transferred to (i) a Protected Cell Company (“PCC”) or Segregated Portfolio Company (“SPC”) or an equivalent structure however described, or (ii) a Multi Class Share Vehicle (“MCV”) by constitution or an equivalent structure however described that contains more than one class of shares, except where (a) a common portfolio is maintained for all classes of shares and satisfies broad-based criteria, or (b) a segregated portfolio is maintained for separate classes of shares wherein each such class of shares are in turn broad-based. For this purpose, a "broad-based" fund or class of shares (where the holder's segregated portfolio is maintained for separate classes of shares) as the term is defined in the Explanation to Regulation 6 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Foreign Institutional Investors) Regulations, 1995 means a fund, established or incorporated outside India, which has at least twenty investors, with no single individual investor holding more than 49% of the shares or units of the fund; provided that if the broad-based fund has institutional investor(s) it shall not be necessary for the fund to have twenty investors. Further, if the broad-based fund has an institutional investor who holds more than 49% of the shares or units in the fund, then the institutional investor must itself be a broad-based fund.

#### 7. HONG KONG

Securities that are not "structured products" as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong may not be offered or sold in Hong Kong, by means of any document, other than (i) to "professional investors" within the meaning of the Securities and



Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong and any rules made under that Ordinance; or (ii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a "prospectus" within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of that Ordinance.

In relation to Securities that are "structured products" as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong and unless permitted to do so under the laws of Hong Kong, no person may issue or have in his/her possession for the purpose of issue, or will issue, or have in his/her possession for the purposes of issue, any advertisement, invitation or document relating to the Securities whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong, other than with respect to the Securities intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong, or only to "professional investors" as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong and any rules made under that Ordinance.

## 8. SINGAPORE

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

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

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

- (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor,

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

- (1) to an institutional investor (under Section 274 of the SFA) or to a relevant person as defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA, which arises from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) of the SFA (in the case of that corporation) or Section 276(4)(b)(i)(B) of the SFA (in the case of that trust);
- (2) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer;
- (3) where the transfer is by operation of law; or
- (4) as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA.

9. TAIWAN

The Securities may not be sold, offered or issued to Taiwan resident investors unless they are made available outside Taiwan for purchase by such investors outside Taiwan.

10. SAUDI ARABIA

Any purchase of the Securities relating to or linked to securities, whether or not listed on a stock exchange, in Saudi Arabia or indices that reference such securities should be made on the understanding that the purchaser shall be deemed to acknowledge, represent, warrant and undertake to the Issuer and each Dealer that:

- (a) it consents to the provision by the Issuer and each Dealer to any Saudi Arabian governmental or regulatory authority, (such as the KSA Capital Markets Authority) of any information regarding it and its dealings in the Securities as required under applicable Saudi Arabian regulations and/or as requested by any Saudi Arabian governmental or regulatory authority;
- (b) it agrees to promptly provide to the Issuer and each Dealer, or directly to the relevant governmental or regulatory authority (and confirm to the Issuer and each Dealer when it

has done so), such additional information that the Issuer and each Dealer deems necessary or appropriate in order for the Issuer and each Dealer to comply with any such regulations and/or requests;

- (c) the Securities are not being purchased for the account of or pursuant to or in connection with a “Non-resident foreign investor” for the purposes of any CMA or other governmental or regulatory authority resolution and it is not knowingly entering into a transaction for the purchase of Securities, on behalf of, or for the benefit or account of any person or entity that is not a non-resident foreign investor for the purposes of such resolution.

Prospective investors must seek legal advice as to whether they are entitled to subscribe to the Securities and must comply with all relevant Saudi Arabian laws in this respect. Each investor is deemed to have acknowledged and agreed that it is eligible to invest in the Securities under applicable laws and regulations and that it is not prohibited under any law or regulation in Saudi Arabia from acquiring, owning or selling the Securities.

#### 11. SWITZERLAND

Securities issued under this Programme which are not listed on SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd. do not qualify for public distribution in or from Switzerland according to Article 5 of the Swiss Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes. Accordingly, such Securities may not be publicly distributed in or from Switzerland and neither this Programme, any Final Terms nor any marketing material relating to the Securities may be distributed in connection with such distribution, unless a special simplified prospectus is prepared setting forth any and all information which may be required to be disclosed in a simplified prospectus pursuant to Art. 5 of the Swiss Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes and any implementing ordinance or other applicable act or regulation or self-regulation in the Final Terms or a separate document (the “**Simplified Prospectus**”). Any term sheet prepared shall be subject to the Final Terms and the Simplified Prospectus, if any, for the relevant Securities. If no Simplified Prospectus is prepared, the Securities may only be offered and the Programme, any Final Terms or any marketing material may only be distributed in or from Switzerland to qualified investors according to the applicable provisions of the Collective Investment Scheme Act (“CISA”) in such a way that there is no public marketing or offering in or from Switzerland as defined pursuant to the most restrictive interpretation of the applicable Swiss laws and regulations.

12. FINLAND

Each Dealer and/or distributor confirms and agrees that it will not, directly or indirectly, offer for subscription or purchase or offer invitations to subscribe for or buy or sell the Securities or distribute any draft or definitive document in relation to any such offer, invitation or sale in Finland except in compliance with the laws of Finland and in such manner that no obligation for the Issuer to prepare any prospectus in respect of the issuance of the Securities pursuant to Finnish law and regulation will arise.

13. THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

The Securities are not offered within the British Virgin Islands, but may be acquired by British Virgin Islands persons who receive this offer outside the British Virgin Islands (in a manner which does not contravene the laws of the jurisdiction in which such offer is received) and who meet the Issuer's eligibility criteria.

14. THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

Each Dealer and/or distributor of the Securities shall agree to comply with any direction of the Registrar of Companies in the Cayman Islands prohibiting (a) the sale of the Securities in the Cayman Islands or (b) any invitation in the Cayman Islands to subscribe for the Securities.]

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## FORM OF THE SECURITIES

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*Information under this heading is applicable to Securities for which the Clearing Agent is specified to be Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and/or Clearstream Banking in the applicable Final Terms.*

### **Initial Issue of Securities**

#### *Global Securities in bearer form*

Global Securities in bearer form may be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the related Series of Securities to a Clearing Agent or the depository for one or more Clearing Agents (the “**Common Depository**”).

Upon the initial deposit of a Global Security in bearer form with a Common Depository for a Clearing Agent, such Clearing Agent will credit each subscriber with a nominal amount or unit quantity of Securities equal to the nominal amount thereof for which it has subscribed and paid.

Securities that are initially deposited with the Common Depository for a Clearing Agent (the “**Relevant Clearing Agent**”) may also be credited to the accounts of subscribers with (if indicated in the relevant Final Terms) other Clearing Agents through direct or indirect accounts with the Relevant Clearing Agent held by such other Clearing Agents. Conversely, Securities that are initially deposited with any other Clearing Agent may similarly be credited to the accounts of subscribers with the Relevant Clearing Agent.

### **Relationship of Accountholders with Clearing Agents**

For so long as any of the Securities is represented by a Global Security and such Global Security is held on behalf of one or more Clearing Agents, each person who is for the time being shown in the records of a Clearing Agent as the holder of a particular nominal amount or unit quantity of Securities (an “**Accountholder**”) shall be treated as the holder of that nominal amount or unit quantity of Securities for all purposes other than with respect to the payment or delivery of any amount on the Securities, the right to which shall be vested, as against the Issuer, solely in the bearer of a Global Security in accordance with and subject to its terms. Each Accountholder must look solely to the relevant Clearing Agent for its share of each payment or delivery made to the bearer of a Global Security.

The Issuer covenants in favour of each Accountholder that it will make all payments in respect of the nominal amount or unit quantity of Securities for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agents as being held by the Accountholder and represented by a Global Security to the bearer of a Global Security in accordance with its terms and acknowledges that each Accountholder may take proceedings to enforce this covenant and any of the other rights which it has (described under the

preceding paragraph) directly against the Issuer.

### **Exchange**

Each permanent Global Security in bearer form will be exchangeable on or after its Exchange Date (as defined below), in whole but not in part, for Definitive Securities in bearer form (as defined below):

- (i) if such permanent Global Security is held by a Clearing Agent and any such Clearing Agent is closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of legal holidays) or announces an intention to cease business permanently or does in fact do so and the Holder is unable to settle such Securities through any non-affected Clearing Agent; or
- (ii) if so specified in the Final Terms, General Conditions or Product Conditions of such permanent Global Security, in an aggregate nominal amount or unit quantity equal to the nominal amount or unit quantity of such permanent Global Security submitted for exchange,

provided that in each case, certification as to non-US beneficial ownership in the form required by the relevant Clearing Agent has been provided to the such Clearing Agent with respect to such nominal amount or unit quantity submitted for such exchange.

### **Delivery of Securities**

On or after any due date for exchange the holder of a Global Security may surrender such Global Security or, in the case of a partial exchange, present it for endorsement to or to the order of the Principal Agent. In exchange for any Global Security, or the part thereof to be exchanged, the Issuer will in the case of a Global Security exchangeable for Definitive Securities, deliver, or procure the delivery of, an equal aggregate nominal amount or unit quantity of duly executed and authenticated Definitive Securities. In this Base Prospectus, “**Definitive Securities**” means, in relation to any Global Security the definitive bearer Securities, as applicable, for which such Global Security may be exchanged (if appropriate, having attached to them all Coupons in respect of interest that have not already been paid on the Global Security). Definitive Securities will be security printed in accordance with any applicable legal and stock exchange requirements in or substantially in the form available from the offices of the Issuer.

### **Exchange Date**

“**Exchange Date**” means in relation to a permanent Global Security in bearer form, the first day following the giving of notice requiring exchange and on a day on which banks are open for business in the city in which the specified office of the Principal Agent is located and in the city in which the relevant Clearing Agent is located.

### **Amendment to Conditions**

The permanent Global Securities contain provisions that apply to the Securities that they represent,

some of which modify the effect of the terms and conditions of the Securities set out in this Base Prospectus. The following is a summary of certain of those provisions:

(i) Payments or Delivery

Any payments or deliveries (as the case may be) that are made in respect of a Global Security in bearer form shall be made to its holder against presentation and (if no further payment or delivery falls to be made on it) surrender of it at the specified office of the Principal Agent or of any other Agent provided for in the Conditions. If any payment or delivery (as the case may be) is made in respect of any Security represented by a Global Security in bearer form (i) in full, the portion of such Global Security representing such Security shall be cancelled and the amount or unit quantity so cancelled shall be endorsed by or on behalf of the Principal Agent on such Global Security (such endorsement being prima facie evidence that the payment or delivery in question has been made) or (ii) otherwise, a record of each such payment or delivery shall be endorsed by or on behalf of the Principal Agent on such Global Security (such endorsement being prima facie evidence that the payment or delivery in question has been made).

(ii) Cancellation

Cancellation of any Security represented by a permanent Global Security in bearer form that is required by the Conditions to be cancelled (other than upon its redemption) will be effected by reduction in the nominal amount or unit quantity of the relevant permanent Global Security.

**No Securities in registered form**

No Securities may be issued in global registered form or definitive registered form.

**Securities in certificated form**

All Securities, other than Dematerialised Securities, will be issued in certificated form.

**Securities in dematerialised form**

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

**Clearing and Settlement**

*Please refer to “Clearing and Settlement” for information on clearing and settlement of Global Securities.*

## **Securities cleared through CREST**

*Dematerialised Securities may be issued that are cleared through CREST (defined below under “General Information – Clearing and Settlement Systems”) that will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “Regulations”). In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “Register”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator and the Regulations. Please see the relevant General Conditions, Product Conditions and Final Terms for further information on Securities cleared through CREST.*



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## CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT

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Clearing and settlement of the Global Securities will be effected in accordance with the operating procedures of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other Clearing Agent, as applicable.

### **Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg**

Custodial and depositary links have been established with Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to facilitate the initial issue of the Securities and cross-market transfers of the Securities associated with secondary market trading.

Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg each hold securities for their customers and facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions through electronic book-entry transfer between their respective accountholders and provide various services including safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally-traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg also provide clearance and settlement facilities for domestic securities markets in several countries through established depositary and custodial relationships. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have established an electronic bridge between their two systems across which their respective customers may settle trades with each other. Their customers are worldwide financial institutions including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations. Indirect access to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg is available to other institutions which clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with an accountholder of either system.

Distributions of principal and interest and any other amounts with respect to book-entry interests in the Securities held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg will be credited, to the extent received by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg from the Principal Agent, to the cash accounts of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg customers in accordance with the relevant system's rules and procedures.

The holdings of book-entry interests in Securities in Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will be reflected in the book-entry accounts of each such institution. Beneficial ownership in Securities will be held through financial institutions as direct and indirect participants in Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, and every other intermediate holder in the chain to the beneficial owner of book-entry interests in the Securities, will be responsible for establishing and maintaining accounts for their participants and customers having interests in the book-entry interests in the Securities. The Principal Agent will be responsible for ensuring that payments received by it from the Issuer for holders of interests in the Securities holding through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg are credited to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be. Payments to holders of Securities represented by Definitive Securities will be made in accordance with the Conditions.

The Issuer will not impose any fees in respect of the Securities; however, holders of book-entry interests in the Securities may incur fees normally payable in respect of the maintenance and operation of accounts in Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

#### **Trading between Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg Accountholders**

Secondary market sales of book-entry interests in the Securities held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg to purchasers of book-entry interests in the Securities through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg will be conducted in accordance with the normal rules and operating procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and will be settled using the procedures applicable to conventional eurobonds.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### **PART A: IN RELATION TO RBS N.V.**

#### **Incorporation and Offices**

Both RBS Holdings and RBS N.V. are public limited liability companies incorporated under Dutch law on 30 May 1990 and 7 February 1825 respectively. RBS Holdings is registered with the Trade Register in Amsterdam under no. 33220369. RBS N.V. is registered with the Trade Register in Amsterdam under no. 33002587. RBS Holdings and RBS N.V. have their registered offices in Amsterdam, The Netherlands and their office address is Gustav Mahlerlaan 350 17A90, 1082 ME Amsterdam. The mailing address for RBS Holdings and RBS N.V. in the Netherlands is Post Office Box 12925, 1100 AX Amsterdam. RBS Holdings and RBS N.V.'s telephone number is (31) 20 464 9999.

#### **Authorisation**

The Issuer's managing board, in its capacity as the Issuer's representative, is responsible for issuing debt instruments. The Issuer's managing board has approved the issue of debt instruments, including the Securities, pursuant to resolutions dated 1 April 2010, 7 January 2011 and 28 June 2012. In addition, the issue of Securities has been approved by the Issuer's supervisory board pursuant to a resolution dated 13 January 2011 and in accordance with the Issuer's articles of association. All consents, approvals, authorisations or other orders of all regulatory authorities required by the Issuer under the laws of The Netherlands have been given for the issue of the Securities.

#### **Listing**

Application will be made to NYSE Euronext or any other stock exchange or market for Securities issued up to the expiry of 12 months from the date of this Base Prospectus to be admitted to trading and to be listed on Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext or any other stock exchange or market. Certain Securities issued under this Base Prospectus may not be listed. The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V., 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA, United Kingdom has been appointed as the paying agent.

An issue of Securities of the same class as Securities already trading on a stock exchange or market for Securities, will only be admitted to trading on the same such stock exchange or market for Securities.

#### **Ratings**

Any rated Securities are expected to be assigned a rating that aligns with the relevant rating measures outlined below. Should there be any exceptions to this, the Issuer will in each case specify details in the Final Terms of the relevant Securities.

Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services Europe Limited ("**Standard & Poor's**") is expected to rate: senior notes issued by RBS N.V. with a maturity of one year or more "A"; senior notes issued by RBS N.V. with a maturity of less than one year "A-1"; dated subordinated notes issued by RBS N.V. "BBB-"; and undated tier 2 notes issued by RBS N.V. "BB+". Fitch Ratings Limited ("**Fitch**") is expected to rate: senior notes issued by RBS N.V. with a maturity of one year or more "A"; senior notes issued by RBS N.V. with a maturity of less than one year "F1"; and dated subordinated notes and undated tier 2 notes issued by RBS N.V. will be rated on a case-by-case basis. Moody's Investors Service Limited ("**Moody's**") is expected to rate: senior notes issued by RBS N.V. with a maturity of one year or more "A3"; senior notes issued by RBS N.V. with a maturity of less than one year "P-2"; and dated subordinated notes and undated tier 2 notes issued by RBS N.V. will be rated on a case-by-case basis.

As defined by Standard & Poor's, an "A" rating means that the ability of the Issuer to meet its financial commitment on the relevant notes issued by it is strong and an "A-1" rating means that the ability of the Issuer to meet its financial commitment on the relevant notes issued by it is strong. A "BBB" rating means that the financial commitment on the relevant notes exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the Issuer to meet its financial commitment on the relevant notes issued by it. A "BB" rating means that the ability of the Issuer to meet its financial commitment on the relevant notes issued by it faces major ongoing uncertainties or exposure to adverse business, financial or economic conditions which could lead to the Issuer's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitment on the relevant notes issued by it. As defined by Standard & Poor's, an addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign shows relative standing within the major rating categories.

As defined by Fitch, an "A" rating indicates that the Issuer has a strong capacity for payment of its financial commitments on the relevant notes issued by it. This capacity may, nevertheless, be more vulnerable to adverse business or economic conditions than is the case for higher ratings. As defined by Fitch, an "F1" rating indicates that the Issuer has the strongest capacity for timely payment of its financial commitments on the relevant notes issued by it.

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

The rating definitions set out above constitute third-party information and were obtained in the English language from (i) the publication entitled "Standard & Poor's Ratings Definitions - 1 November 2011" published by Standard & Poor's (available at [www.standardandpoors.com](http://www.standardandpoors.com)), (ii) the publication entitled

“Rating Symbols and Definitions - June 2012” published by Moody’s (available at [www.moodys.com](http://www.moodys.com)) and (iii) the publication entitled “Definitions of Ratings and Other Forms of Opinion - September 2011” published by Fitch (available at [www.fitchratings.com](http://www.fitchratings.com)). The information found at the websites referred to in the previous sentence does not form part of and is not incorporated by reference into this Base Prospectus. The rating definitions set out above have been accurately reproduced from the sources identified above and, so far as RBS N.V. is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by the third parties referred to above, no facts have been omitted which would render the ratings definitions set out above inaccurate or misleading.

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

The credit ratings included and referred to in this Base Prospectus (to the extent they relate to this Part A), including documents incorporated by reference herein, have been issued by Standard & Poor’s Credit Market Services Europe Limited, Fitch Ratings Limited and Moody’s Investors Service Limited, each of which is established in the European Union and is registered under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 on credit rating agencies.

### **Substitution of Issuer**

Certain disclosure relating to RBS has been incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus as a result of the possibility that RBS may become the issuer of certain Securities pursuant to a substitution of the Issuer in accordance with General Condition 8(a)(i). There is, however, no assurance that any such substitution will take place.

Accordingly, nothing in the Final Terms or this Base Prospectus should be taken as (or is) a representation that RBS will become, or RBS N.V. will remain, the issuer of any of the Securities. If prospective purchasers are in any doubt as to whether there is any tax or other impact on them as a result of a substitution of the Issuer in accordance with General Condition 8(a)(i), they should discuss such matters with their advisers.

### **Guarantee**

RBS Holdings owns 100 per cent. of RBS N.V.’s shares and is jointly and severally liable for all liabilities in respect of the Securities pursuant to the 403 Declaration. In connection with the Dutch Scheme, any liability of RBS Holdings under the 403 Declaration will, from the effective date of the Dutch Scheme, cease to apply in relation to any debt obligations of the Issuer which (1) transfer to RBS as a result of the Dutch Scheme (which will not include the Securities) or (2) have otherwise transferred to RBS prior to the effective date of the Dutch Scheme. No Securities are expected to be transferred to RBS prior to the effective date of the Dutch Scheme. In the event of a substitution of Issuer of any

Securities in accordance with General Condition 8(a)(i) after the effective date of the Dutch Scheme, RBS Holdings would remain jointly and severally liable for all liabilities in respect of those Securities pursuant to the 403 Declaration after the substitution. Implementation of the Dutch Scheme is subject, amongst other matters, to regulatory and court approvals. Subject to these matters, it is expected that the Dutch Scheme will take effect on 9 July 2012.

### **Documents Available**

During the validity of this Base Prospectus, copies of the following documents will, when published, be available, free of charge, from the registered office of the Issuer:

- (a) the incorporation documents of the Issuer;
- (b) the consolidated audited financial statements of RBS Holdings in respect of the financial years ended 31 December 2010 and 31 December 2011 together with the audit reports thereon;
- (c) all future consolidated financial statements of the Issuer;
- (d) a copy of the Registration Document;
- (e) a copy of this Base Prospectus; and
- (f) all documents incorporated herein by reference.

In addition, copies of the Registry Services Agreement (as defined in the “Conditions”) will be made available for inspection during normal business hours at the registered office of the Registrar in respect of Securities cleared through CREST (defined below).

### **Clearing and settlement systems**

The Securities have been accepted for clearance through Clearstream Banking AG (“**Clearstream AG**”), Nederlands Centraal Instituut voor Giraal Effectenverkeer B.V. (“**Euroclear Netherlands**”), Euroclear Bank, S.A./N.V. (“**Euroclear Luxembourg**”), Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme* (“**Clearstream, Luxembourg**”), Euroclear Finland OY (“**Euroclear Finland**”), Euroclear Sweden AB (“**Euroclear Sweden**”), Verdipapirsentralen ASA (“**VPS ASA**”), SIX SIS Ltd and the dematerialised and uncertificated securities trading system operated by Euroclear UK and Ireland Limited (“**CREST**”). The appropriate WKN, Common Code, International Securities Identification Number and Valoren for each Series allocated by Clearstream AG, Euroclear Netherlands, Euroclear, Luxembourg, Clearstream, Luxembourg, Euroclear Finland, Euroclear Sweden, VPS ASA and SIX SIS Ltd, and any other relevant security code allocated by any other relevant clearing system, will be specified in the applicable Final Terms. If the Securities are to clear through an additional or alternative clearing system the appropriate additional or alternative information will be specified in the applicable Final Terms. Transactions will normally be effected for settlement not earlier than three days after the date of the transaction.

## **Information on the Offering of the Securities**

### **(a) Offer Process**

For a short period prior to the Launch Date specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Securities of the relevant Series may be offered by the Issuer for subscription to prospective investors but the Issuer reserves the right to close subscription early. The Issuer anticipates that it will deliver the Final Terms in respect of each Series of the Securities which are to be admitted to trading and listed on Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext prior to the commencement of the Subscription Period specified in the Final Terms or prior to the Launch Date specified in the Final Terms if there is no Subscription Period. On or about the Launch Date, the Issuer will, pursuant to its agreement with NYSE Euronext offer to buy or sell the Securities of any Series to be admitted to trading and listed on Euronext Amsterdam. The Issuer expects that each such Series of the Securities will be admitted to trading on Euronext Amsterdam with effect from the Launch Date stated in the applicable Final Terms. Except in the case of dematerialised Securities, the Securities will be issued in global bearer form and all trades will be settled in the applicable clearing systems on their usual basis for secondary market transactions. Other than the issue price of the Securities of the relevant Series, each prospective investor shall not be required to pay any expenses to the Issuer in order to subscribe for the relevant Securities.

Securities may be listed or admitted to trading, as the case may be, on such other or further stock exchanges or markets as the Issuer may decide. The Issuer may also issue unlisted Securities and/or Securities not admitted to trading on any market.

### **(b) Description of the Application and Payment Process for a Prospective Purchaser**

Applications for Securities may be made by a prospective purchaser through any Dealer, broker, financial adviser, banker, financial intermediary or other agent acting in such a capacity (each a “**Selling Agent**”) which has a relationship with the Issuer governing the sale of the Securities. Pursuant to anti-money laundering regulations, prospective purchasers who are not an existing client of a Selling Agent may be required by their Selling Agent of choice to complete an anti-money laundering form and to provide further evidence of identification in advance of applying for any Securities.

Each prospective purchaser should ascertain from its Selling Agent of choice when that Selling Agent will require receipt of cleared funds from its clients in respect of applications for Securities and the manner in which payment should be made to the Selling Agent. Each Selling Agent may impose different arrangements relating to the purchase of Securities and prospective investors should contact the Selling Agents directly for information concerning such arrangements. Applicants for Securities who arrange to purchase the Securities through a Selling

Agent should note that in doing so they are assuming the credit risk of the relevant Selling Agent and that such arrangements will be subject to the applicable conditions of the relevant Selling Agent.

(c) **Conditions to Which the Offer is Subject**

The offer, in respect of a particular Series of Securities is subject to the Conditions as set out in this Base Prospectus, the relevant Final Terms and any document incorporated by reference (see “Documents Incorporated by Reference”).

(d) **Minimum/Maximum Application Amount**

Investors are required to subscribe for a minimum of one (1) Security and thereafter in multiples of one (1) Security unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms in respect of the relevant Series of the Securities. There is no maximum subscription amount unless otherwise stated in the relevant Final Terms in respect of the relevant Series of the Securities.

(e) **Scale-back and Cancellation**

The Issuer and/or any Dealer reserves the right, prior to the Issue Date, in its absolute discretion to:

1. decline in whole or in part an application for Securities such that a prospective purchaser for Securities may, in certain circumstances, not be issued the number of (or any) Securities for which it has applied (“**Scale-back**”); or
2. withdraw, cancel or modify the offer of the Securities (“**Cancellation**”).

The Issuer may Scale-back or effect a Cancellation of the Securities without notice and will notify prospective investors, either directly or indirectly through a relevant Selling Agent, of such Scale-back or Cancellation after such Scale-back or Cancellation has occurred. In the event that the Securities are not issued, no subscription monies shall be payable by prospective purchasers to the Issuer (either directly or indirectly through a Selling Agent (as defined above)) in respect of the Securities. Prospective purchasers should contact their Selling Agent of choice for details of the arrangements for the return of application monies in such circumstances. The Issuer shall have no responsibility for, or liability arising out of, the relationship between prospective purchasers and their respective Selling Agents and clearing system operators, including, without limitation, in respect of arrangements concerning the return of monies by such persons to their clients.

(f) **Details of the Manner in Which the Results of the Initial Offer are to be Made Public**

The total amount of the offer shall be as specified in the relevant Final Terms in respect of the relevant Series of the Securities. If an amount is not fixed then the Issuer will make a



notification pursuant to Article 8 of the Prospectus Directive. Except in the case of (i) for a Scale-back or a Cancellation, in which case the Issuer will notify prospective investors of such Scale-back or Cancellation as described in sub-paragraph (e) above, or (ii) as otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms in respect of the relevant Series of the Securities, the Issuer will issue all of the Securities that are the subject of the offer on the Issue Date. A prospective investor submitting an application to purchase Securities will be notified by the Issuer, either directly or indirectly through a relevant Selling Agent, of the acceptance or otherwise of such application on or prior to the Issue Date. Dealing may begin before such notification is made.

**(g) Categories of Investors to which Securities are Offered**

The Securities will be offered to both retail and qualified investors.

**(h) Expenses and Taxes**

Any expenses are described in the relevant Product Conditions and Final Terms for the relevant Series and will be deducted accordingly. For further information on taxes, please refer to the section titled “Taxation”.

**(i) Post-issuance Information**

The Issuer does not intend to provide any post-issuance information.

**(j) Description of the Securities**

Turbo certificates are either (i) open ended investment instruments without a fixed maturity or expiration date, which can either be terminated by the Issuer, exercised by the Holder, or (ii) fixed maturity or expiration date, which will be exercised automatically following a Final Valuation Date, open ended and fixed maturity turbo certificates can be terminated by the Issuer following an Issuer Call, and may automatically terminate if the Underlying reaches a pre-determined level. Following any such event, the turbo certificates pay an amount determined by reference to the value of the underlying currency, commodity, index (including in the case of an index, the index and its constituent elements), share, bond, basket or other product on one or more specified days, subject to the certificate entitlement. The types of certificates that may be issued under this Base Prospectus are described below.

The price at which a holder will be able to sell certificates prior to maturity or expiration may be at a potentially substantial discount to the market value of the certificates at the issue date, if, at such time and in addition to any other factors, the value of the Underlying is below, equal to or not sufficiently above the value of the Underlying at the issue date. Turbo certificates track the Underlying in a linear manner either on an open ended basis or until the relevant Final Valuation Date. The amount needed to invest in a turbo certificate to give the same participation rate in the Underlying as a direct investment in the Underlying is considerably less. Therefore

the percentage gain if the Underlying rises (in the case of turbo long certificates) or falls (in the case of turbo short certificates) and the percentage loss if the Underlying falls is much higher in Turbo certificates than as a direct investment in the Underlying.

Turbo long certificates enable the investor to profit from rising markets. Turbo long certificates track the Underlying. If the value of the Underlying rises, the value of the turbo long certificate will rise by an equivalent amount, taking into account any applicable foreign exchange rate. The difference between a turbo long certificate and an ordinary certificate is that in the case of the turbo long certificate, the amount needed to invest to give the same participation rate in the Underlying is usually considerably less.

Turbo short certificates enable the investor to profit from declining markets. Turbo short certificates track the Underlying in an inverse manner. If the value of the Underlying drops, the value of the turbo short certificate will rise by an equivalent amount, taking into account any applicable foreign exchange rate. The difference between a turbo short certificate and an ordinary certificate is that in the case of the turbo short certificate, the amount needed to invest to give the same inverse participation rate in the Underlying is usually considerably less.

The maximum loss to an investor in Turbo certificates is the initial amount invested. A feature of Turbo certificates is the stop-loss which, if breached, will result in the early termination of the Turbo certificate.

Commodity certificates are certificates where the Underlying is a commodity. A wide range of commodities may become the Underlying in relation to a commodity Turbo certificate.

Currency certificates give their Holder exposure to interest rate differences between two currencies. A range of currencies may become the Underlying in relation to a currency Turbo certificate.

Single stock certificates are certificates where the Underlying is a share. A range of shares may become the Underlying in relation to a single stock Turbo certificate.

Index certificates are certificates where the Underlying is an index. A range of indices may become the Underlying in relation to an index Turbo certificate.

Government bond certificates are certificates where the Underlying is a futures contract related to a Government bond. A range of Government bond futures contracts may become the Underlying in relation to a Government bond Turbo certificate.

Commodity forward and future certificates are certificates where the Underlying is a forward or future contract related to a commodity. A range of commodity forward and futures contracts may become the Underlying in relation to a commodity forward or future Turbo certificate.

Fund certificates are certificates where the Underlying is a fund. A range of funds may become the Underlying in relation to a fund Turbo certificate.

Rolling certificates observe certain elements to determine whether adjustments need to be made to any of the terms and conditions of the certificates to maintain the leverage within certain limits, these elements include but are not limited to the current leverage factor, the level of the Underlying and the value of the certificates. In addition to such adjustments, the Holder could be entitled to an interim payment.

Index future certificates are certificates where the Underlying is a future contract related to an index. A range of index future contracts may become the Underlying in relation to an index future Turbo certificate.

(k) **Mini or Minis**

This Base Prospectus relates to Turbo Certificates, where “Turbo” or “Turbos” is a marketing name for these Securities. The same Securities are offered in different jurisdictions under the marketing name “Mini” or “Minis”. For the purposes of this Base Prospectus, the terms “Turbo” or “Turbos” are to be read as referring to either “Turbo” or “Mini” and “Turbos” or “Minis” (as the context requires) to facilitate the appropriate marketing name “Turbo” or “Mini” as applicable in the relevant offering marketing of the Securities to be issued under this Base Prospectus.

**Issued Financial Instruments on the Issuer’s securities**

At the date of this Base Prospectus, there are no convertible bonds or options on the Issuer’s securities (including employee options) outstanding which have been issued by the Issuer or by the group companies of the Issuer.

**Equity Securities**

All of the Issuer’s ordinary shares are held by RBS Holdings and are not listed or traded.

**Third Party Information**

Where information has been sourced from a third party, the Issuer confirms that this information has been accurately reproduced and that as far as the Issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.

**PART B: IN RELATION TO RBS**

**Recent Developments**

*Assets, Owners’ Equity and Capital Ratios*

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

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

### *Ratings*

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

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

The rating definitions set out above constitute third-party information and were obtained in the English language from the publication entitled "Rating Symbols and Definitions - June 2012" published by Moody's (available at [www.moodys.com](http://www.moodys.com)).

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

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

### **No Significant Change and No Material Adverse Change**

There has been no significant change in the trading or financial position of the RBS Group taken as a whole since 31 December 2011 (the end of the last financial period for which audited financial information of the RBS Group has been published).

There has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the RBS Group taken as a whole since 31 December 2011 (the date of the last published audited financial information of the RBS Group).

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## CONDITIONS: GENERAL CONDITIONS

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*The General Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the Product Conditions and the Final Terms. The Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.*

1. DEFINITIONS

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these General Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Product Conditions or the applicable Final Terms and, if not so defined, shall be inapplicable. References in these General Conditions to interest and Coupons (and related expressions) shall be ignored in the case of Securities which do not bear interest. References in these General Conditions to the Conditions shall mean these General Conditions and, in relation to any Securities, the Product Conditions applicable to those Securities.

2. STATUS

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

3. EARLY TERMINATION

(a) The Issuer shall have the right to terminate the Securities if it shall have determined in its absolute discretion that its performance thereunder shall have become unlawful in whole or in part as a result of compliance in good faith by the Issuer with any applicable present or future law, rule, regulation, judgement, order or directive of any governmental, administrative, legislative or judicial authority or power (“**Applicable Law**”). In such circumstances the Issuer will, however, if and to the extent permitted by the Applicable Law, pay to each Holder in respect of each Security held by such Holder an amount calculated by it as the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such termination (ignoring such illegality) less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements. Payment will be made to the Holder in such manner as shall be notified to the Holder in accordance with General Condition 4.

(b) The Issuer shall have the right to terminate the Securities if it shall have determined in its absolute discretion that payments made on the Securities are, in whole or in part,

directly or indirectly contingent upon, or determined by reference to, the payment of a dividend from a U.S. entity and that these payments have or will become subject to U.S. withholding tax. In such circumstances the Issuer will, however, if and to the extent permitted by the Applicable Law, pay to each Holder in respect of each Security held by such Holder an amount calculated by it as the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such termination less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements and of paying any required U.S. withholding tax. Payment will be made to the Holder in such manner as shall be notified to the Holder in accordance with General Condition 4.

#### 4. NOTICES

- (a) With respect to Securities other than Securities cleared through CREST, Notices to Holders shall be given by the delivery of the relevant notice to the Clearing Agent(s) with an instruction from the Issuer to the Clearing Agent(s) to communicate such notice to the Holders. Where Securities are cleared through CREST, notices to Holders shall be given by the delivery of the relevant notice to the Registrar for communication to the Holders pursuant to the procedures for delivery of notices to accountholders in CREST as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Registrar and the Operator from time to time. The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly published, to the extent required, in a manner which complies (i) with the rules of any stock exchange or other relevant authority on which the Securities are for the time being listed or in the country in which such Securities have been admitted to trading and (ii) with any relevant legislation. In addition, for Securities listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd, the Issuer shall have the right but (without prejudice to the previous sentence) shall not be obliged to publish notices in electronic form on the internet website of the SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd [http://www.six-exchange-regulation.com/publications/communiqués/official\\_notices\\_en.html](http://www.six-exchange-regulation.com/publications/communiqués/official_notices_en.html) if and so long as the Securities are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd.
- (b) Any such notice issued pursuant to General Condition 4(a) by being delivered to the Clearing Agent(s) or the Registrar for communication to the Holders, as applicable, will be deemed to have been given on the date of the delivery of such notice to the Clearing Agent(s) or the Registrar, as applicable. Any such notice issued pursuant to General Condition 4(a) by being published will be deemed to have been given on the date of the first publication (for the avoidance of doubt, such notice having been published by any valid means) or, where required to be published in more than one newspaper, on the date of the first publication in all required newspapers.

5. HEDGING DISRUPTION

- (a) Notification. The Issuer shall as soon as reasonably practicable give instructions to the Calculation Agent to notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4(a): (i) if it determines that a Hedging Disruption Event has occurred; and (ii) of the consequence of such Hedging Disruption Event as determined by the Issuer pursuant to General Condition 5(c).
- (b) Hedging Disruption Event. A “**Hedging Disruption Event**” shall occur if the Issuer acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner, determines that it is or has become not reasonably practicable or it has otherwise become undesirable, for any reason, for the Issuer or any Hedge Provider wholly or partially to (i) hold, acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of a relevant hedging transaction (a “**Relevant Hedging Transaction**”) or asset it deems necessary, appropriate or desirable to hedge the Issuer's obligations in respect of the Securities or (ii) realise, recover or remit the proceeds of any such transaction(s) or asset(s). The reasons for such determination by the Issuer may include, but are not limited to, the following:
- (i) the Issuer or any Hedge Provider will, whether directly or indirectly, incur a material increase (as compared with circumstances existing on the Issue Date) in the amount of tax, duty, expense (including, without limitation, due to any increase in tax liability, decrease in tax benefit or other adverse effect on its tax position) or fee (other than brokerage commissions) provided that any such materially increased amount that is incurred solely due to the deterioration of the creditworthiness of the Issuer or the Hedge Provider shall not be considered for the purposes of this sub-paragraph (i); or
  - (ii) any material illiquidity in the market for, or any mandatory redemption in whole or in part of, the relevant instruments (the “**Disrupted Instrument**”) which from time to time are included in the reference asset to which the Securities relate; or
  - (iii) a change in any applicable law or regulation (including, without limitation, any tax law) or the promulgation of, or change in, the interpretation by any court, tribunal or regulatory authority with competent jurisdiction of any applicable law or regulation (including any action taken by a taxing authority); or
  - (iv) a material decline in the creditworthiness of a party with whom the Issuer has entered into any such Relevant Hedging Transaction; or

- (v) the general unavailability of: (A) market participants who will agree to enter into a Relevant Hedging Transaction; or (B) market participants who will so enter into a Relevant Hedging Transaction on commercially reasonable terms.

In the Conditions:

“**Hedge Position**” means any purchase, sale, entry into or maintenance of one or more (i) positions or contracts in reference assets to which the Securities relate, securities, options, futures, derivatives or foreign exchange, (ii) securities lending transactions or (iii) other instruments or arrangements (however described) by the Issuer in order to hedge the Issuer’s risk of issuing, and performing its obligations with respect to, the Securities; and

“**Hedge Provider**” includes but is not limited to the Issuer, any associate, subsidiary or affiliate thereof and/or The Royal Bank of Scotland plc and/or any other party(ies) and/or any special purpose vehicle(s) holding or entering into a Hedge Position in connection with the Issuer’s hedging arrangements in respect of the Securities.

- (c) Consequences. The Issuer, in the event of a Hedging Disruption Event, may determine to:
  - (i) terminate the Securities. In such circumstances the Issuer will, however, if and to the extent permitted by the Applicable Law, pay to each Holder in respect of each Security held by such Holder an amount calculated by it as the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such termination less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements. Where the Securities contain provisions which provide a minimum assured return of principal, howsoever expressed, on the Settlement Date (as defined in the relevant Product Conditions, or otherwise, the date that is the Settlement Date), any such amount to be paid under this General Condition shall not be less than the present value of such minimum assured return of principal and/or interest or coupons having regard to prevailing market rates, credit spreads and market liquidity, such present value being determined by the Calculation Agent. Payment will be made to the Holder in such manner as shall be notified to the Holder in accordance with General Condition 4;
  - (ii) make an adjustment in good faith to the relevant reference asset by removing the Disrupted Instrument at its fair market value (which may be zero). Upon any such removal the Issuer may: (A) hold any notional proceeds (if any) arising as a consequence thereof and adjust the terms of payment and/or delivery in respect of the Securities; or (B) notionally reinvest such proceeds in



other reference asset(s) if so permitted under the Conditions (including the reference asset(s) to which the Securities relate);

(iii) make any other adjustment to the Conditions as it considers appropriate in order to maintain the theoretical value of the Securities after adjusting for the relevant Hedging Disruption Event. Where the Securities contain provisions which provide a minimum assured return of principal, howsoever expressed, on the Settlement Date, any such adjustment will in no way affect the Issuer's obligations to make payment to the Holders not less than the minimum assured return of principal coupons on the relevant Settlement Date.

(d) The Issuer may also make adjustments to the Conditions if it determines that an event has occurred which, whilst not a Hedging Disruption Event or other disruption event as specified in Product Condition 4, is likely to have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's Hedge Position. Where the Issuer makes adjustments to the Conditions pursuant to this General Condition 5(d), the Issuer shall notify the Holders thereof and shall offer to purchase from Holders for a period of not less than 10 days any Securities held by them at their fair market value (as determined by the Calculation Agent acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner and taking into account the proposed adjustment) less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any Relevant Hedging Transaction.

## 6. PURCHASES, FURTHER ISSUES BY THE ISSUER AND PRESCRIPTION

(a) Purchases. The Issuer or any affiliate may purchase Securities at any price in the open market or by tender or private treaty. Any Securities so purchased may be held, surrendered for cancellation or reissued or resold, and Securities so reissued or resold shall for all purposes be deemed to form part of the original series of Securities.

(b) Further Issues. The Issuer shall be at liberty from time to time without the consent of the Holders or any of them to create and issue further securities so as to be consolidated with and form a single series with the Securities.

(c) Prescription. Any Security or Coupon which is capable of presentation and is not so presented by its due date for presentation shall be void, and its value reduced to zero, if not so presented within five years of such due date. For the avoidance of doubt, any Securities which are subject to provisions relating to their exercise shall be void, and their value shall be zero, if not exercised in accordance with their provisions.

## 7. DETERMINATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

(a) Determinations.

- (i) In making any determinations and calculations under these Conditions, the Issuer and the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner. All such determinations and calculations by the Issuer and the Calculation Agent shall, in the absence of manifest error, be final and binding.
  - (ii) Whilst it is intended that the Issuer and the Calculation Agent will employ the methodology described in the Conditions to make determinations in respect of the Securities, no assurance can be given that market, regulatory, judicial or fiscal circumstances or, without limitation, any other circumstances will not arise that would necessitate a modification or change in such methodology in order that the Securities replicate as closely as possible investments in the assets underlying the Securities and its components. The Issuer and the Calculation Agent may make any such modification or change to such methodology that it considers necessary to reflect such circumstances.
  - (iii) Calculations made by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent in respect of the Securities shall be made on the days specified herein; however, notwithstanding the foregoing or anything else contained in these Conditions, should the Issuer or the Calculation Agent determine that in order to give effect to the methodology described in these Conditions it is necessary to make calculations on a day or days other than that specified, then each of the Issuer and the Calculation Agent is permitted to make such calculations on such calendar day or days as it shall determine.
  - (iv) Due to timing considerations, process requirements and other matters that would, in the opinion of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent, be relevant in relation to the implementation of asset allocation models, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent may need to make appropriate adjustments to the methodology set out in the Conditions as it considers necessary in order to reflect the timing and amounts that would be applicable were the Issuer or the Calculation Agent physically implementing the methodology set out in the Securities.
- (b) Modifications. The Issuer may, without the consent of the Holders or any of them, modify any provision of the Conditions which is: (i) of a formal, minor or technical nature; (ii) made to correct a manifest error, proven error or other defective provision, as determined by the Issuer; or (iii) in its absolute discretion, not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Holders. Notice of any such modification will be given to the

Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 but failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of any such modification.

8. SUBSTITUTION

(a) Substitution of Issuer. The Issuer may at any time without the consent of the Holders substitute for itself as issuer of the Securities with regard to any and all rights, obligations and liabilities under and in connection with the Securities:

- (i) The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, registered in Scotland under No. 90312, with its registered office at 36 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YB, (“**RBS**” or the “**Substitute**”) subject to the Issuer having given at least 30 days’ prior notice of the date of such substitution to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (in which circumstances the provisions set out in the section of this Base Prospectus entitled “CONDITIONS: GENERAL CONDITIONS: SUBSTITUTION CONDITIONS” shall apply); or
- (ii) any entity which (i) acquires all or substantially all of the undertaking and/or assets of the Issuer or (ii) acquires the beneficial ownership of the whole of the issued voting stock and/or share capital of the Issuer or (iii) into which the Issuer is amalgamated, merged or reconstructed and where the Issuer is not the continuing company (such entity, a “**Successor in Business**” or the “**Substitute**”) subject to the Issuer having given at least 30 days prior notice of the date of such substitution to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; or
- (iii) the holding company of the Issuer (the holding company currently being The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, company number SC045551) (the “**Holding Company**” or the “**Substitute**”) subject to the Issuer having given at least 30 days’ prior notice of the date of such substitution to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; or
- (iv) any entity other than RBS, a Successor in Business or the Holding Company (also, the “**Substitute**”), subject to the Issuer having given at least 30 days’ prior notice of the date of such substitution to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; and the Issuer or RBS having issued a legal, valid and binding guarantee of the obligations and liabilities of the Substitute under the Securities for the benefit of each and any of the Holders,

and in each case subject to all actions, conditions and things required to be taken, fulfilled and done (including the obtaining of any necessary consents) to ensure that the

Securities represent legal, valid and binding obligations of the Substitute having been taken, fulfilled and done and being in full force and effect.

In the event of any substitution of the Issuer, any reference in the Conditions to the Issuer shall from such time be construed as a reference to the Substitute.

- (b) Substitution of Office. The Issuer shall have the right upon notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 to change the office through which it is acting and shall specify the date of such change in such notice.

#### 9. TAXATION

The Issuer shall not be liable for or otherwise obliged to pay any tax, duty, withholding or other similar payment which may arise as a result of the ownership, transfer or exercise of any Securities. In relation to each Security the relevant Holder shall pay all Expenses as provided in the Product Conditions. All payments or, as the case may be, deliveries in respect of the Securities will be subject in all cases to all applicable fiscal and other laws and regulations (including, where applicable, laws or agreements with any governmental authority requiring the deduction or withholding for, or on account of, any tax duty or other charge whatsoever). The Holder shall be liable for and/or pay any tax, duty or charge in connection with the ownership of and/or any transfer, payment or delivery in respect of the Securities held by such Holder. The Issuer shall have the right, but shall not be obliged, to withhold or deduct from any amount payable such amount, as shall be necessary to account for or to pay any such tax, duty, charge, withholding or other payment.

#### 10. REPLACEMENT OF SECURITIES AND COUPONS

If any Security or Coupon is lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed it may be replaced at the specified office of the Principal Agent (or such other place of which notice shall have been given to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4) upon payment by the claimant of the expenses incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence and indemnity as the Issuer may reasonably require. Mutilated or defaced Securities and Coupons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued. This General Condition will not apply to Securities issued in dematerialised form.

11. ADJUSTMENTS FOR EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION

- (a) Redenomination. The Issuer may, without the consent of any Holder, on giving notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 elect that, with effect from the Adjustment Date specified in such notice, certain terms of the Securities shall be redenominated in euro. The election will have effect as follows:
- (i) where the Settlement Currency is the National Currency Unit of a country which is participating in the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to the Treaty, such Settlement Currency shall be deemed to be an amount of euro converted from the original Settlement Currency into euro at the Established Rate, subject to such provisions (if any) as to rounding as the Issuer may decide and as may be specified in the notice, and after the Adjustment Date, all payments in respect of the Securities will be made solely in euro as though references in the Securities to the Settlement Currency were to euro;
  - (ii) where the Conditions contain a rate of exchange or any of the Conditions are expressed in a National Currency Unit (the “**Original Currency**”) of a country which is participating in the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to the Treaty, such rate of exchange and/or any other terms of the Conditions shall be deemed to be expressed in or, in the case of a rate of exchange, converted for or, as the case may be into, euro at the Established Rate; and
  - (iii) such other changes shall be made to the Conditions as the Issuer may decide to conform them to conventions then applicable to instruments expressed in euro.
- (b) Adjustment to Conditions. The Issuer may, without the consent of the Holders, on giving notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 make such adjustments to the Conditions as the Issuer may determine to be appropriate to account for the effect of the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to the Treaty on the Conditions.
- (c) Euro Conversion Costs. Notwithstanding General Condition 11(a) and/or General Condition 11(b), none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall be liable to any Holder or other person for any commissions, costs, losses or expenses in relation to or resulting from the transfer of euro or any currency conversion or rounding effected in connection therewith.

- (d) Definitions Relating to European Economic and Monetary Union. In this General Condition, the following expressions have the meanings set out below.

“**Adjustment Date**” means a date specified by the Issuer in the notice given to the Holders pursuant to this Condition which falls on or after the date on which the country of the Original Currency or, as the case may be, the Settlement Currency first participates in the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to the Treaty;

“**Established Rate**” means the rate for the conversion of the Original Currency or, as the case may be, the Settlement Currency (including compliance with rules relating to rounding in accordance with applicable European community regulations) into euro established by the Council of the European Union pursuant to Article 123 of the Treaty;

“**National Currency Unit**” means the unit of the currency of a country as those units are defined on the day before the country first participates in the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to the Treaty; and

“**Treaty**” means the treaty establishing the European Community, as amended.

## 12. AGENTS

- (a) Principal Agent and Agents. The Issuer reserves the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of any Agent and to appoint further or additional Agents, provided that no termination of appointment of the principal agent (the “**Principal Agent**”) shall become effective until a replacement Principal Agent shall have been appointed and provided that, if and to the extent that any of the Securities are listed on any stock exchange or publicly offered in any jurisdiction, there shall be an Agent having a specified office in each country required by the rules and regulation of each such stock exchange and each such jurisdiction and provided further that, if and to the extent that any of the Securities are in registered form, there shall be a Registrar and a Transfer Agent (which may be the Registrar), if so specified in the relevant Product Conditions. Notice of any appointment, or termination of appointment, or any change in the specified office, of any Agent will be given to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. Each Agent acts solely as agent of the Issuer and does not assume any obligation or duty to, or any relationship of agency or trust for or with, the Holders or any of them. Any calculations or determinations in respect of the Securities made by an Agent shall (save in the case of manifest error) be final, conclusive and binding on the Holders.

- (b) Calculation Agent. The Issuer or such other Calculation Agent as specified in the applicable Final Terms, shall undertake the duties of calculation agent (the “**Calculation Agent**” which expression shall include any successor calculation agent or assignee as approved by the Issuer) in respect of the Securities unless the Issuer decides to appoint a successor Calculation Agent in accordance with the provisions below.

The Issuer reserves the right at any time to appoint another institution as the Calculation Agent provided that no termination of appointment of the existing Calculation Agent shall become effective until a replacement Calculation Agent shall have been appointed. Notice of any termination or appointment will be given to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

The Calculation Agent acts solely as agent of the Issuer and does not assume any obligation or duty to, or any relationship of agency or trust for or with, the Holders. Any calculations or determinations in respect of the Securities made by the Calculation Agent (whether or not the Issuer) shall (save in the case of manifest error) be final, conclusive and binding on the Holders.

The Calculation Agent may, with the consent of the Issuer (if it is not the Issuer), delegate any of its obligations and functions to a third party as it deems appropriate.

13. SURRENDER OF UNMATURED COUPONS

Each Security should be presented for redemption, where applicable, together with all unmatured Coupons relating to it. Upon the due date for redemption of any Security, where applicable, all unmatured Coupons relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect thereof. This General Condition will not apply to Securities issued in dematerialised form.

14. CONTRACTS (RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES) ACT 1999

No rights are conferred on any person under the English Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any Condition. The preceding sentence shall not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available apart from that Act.

15. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

- (a) The Securities and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Securities, are governed by and shall be construed in accordance with English law.
- (b) The courts of England have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute (including any dispute relating to any non-contractual obligations) (a “**Dispute**”) arising from or in connection with the Securities).

- (c) Subparagraph (b) is for the benefit of the Holders only. As a result, nothing prevents any Holder from taking proceedings relating to a Dispute (“**Proceedings**”) in any other courts with jurisdiction. To the extent allowed by law, Holders may take concurrent Proceedings in any number of jurisdictions.
- (d) The Issuer agrees that the courts of England are the most appropriate and convenient courts to settle any Dispute and, accordingly, that it will not argue to the contrary.

16. METHOD OF PAYMENT

For purposes of any payment on a Security, the Clearing Agents may not be United States persons, as defined for United States Federal income tax purposes, and their respective specified offices may not be located in the United States or any of its possessions. No payment on a Security shall be made by transfer to an account in the United States (including its possessions) or by cheque mailed to an address in the United States (including its possessions).

17. COMMISSIONS, FEES AND REBATES

From time to time, the Issuer may make payments or receive the benefit of payments in relation to the issue of Securities including the following:

- (a) The Issuer may pay to a distributor, sales agent or other intermediary fees or commissions. Such fees or commissions are generally required to be disclosed by distributors, sales agents or intermediaries which, in each case, are EEA investment firms or credit institutions to their clients. Each potential investor in the Securities should satisfy itself as to the amount of any fees or commissions received by intermediaries;
- (b) The Issuer may receive or pay management or other fees from or to third parties. Where such fees are payable, further details of them will be set out in the relevant Final Terms; and
- (c) The Issuer may make payments to or receive the benefit of generic commission, discount and rebate arrangements from Hedge Providers and other transaction counterparties. Such arrangements will be as agreed between the Issuer and the third parties.

The Issuer reserves the right to retain any amounts received without any obligation to pass the benefit of the rebates to investors in the Securities.

18. EVENTS OF DEFAULT

If any one or more of the following events (each an “**Event of Default**”) shall occur and be continuing:



- (a) default is made for more than 30 days in the payment of interest or principal in respect of the Securities; or
- (b) the Issuer fails to perform or observe any of its other obligations under the Securities and such failure has continued for the period of 60 days next following the service on the Issuer of notice requiring the same to be remedied; or
- (c) an order is made or an effective resolution is passed for the winding up of the Issuer (excluding a solvent winding up solely for the purposes of a reconstruction, amalgamation, reorganisation, merger or consolidation in connection with which The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc or any of its subsidiaries assumes the obligations of the Issuer as principal debtor in respect of the Securities),

then any Holder may, by written notice to the Issuer at the specified office of the Principal Agent, effective upon the date of receipt thereof by the Principal Agent, declare the Security held by the holder to be forthwith due and payable whereupon the same shall become forthwith due and payable at the Event of Default Early Termination Amount (as defined below), together with accrued interest (if any) to the date of repayment, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind.

“**Event of Default Early Termination Amount**” means an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent as the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such Event of Default. Where the Securities contain provisions which provide a minimum assured return of principal, howsoever expressed, on the Settlement Date, or a minimum assured return of interest or coupons having regard to prevailing market rates, credit spreads and market liquidity, howsoever expressed, on a relevant interest payment date (if applicable), any such amount to be paid under this General Condition shall not be less than the present value of such minimum assured return of principal and/or interest or coupons, such present value being determined by the Calculation Agent.

#### 19. REGISTRAR AND REGISTRY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES CLEARED THROUGH CREST

In respect of Securities cleared through the dematerialised securities system operated by Euroclear UK and Ireland Limited (“**CREST**”), the Issuer has entered into an agreement for the provision of registry services with Computershare Investor Services PLC or otherwise, the person named as the Registrar in the applicable Final Terms (with respect to Securities cleared through CREST, the “**Registrar**” which expression shall include any successor registrar) and the definition of “**Registrar**” for the purposes of the applicable Product Conditions and Final Terms shall be construed accordingly.

Payments in respect of Securities cleared through CREST will be made under an agreement as amended, restated or supplemented from time to time (the “**Registry Services Agreement**”) for the provision of registry services with the Registrar.

In acting under the Registry Services Agreement, the relevant Registrar will act solely as agent of the Issuer and does not assume any obligations or relationships of agency or trust to or with the Holders.

20. PAYMENTS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES CLEARED THROUGH CREST

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Conditions, the Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid any amounts due to a Holder of a Security cleared through CREST to such Holder's cash account with the Operator for value on the relevant payment date, such payment to be made in accordance with the Regulations (as defined in the relevant Product Conditions) and the rules, procedures and practices in effect of the Operator (as defined in the relevant Product Conditions). The Issuer's obligations in relation to such amounts in respect of Securities cleared through CREST will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Operator. Each of the persons shown in the Operator register of corporate securities as the holder of a particular nominal amount of Securities cleared through CREST must look solely to the Operator for his share of each such payment so made by the Issuer to, or to the order of, the Operator.

21. TRANSFER AND CONSISTENCY REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES CLEARED THROUGH CREST

No provisions of any of the Conditions shall (notwithstanding anything contained therein) apply or have effect to the extent that it is in any respect inconsistent with (i) the holding of title to Securities cleared through CREST (ii) the transfer of title to Securities cleared through CREST by means of a relevant system, or (iii) the Regulations.

Without prejudice to the generality of the preceding sentence and notwithstanding anything contained in the Conditions, so long as Securities cleared through CREST are participating securities, (a) any such Securities which are not for the time being in all respects identical to, or do not for the time being have rights attached thereto identical in all respects to those attached to other Securities cleared through CREST of the same Series, shall be deemed to constitute a separate Series of Securities, (b) the Register (as defined in the relevant Product Conditions) relating to Securities cleared through CREST shall be maintained at all times in the United Kingdom, (c) Securities cleared through CREST will be issued in uncertificated form in accordance with and subject as provided in the Regulations, and (d) for the avoidance of doubt, and any Conditions in relation to any Securities cleared through CREST shall remain applicable notwithstanding that they are not endorsed on any certificate for such Securities.

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**CONDITIONS: GENERAL CONDITIONS: SUBSTITUTION CONDITIONS**

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1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

- (c) Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Substitution Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions, the Product Conditions or the applicable Final Terms.
- (d) These Substitution Conditions are intended to address the possible changes which (if applicable) would be deemed to be made to the General Conditions, the Product Conditions and the Form of Final Terms in the event of a substitution of the Issuer (as more particularly described in section 2 below). In the event that any capitalised terms used in these Substitution Conditions (which are not otherwise defined in these Substitution Conditions) are not defined in any of the General Conditions, the Product Conditions or the applicable Final Terms, such terms, shall be inapplicable.

2. APPLICATION

In the event of a substitution of the Issuer in accordance with General Condition 8(a)(i) and the Substitute is RBS, the General Conditions, the Product Conditions and the Form of Final Terms shall be deemed to be amended, upon such substitution, as set out below:

- (a) Any reference (however worded and whether express or implied) in the General Conditions or the relevant Product Conditions to:
  - (i) RBS N.V. (or any former name of RBS N.V.) shall, unless the context requires that a reference also continues to be made to RBS N.V. (or any former name of RBS N.V.), be construed as a reference to RBS and any reference to RBS N.V.'s company registration and contact details shall be substituted by a reference to the RBS's company registration and contact details or such contact details as the RBS shall direct;
  - (ii) any director, officer, representative or employee of RBS N.V., shall be construed as a reference to the directors, officers, representatives or employees of RBS or to such director, officer, representative or employee of RBS as RBS may nominate for that purpose;
  - (iii) a rate, charge, tariff or scale of fees or to terms or conditions published, determined, ascertained, varied or amended from time to time by RBS N.V. shall afford to RBS the same right under the General Conditions and/or the

- relevant Product Conditions as RBS N.V. had to publish, determine, ascertain, vary or amend such rates, charges, tariffs, scales of fees, terms or conditions;
- (iv) “De Nederlandsche Bank” or “DNB” shall be construed as a reference to the Financial Services Authority (or such successor governmental department, regulatory authority or other official body from time to time exercising supervisory powers in relation to financial services in the United Kingdom) unless such reference relates to past consents, authorisations, approvals and/or decisions of DNB or the context requires otherwise; and
  - (v) a website of RBS N.V. or the website “www.abnamro.com” shall be construed as a reference to the equivalent website of RBS.
- (b) Where the relevant Product Conditions include a definition of “Notional Dividend Amount”, to the extent that the cash dividends and/or other cash distributions in respect of the relevant Share or Reference Asset (as applicable) are subject to Dutch dividend withholding tax as a result of being paid by a Dutch resident company within the meaning of article 1, paragraph 1 of the Dutch Act on Dividend Tax 1965 (*Wet op de dividendbelasting 1965*) (or any replacement legislation), references to “net of applicable withholding taxes at a rate adjusted by application of any relevant double tax treaty without regard to any tax credits” in the definition of “Notional Dividend Amount”, shall mean “net of applicable withholding taxes at a rate adjusted by application of any relevant double tax treaty having regard to any tax credits or refunds for the purposes of Dutch corporate income tax under article 25, paragraph 1 of the Dutch Act on Corporate Taxation 1969 (*Wet op de vennootschapsbelasting 1969*) (or any replacement legislation) which the Issuer determines in its absolute discretion has been or will be obtained in relation to such withholding tax (without reference to any relevant double tax treaty), but otherwise without regard to any other tax credits or refunds”. For the avoidance of doubt, any substitution of the Issuer in accordance with General Condition 8 shall not mean that references above to “Dutch” are to be read as references to any other jurisdiction.
- (c) Where the General Conditions or relevant Product Conditions specify an event of default referable to:
- (i) the winding-up, liquidation or bankruptcy of the issuer; and
  - (ii) a declaration in respect of the issuer being made under Chapter X of the Dutch 1992 Act on the Supervision of the Credit System (*Wet toezicht kredietwezen 1992*) or under Chapter 3.5 or 3.5.5 of the Dutch Act on Financial Supervision (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*),

or words or expressions to similar effect, such references shall instead be deemed to refer to the issuer becoming subject to (a) bank administration or bank insolvency under the United Kingdom Banking Act 2009 or (b) administration or liquidation under the United Kingdom Insolvency Act 1986, but shall be deemed to exclude any order or resolution for the solvent liquidation of the issuer which is made or passed in connection with a merger, consolidation or other form of combination with another company where such company assumes all obligations contracted by the issuer in connection with the relevant Security.

- (d) Where the General Conditions, Product Conditions or Form of Final Terms refer to:
- (i) RBS N.V. acting through “its London branch at 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA” (or make substantially similar provision), such references shall be replaced by references to RBS acting through “its principal office at 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA or its principal office in London for the time being”;
  - (ii) RBS N.V. acting through “its principal office at Gustav Mahlerlaan 10, 1082 PP Amsterdam, The Netherlands” or “its principal office at Gustav Mahlerlaan 350, 1082 ME Amsterdam, The Netherlands” (or make substantially similar provision), such references shall be replaced by references to RBS acting through “its Amsterdam branch” or if such branch is not in existence, such references shall be made instead to RBS without reference to a branch; and
  - (iii) “The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V., Amsterdam”, such references shall be replaced by references to “The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh”.

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS  
RELATING TO COMMODITY TURBO LONG CERTIFICATES**

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

1. DEFINITIONS

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

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

“**Calculation Period**” means the number of calendar days from (but excluding) a Reset Date to (and including) the next following Reset Date;

“**Cash Amount**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

(a) Upon Exercise:

(Final Reference Price - Current Financing Level) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Exercise Cash Amount**”); or

(b) Upon an Issuer Call:

(Termination Reference Price - Current Financing Level) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Issuer Call Cash Amount**”); or

(c) Following a Stop Loss Event:

(Stop Loss Termination Reference Price - Current Financing Level) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Stop Loss Cash Amount**”),

provided that the Cash Amount shall not be less than zero. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is specified in the applicable Final Terms, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

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

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

“**Current Financing Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the Financing Level Currency, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; plus
- (b) Funding Cost.

The Current Financing Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the rate (expressed as a per annum percentage rate) as determined by the Calculation Agent having regard to the Financing Level Currency, prevailing market conditions and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant. The Current Spread may be reset on a Reset Date, subject to the “**Maximum Spread**” (as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) per annum (save that if, in the sole discretion of the Calculation Agent, at any time the market rate for borrowing the Commodity or hedging the Securities with futures materially exceeds such market rate as at the Launch Date, the Current Spread and/or Maximum Spread may be increased to reflect this change). The Current Spread on the Launch Date is the spread specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Stop Loss Premium**” means an amount in the Financing Level Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent on each Reset Date, in its sole and absolute discretion, and subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, having regard to the current market conditions (including, without limitation, market volatility). The Current Stop Loss Premium shall not be less than the “**Minimum Premium**” nor greater than the “**Maximum Premium**” (both as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) of the Current Financing Level, subject to

adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4. The percentage used for calculating the Current Stop Loss Premium (the “**Current Stop Loss Premium Rate**”) on the Launch Date is the rate specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or



- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

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

“**Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, if the Financing Level Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Financing Level Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise**” means (i) a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, or (ii) the automatic exercise of the Securities following the Final Valuation Date in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Exercise Date**” means, subject to a Stop Loss Event, the third Business Day preceding the scheduled Valuation Date, as provided in Product Condition 3;

“**Exercise Time**” means the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the

applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the bid-price of the Commodity quoted on the Reuters page referred to in the definition of Commodity for the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the bid-price of the Commodity on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Commodity and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

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

“**Final Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.

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

“**Funding Cost**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount, as determined on a daily basis by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) Prevailing Rate plus Current Spread; multiplied by
- (b) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; multiplied by
- (c) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360;

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

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

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. incorporated in The Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam acting through its principal office or its branch in London or such further or other branches as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call**” means termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Issuer Call Commencement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call Date**” means the day specified as such in the notice delivered in accordance with Product Condition 3, and if such day is not a Trading Day, means the first succeeding Trading Day unless, in the

determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Termination Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Commodity and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Issuer Call Notice Period**” means the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

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

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

“**Prevailing Rate**” means the rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, for deposits in the Financing Level Currency in the inter-bank market with a maturity of either three months, one month or overnight, as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion or such other maturity as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Commodity are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any

constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depository Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depository Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

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

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

“**Reset Date**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Launch Date and thereafter (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Business Day, or (b) each Business Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the commodity turbo long certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on the Securities Exchange;

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

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

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark,

Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Stop Loss Event**” occurs if, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, the bid low price of the Commodity quoted on the Reuters page specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms is at any time on any Trading Day, from and including the Launch Date, and other than at the Stop Loss Reset Time or a time at which there is, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event, less than or equal to the Stop Loss Price. If no such price is available the price will be determined by the Calculation Agent in its absolute discretion;

“**Stop Loss Price**” means an amount calculated on each Stop Loss Reset Date at the Stop Loss Reset Time (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, as:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the current Stop Loss Reset Date; plus
- (b) the Current Stop Loss Premium on the current Stop Loss Reset Date.

The Stop Loss Price shall be rounded in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Stop Loss Price on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Stop Loss Reset Date**” means (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day and a Securities Trading Day, the Stop Loss Reset Date will be the next following Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day or (b) each Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“**Stop Loss Reset Time**” means the regular weekday opening time of the Securities Exchange;

“**Stop Loss Termination Date**” means the first Trading Day on which the Stop Loss Event occurs;

“**Stop Loss Termination Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, the fair value price for the Commodity, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, by reference to unwinding of the Issuer’s hedging position in respect of the Commodity on a reasonable efforts basis. The Stop Loss Termination Reference Price will be at least the lowest level of the Commodity during the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period;

“**Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period**” means the Stop Loss Termination Date and the following two Trading Days, excluding for this purpose any day on which a Market Disruption Event occurs;

“**Termination Reference Price**” means an amount equal to the bid-price of the Commodity on the Reuters page referred to in the definition of Commodity for the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms at the Valuation Time on the Issuer Call Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction;

“**Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Trigger Event**” means the event specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter, unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event) has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Commodity and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, or such other time as the Issuer may determine in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

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

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be

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

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

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

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

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded

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

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

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

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

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is



available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

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

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

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call, the Securities are exercisable (i) on any Exercise Date by delivery of a Notice prior to the Exercise Time on an Exercise Date or (ii) automatically following the Final Valuation Date.
- (b) Stop Loss Event. Following a Stop Loss Event, the Securities will terminate automatically. A Stop Loss Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Stop Loss Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be.
- (c) Issuer Call. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, the Issuer may terminate the Securities, in whole but not in part, on any Business Day by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.
- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon due Exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following a Stop Loss Event and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive, from the Issuer on the Settlement Date either:
  - (i) the Exercise Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or
  - (ii) the Issuer Call Cash Amount, following a valid Issuer Call; or

- (iii) the Stop Loss Cash Amount, following a Stop Loss Event.
- (e) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (f) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount.
- (g) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with the Cash Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
- (vi) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United

States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other "U.S. person" as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

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

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or,

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

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

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

- (k) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (l) Exercise and Settlement Risk. Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (m) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will

be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.

- (n) Presentation and Surrender. Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred. A “**Market Disruption Event**” means:

- (a) Price Source Disruption. The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the price for the Commodity (or the information necessary for determining such price), or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price by the Exchange; or
- (b) Trading Suspension. The material suspension of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange; or
- (c) Disappearance of Price. The failure of trading to commence, or the permanent discontinuation of trading of the Commodity on the Exchange; or
- (d) Material Change in Formula. The occurrence, since the Launch Date, of a material change in the basis for (including but not limited to the quantity, quality or currency), or method of, calculating the price of the Commodity; or
- (e) Material Change in Content. The occurrence, since the Launch Date, of a material change in the content or composition of the Commodity; or
- (f) De Minimis Trading. The number of contracts traded on the Exchange with respect to the Commodity is such that the Issuer declares that its ability to enter into hedging transactions with respect to the Commodity has been impaired due to a lack of, or a material reduction in, trading in the Commodity on the Exchange; or

- (g) Tax Disruption. The imposition of, change in, or removal of, an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, the Commodity (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Launch Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the price of the Commodity on the Valuation Date and/or on each of the three Trading Days following the Valuation Date and/or any other relevant date following the occurrence of a Stop Loss Event, from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; or
- (h) Trading Limitation. The material limitation imposed on trading in the Commodity with respect to it or any contract with respect to it on any exchange or principal trading market; or
- (i) Moratorium. A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located; or
- (j) Other Events. Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.

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

## 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

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

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS  
RELATING TO COMMODITY TURBO SHORT CERTIFICATES**

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

1. DEFINITIONS

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

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

“**Calculation Period**” means the number of calendar days from (but excluding) a Reset Date to (and including) the next following Reset Date;

“**Cash Amount**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

(a) Upon Exercise:

(Current Financing Level – Final Reference Price) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Exercise Cash Amount**”); or

(b) Upon an Issuer Call:

(Current Financing Level – Termination Reference Price) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Issuer Call Cash Amount**”); or

(c) Following a Stop Loss Event:

(Current Financing Level – Stop Loss Termination Reference Price) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Stop Loss Cash Amount**”),

provided that the Cash Amount shall not be less than zero. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is specified in the applicable Final Terms, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

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

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

“**Current Financing Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the Financing Level Currency, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; plus
- (b) Funding Cost.

The Current Financing Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the rate (expressed as a per annum percentage rate) as determined by the Calculation Agent having regard to the Financing Level Currency, prevailing market conditions and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant. The Current Spread may be reset on a Reset Date, subject to the “**Maximum Spread**” (as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) per annum (save that if, in the sole discretion of the Calculation Agent, at any time the market rate for borrowing the Commodity or hedging the Securities with futures materially exceeds such market rate as at the Launch Date, the Current Spread and/or Maximum Spread may be increased to reflect this change). The Current Spread on the Launch Date is the spread specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Stop Loss Premium**” means an amount in the Financing Level Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent on each Reset Date, in its sole and absolute discretion, and subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, having regard to the current market conditions (including, without limitation, market volatility). The Current Stop Loss Premium shall not be less than the “**Minimum Premium**” nor greater than the “**Maximum Premium**” (both as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) of the Current Financing Level, subject to



adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4. The percentage used for calculating the Current Stop Loss Premium (the “**Current Stop Loss Premium Rate**”) on the Launch Date is the rate specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

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

“**Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, if the Financing Level Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Financing Level Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise**” means (i) a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, or (ii) the automatic exercise of the Securities following the Final Valuation Date in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Exercise Date**” means, subject to a Stop Loss Event, the third Business Day preceding the scheduled Valuation Date, as provided in Product Condition 3;

“**Exercise Time**” means the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the

applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the ask-price of the Commodity quoted on the Reuters page referred to in the definition of Commodity for the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the ask-price of the Commodity on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Commodity and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

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

“**Final Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.

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

“**Funding Cost**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount, as determined on a daily basis by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) Prevailing Rate minus Current Spread; multiplied by
- (b) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; multiplied by
- (c) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360.

The Funding Cost may be a negative number;

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

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

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. incorporated in The Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam acting through its principal office or its branch in London or such further or other branches as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call**” means termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Issuer Call Commencement Date**” means the date specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call Date**” means the day specified as such in the notice delivered in accordance with Product

Condition 3, and if such day is not a Trading Day, means the first succeeding Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Termination Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Commodity and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

**“Issuer Call Notice Period”** means the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

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

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

**“Prevailing Rate”** means the rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, for deposits in the Financing Level Currency in the inter-bank market with a maturity of either three months, one month or overnight, as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion or such other maturity as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4;

**“Pricing Date”** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

**“Related Exchange”** means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Commodity are traded;

**“Relevant Currency”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency

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

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

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

“**Reset Date**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Launch Date and thereafter (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Business Day, or (b) each Business Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“**Securities**” means the commodity turbo short certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on the Securities Exchange;

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

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

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark,

Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Stop Loss Event**” occurs if, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, the high ask price of the Commodity quoted on the Reuters page specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms is at any time on any Trading Day, from and including the Launch Date, and other than at the Stop Loss Reset Time or a time at which there is, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event, greater than or equal to the Stop Loss Price. If no such price is available the price will be determined by the Calculation Agent in its absolute discretion;

“**Stop Loss Price**” means an amount calculated on each Stop Loss Reset Date at the Stop Loss Reset Time (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, as:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the current Stop Loss Reset Date; minus
- (b) the Current Stop Loss Premium on the current Stop Loss Reset Date.

The Stop Loss Price shall be rounded in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Stop Loss Price on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Stop Loss Reset Date**” means (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day and a Securities Trading Day, the Stop Loss Reset Date will be the next following Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day or (b) each Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“**Stop Loss Reset Time**” means the regular weekday opening time of the Securities Exchange;

“**Stop Loss Termination Date**” means the first Trading Day on which the Stop Loss Event occurs;

“**Stop Loss Termination Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, the fair value price for the Commodity, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, by reference to unwinding of the Issuer’s hedging position in respect of the Commodity on a reasonable efforts basis. The Stop Loss Termination Reference Price will be at most the highest level of the Commodity during the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period;

“**Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period**” means the Stop Loss Termination Date and the following two Trading Days, excluding for this purpose any day on which a Market Disruption Event occurs;

“**Termination Reference Price**” means an amount equal to the ask-price of the Commodity on the Reuters page referred to in the definition of Commodity for the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms at the Valuation Time on the Issuer Call Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction;

“**Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Trigger Event**” means the event specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event) has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Commodity and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, or such other time as the Issuer may determine in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

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

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be

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

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

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

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

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded



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

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

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

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

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is

available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

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

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

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call, the Securities are exercisable (i) on any Exercise Date by delivery of a Notice (as defined below) prior to the Exercise Time on an Exercise Date or (ii) automatically following the Final Valuation Date.
- (b) Stop Loss Event. Following a Stop Loss Event, the Securities will terminate automatically. A Stop Loss Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Stop Loss Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date as the case may be.
- (c) Issuer Call. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, the Issuer may terminate the Securities, in whole but not in part, on any Business Day by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.
- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon due Exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following a Stop Loss Event and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive, from the Issuer on the Settlement Date either:
  - (i) the Exercise Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or
  - (ii) the Issuer Call Cash Amount, following a valid Issuer Call; or

- (iii) the Stop Loss Cash Amount, following a Stop Loss Event.
- (e) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (f) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount.
- (g) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with the Cash Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
- (vi) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United

States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other "U.S. person" as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

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

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or,

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

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

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

- (k) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (l) Exercise and Settlement Risk. Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (m) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will

be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.

- (n) Presentation and Surrender. Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred. A “**Market Disruption Event**” means:

- (a) Price Source Disruption. The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the price for the Commodity (or the information necessary for determining such price), or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price by the Exchange; or
- (b) Trading Suspension. The material suspension of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange; or
- (c) Disappearance of Price. The failure of trading to commence, or the permanent discontinuation of trading of the Commodity on the Exchange; or
- (d) Material Change in Formula. The occurrence, since the Launch Date, of a material change in the basis for (including but not limited to the quantity, quality or currency), or method of, calculating the price of the Commodity; or
- (e) Material Change in Content. The occurrence, since the Launch Date, of a material change in the content or composition of the Commodity; or
- (f) De Minimis Trading. The number of contracts traded on the Exchange with respect to the Commodity is such that the Issuer declares that its ability to enter into hedging transactions with respect to the Commodity has been impaired due to a lack of, or a material reduction in, trading in the Commodity on the Exchange; or

- (g) Tax Disruption. The imposition of, change in, or removal of, an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, the Commodity (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Launch Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the price of the Commodity on the Valuation Date and/or on each of the three Trading Days following the Valuation Date and/or any other relevant date following the occurrence of a Stop Loss Event, from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; or
- (h) Trading Limitation. The material limitation imposed on trading in the Commodity with respect to it or any contract with respect to it on any exchange or principal trading market; or
- (i) Moratorium. A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located; or
- (j) Other Events. Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.

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

## 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

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

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS  
RELATING TO CURRENCY TURBO LONG CERTIFICATES**

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

1. DEFINITIONS

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

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

“**Calculation Period**” means the number of calendar days from (but excluding) a Reset Date to (and including) the next following Reset Date;

“**Cash Amount**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) Upon Exercise:  
 $(\text{Final Reference Price} - \text{Current Financing Level}) \times \text{Entitlement}$ , less Expenses (the “**Exercise Cash Amount**”); or
- (b) Upon an Issuer Call:  
 $(\text{Termination Reference Price} - \text{Current Financing Level}) \times \text{Entitlement}$ , less Expenses (the “**Issuer Call Cash Amount**”); or
- (c) Following a Stop Loss Event:  
 $(\text{Stop Loss Termination Reference Price} - \text{Current Financing Level}) \times \text{Entitlement}$ , less Expenses (the “**Stop Loss Cash Amount**”),



provided that the Cash Amount shall not be less than zero. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

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

“**Current Financing Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the Financing Level Currency, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; plus
- (b) Funding Cost.

The Current Financing Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the rate (expressed as a per annum percentage rate) as determined by the Calculation Agent having regard to the Financing Level Currency, prevailing market conditions and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant. The Current Spread may be reset on a Reset Date, subject to the “**Maximum Spread**” (as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) per annum (save that if, in the sole discretion of the Calculation Agent, at any time the market rate for borrowing the Commodity or hedging the Securities with futures materially exceeds such market rate as at the Launch Date, the Current Spread and/or Maximum Spread may be increased to reflect this change). The Current Spread on the Launch Date is the spread specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Stop Loss Premium**” means an amount in the Financing Level Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent on each Reset Date, in its sole and absolute discretion, and subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, having regard to the current market conditions (including, without limitation, market volatility). The Current Stop Loss Premium shall (subject to any rounding) not be less than the “**Minimum Premium**” nor greater than the “**Maximum Premium**” (both as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) of the Current Financing Level, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4. The percentage used for calculating the Current Stop Loss Premium (the “**Current Stop Loss Premium Rate**”) on the Launch Date is the rate specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) **Illiquidity.** It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or

- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

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

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

“**Exercise**” means (i) a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3 or (ii) the automatic exercise of the Securities following the Final Valuation Date;

“**Exercise Date**” means, subject to a Stop Loss Event, the third Business Day preceding the scheduled Valuation Date, as provided in Product Condition 3;

“**Exercise Time**” means the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, or if Final Reference Price is not so specified, an amount equal to the bid-price of the Underlying FX Rate quoted on Reuters page EUROFX/1 at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation

Agent as its good faith estimate of the bid-price of the Underlying FX Rate on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Underlying FX Rate and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

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

“**Final Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.

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

“**Funding Cost**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount, as determined on a daily basis by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) Prevailing Rate for the Financing Level Currency plus Current Spread minus the Prevailing Rate for the Settlement Currency (or Underlying Currency where Underlying Currency is defined); multiplied by
- (b) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; multiplied by
- (c) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360.

The Funding Cost may be negative;

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

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

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. incorporated in The Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam acting through its principal office or its branch in London or such further or other branches as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call**” means termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Issuer Call Commencement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call Date**” means the day specified as such in the notice delivered in accordance with Product Condition 3 unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent

determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Termination Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Underlying FX Rate and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Issuer Call Notice Period**” means the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

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

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

“**Prevailing Rate**” means the rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, for deposits in the Financing Level Currency or the Settlement Currency (or Underlying Currency where Underlying Currency is defined in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) (as appropriate) in the inter-bank market with a maturity of either three months, one month or overnight, as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion or such other maturity as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge

fund, or an American Depository Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depository Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

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

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

“**Reset Date**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Launch Date and thereafter (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Business Day, or (b) each Business Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“**Securities**” means the currency turbo long certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on the Securities Exchange;

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

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

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“**Stop Loss Event**” occurs if, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, the low price of the Underlying FX Rate quoted on the Reuters page specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms on any day, from and including the Launch Date, and other than at the Stop Loss Reset Time or a time at which there is, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event, is less than or equal to the Stop Loss Price. If no such low price is available, the low price will be determined by the Calculation Agent in its absolute discretion;

“**Stop Loss Price**” means an amount calculated on each Stop Loss Reset Date at the Stop Loss Reset Time (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, as:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the current Stop Loss Reset Date; plus
- (b) the Current Stop Loss Premium on the current Stop Loss Reset Date.

The Stop Loss Price shall be rounded in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Stop Loss Price on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Stop Loss Reset Date**” means (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day and a Securities Trading Day, the Stop Loss Reset Date will be the next following Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day or (b) each Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“**Stop Loss Reset Time**” means the regular weekday opening time of the Securities Exchange;

“**Stop Loss Termination Date**” means the first day on which the Stop Loss Event occurs;

“**Stop Loss Termination Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) equal to the higher of (i) the fair value price of the Underlying FX Rate as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, by reference to unwinding of the Issuer’s hedging position in respect of the Underlying FX Rate on a reasonable efforts basis and (ii) the lowest level of the Underlying FX Rate during the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period;

“**Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period**” means the Stop Loss Termination Date and the following two Business Days, excluding for this purpose any day on which a Market Disruption Event occurs;

“**Termination Reference Price**” means an amount as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in

the applicable Final Terms, or if Termination Reference Price is not so specified, an amount equal to the bid-price of the Underlying FX Rate quoted on Reuters page EUROFX/1 at the Valuation Time on the Issuer Call Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction;

“**Trigger Event**” means the event specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Underlying Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if no such currency is so specified, shall not be applicable;

“**Underlying FX Rate**” means the rate specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter, unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event) has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Underlying FX Rate and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, or such other time as the Issuer may determine in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

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

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of



the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

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

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

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

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall

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

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

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

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

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody->

settlement/mainregister.htm.

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

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

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call, the Securities are exercisable (i) on any Exercise Date by delivery of a Notice (as defined below) prior to the Exercise Time on an Exercise Date or (ii) automatically following the Final Valuation Date.
- (b) Stop Loss Event. Following a Stop Loss Event, the Securities will terminate automatically. A Stop Loss Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Stop Loss Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be.
- (c) Issuer Call. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, the Issuer may terminate the Securities, in whole but not in part, on any Business Day by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.
- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon due Exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following a Stop Loss Event and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive, from the Issuer on the Settlement Date either:
  - (i) the Exercise Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or
  - (ii) the Issuer Call Cash Amount, following a valid Issuer Call; or

- (iii) the Stop Loss Cash Amount, following a Stop Loss Event.
- (e) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (f) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount.
- (g) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with the Cash Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
- (vi) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United

States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other "U.S. person" as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

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

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or,

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

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

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

- (k) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (l) Exercise and Settlement Risk. Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (m) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will

be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.

- (n) Presentation and Surrender. Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred. A “**Market Disruption Event**” means:

- (a) Price Source Disruption. If it becomes impossible to obtain the Underlying FX Rate on the Valuation Date, the Issuer Call Date or any other relevant date following the occurrence of a Stop Loss Event, in the inter-bank market; or
- (b) Governmental Default. If with respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (i) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (ii) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (iii) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or

- (c) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (i) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Underlying FX Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Financing Level Currency or (ii) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Financing Level Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Financing Level Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Financing Level Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (d) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates), of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Financing Level Currency; or
- (e) Illiquidity. Any impossibility in obtaining a firm quote for the Underlying FX Rate or the Financing Level Currency for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (f) Other Events. Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.

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

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

## 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute “significant new factors”



and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS  
RELATING TO CURRENCY TURBO SHORT CERTIFICATES**

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

1. DEFINITIONS

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

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

“**Calculation Period**” means the number of calendar days from (but excluding) a Reset Date to (and including) the next following Reset Date;

“**Cash Amount**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

(a) Upon Exercise:

(Current Financing Level – Final Reference Price) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Exercise Cash Amount**”); or

(b) Upon an Issuer Call:

(Current Financing Level – Termination Reference Price) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Issuer Call Cash Amount**”); or

(c) Following a Stop Loss Event:

(Current Financing Level – Stop Loss Termination Reference Price) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Stop Loss Cash Amount**”),

provided that the Cash Amount shall not be less than zero. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

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

“**Current Financing Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the Financing Level Currency, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; plus
- (b) Funding Cost.

The Current Financing Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the rate (expressed as a per annum percentage rate) as determined by the Calculation Agent having regard to the Financing Level Currency, prevailing market conditions and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant. The Current Spread may be reset on a Reset Date, subject to the “**Maximum Spread**” (as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) per annum (save that if, in the sole discretion of the Calculation Agent, at any time the market rate for borrowing the Commodity or hedging the Securities with futures materially exceeds such market rate as at the Launch Date, the Current Spread and/or Maximum Spread may be increased to reflect this change). The Current Spread on the Launch Date is the spread specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Stop Loss Premium**” means an amount in the Financing Level Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent on each Reset Date, in its sole and absolute discretion, and subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, having regard to the current market conditions (including, without limitation, market volatility). The Current Stop Loss Premium shall (subject to any rounding) not be less than the “**Minimum Premium**” nor greater than the “**Maximum Premium**” (both as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) of the Current Financing Level, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4. The percentage used for calculating the Current Stop Loss Premium (the “**Current Stop Loss Premium Rate**”) on the Launch Date is the rate specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) **Illiquidity.** It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or

- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

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

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

“**Exercise**” means (i) a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3 or (ii) the automatic exercise of the Securities following the Final Valuation Date;

“**Exercise Date**” means, subject to a Stop Loss Event, the third Business Day preceding the scheduled Valuation Date, as provided in Product Condition 3;

“**Exercise Time**” means the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, or if Final Reference Price is not so specified, an amount equal to the ask-price of the Underlying FX Rate quoted on Reuters page EUROFX/1 at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation

Agent as its good faith estimate of the ask-price of the Underlying FX Rate on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Underlying FX Rate and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

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

“**Final Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.

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

“**Funding Cost**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount, as determined on a daily basis by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) Prevailing Rate for the Financing Level Currency minus Current Spread minus the Prevailing Rate for the Settlement Currency (or Underlying Currency where Underlying Currency is defined); multiplied by
- (b) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; multiplied by
- (c) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360.

The Funding Cost may be a negative number;

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

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

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. incorporated in The Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam acting through its principal office or its branch in London or such further or other branches as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call**” means termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Issuer Call Commencement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call Date**” means the day specified as such in the notice delivered in accordance with Product Condition 3 unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent

determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Termination Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Underlying FX Rate and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Issuer Call Notice Period**” means the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

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

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

“**Prevailing Rate**” means the rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, for deposits in the Financing Level Currency or the Settlement Currency (or Underlying Currency where Underlying Currency is defined in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) (as appropriate) in the inter-bank market with a maturity of either three months, one month or overnight, as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion or such other maturity as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge

fund, or an American Depository Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depository Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

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

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

“**Reset Date**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Launch Date and thereafter (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Business Day, or (b) each Business Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“**Securities**” means the currency turbo short certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on the Securities Exchange;

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

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

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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



“**Stop Loss Event**” occurs if, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, the high price of the Underlying FX Rate quoted on the Reuters page specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms on any day, from and including the Launch Date, and other than at the Stop Loss Reset Time or a time at which there is, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event, is greater than or equal to the Stop Loss Price. If no such high price is available the high price will be determined by the Calculation Agent in its absolute discretion;

“**Stop Loss Price**” means an amount calculated on each Stop Loss Reset Date at the Stop Loss Reset Time (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, as:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the current Stop Loss Reset Date; minus
- (b) the Current Stop Loss Premium on the current Stop Loss Reset Date.

The Stop Loss Price shall be rounded in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Stop Loss Price on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Stop Loss Reset Date**” means (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day and a Securities Trading Day, the Stop Loss Reset Date will be the next following Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day or (b) each Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“**Stop Loss Reset Time**” means the regular weekday opening time of the Securities Exchange;

“**Stop Loss Termination Date**” means the first day on which the Stop Loss Event occurs;

“**Stop Loss Termination Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) equal to the higher of (i) the fair value price of the Underlying FX Rate as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, by reference to unwinding of the Issuer’s hedging position in respect of the Underlying FX Rate on a reasonable efforts basis and (ii) the highest level of the Underlying FX Rate during the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period;

“**Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period**” means the Stop Loss Termination Date and the following two Business Days, excluding for this purpose any day on which a Market Disruption Event occurs;

“**Termination Reference Price**” means an amount as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in

the applicable Final Terms, or if Termination Reference Price is not so specified, an amount equal to the ask-price of the Underlying FX Rate quoted on Reuters page EUROFX/1 at the Valuation Time on the Issuer Call Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction;

“**Trigger Event**” means the event specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Underlying Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or if no such currency is so specified, shall not be applicable;

“**Underlying FX Rate**” means the rate specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter, unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event) has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Days (shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Underlying FX Rate and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, or such other time as the Issuer may determine in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

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

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of

the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

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

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

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

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall

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

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

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

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

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody->

settlement/mainregister.htm.

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

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

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call, the Securities are exercisable (i) on any Exercise Date by delivery of a Notice (as defined below) prior to the Exercise Time on an Exercise Date or (ii) automatically following the Final Valuation Date.
- (b) Stop Loss Event. Following a Stop Loss Event, the Securities will terminate automatically. A Stop Loss Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Stop Loss Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date as the case may be.
- (c) Issuer Call. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, the Issuer may terminate the Securities, in whole but not in part, on any Business Day by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.
- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon due Exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following a Stop Loss Event and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive, from the Issuer on the Settlement Date either:

The Exercise Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or

- (i) The Issuer Call Cash Amount, following a valid Issuer Call; or

- (ii) The Stop Loss Cash Amount, following a Stop Loss Event.
- (e) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (f) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount.
- (g) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with the Cash Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
- (vi) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United

States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other "U.S. person" as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

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

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or,

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

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

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

- (k) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (l) Exercise and Settlement Risk. Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (m) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will



be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.

- (n) Presentation and Surrender. Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred. A “**Market Disruption Event**” means:

- (a) Price Source Disruption. If it becomes impossible to obtain the Underlying FX Rate on the Valuation Date, the Issuer Call Date or any other relevant date following the occurrence of a Stop Loss Event, in the inter-bank market; or
- (b) Governmental Default. If with respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (i) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (ii) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (iii) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or

- (c) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (i) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Underlying FX Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Financing Level Currency or (ii) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Financing Level Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Financing Level Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Financing Level Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (d) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates), of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Financing Level Currency; or
- (e) Illiquidity. Any impossibility in obtaining a firm quote for the Underlying FX Rate or the Financing Level Currency for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (f) Other Events. Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.

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

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

## 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute “significant new factors”

and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS  
RELATING TO SINGLE STOCK TURBO LONG CERTIFICATES**

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

1. DEFINITIONS

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

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

“**Calculation Period**” means the number of calendar days from (but excluding) a Reset Date to (and including) the next following Reset Date;

“**Cash Amount**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

(a) Upon Exercise:

(Final Reference Price – Current Financing Level) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Exercise Cash Amount**”); or

(b) Upon an Issuer Call:

(Termination Reference Price – Current Financing Level) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Issuer Call Cash Amount**”); or

(c) Following a Stop Loss Event:

(Stop Loss Termination Reference Price – Current Financing Level) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Stop Loss Cash Amount**”),

provided that the Cash Amount shall not be less than zero. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is specified in the applicable Final Terms, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

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

“**Current Financing Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the Financing Level Currency, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; plus
- (b) Funding Cost; and minus
- (c) Notional Dividend Amounts.

The Current Financing Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the rate (expressed as a per annum percentage rate) as determined by the Calculation Agent having regard to the Financing Level Currency, prevailing market conditions and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant. The Current Spread may be reset on a Reset Date, subject to the “**Maximum Spread**” (as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) per annum (save that if, in the sole discretion of the Calculation Agent, at any time the market rate for borrowing the Share or hedging the Securities with futures materially exceeds such market rate as at the Launch Date, the Current Spread and/or Maximum Spread may be increased to reflect this change). The Current Spread on the Launch Date is the spread specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Stop Loss Premium**” means an amount in the Financing Level Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent on each Reset Date, in its sole and absolute discretion, and subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, having regard to the current market conditions (including, without limitation, market volatility). The Current Stop Loss Premium shall not be less than the “**Minimum Premium**” nor greater than the “**Maximum Premium**” (both as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) of the Current Financing Level, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4. The percentage used for calculating the Current

Stop Loss Premium (the “**Current Stop Loss Premium Rate**”) on the Launch Date is the rate specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

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

“**Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, if the Financing Level Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Financing Level Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise**” means (i) a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3 or (ii) the automatic exercise of the Securities following the Final Valuation Date;

“**Exercise Date**” means, subject to a Stop Loss Event, the third Business Day preceding the scheduled Valuation Date;

“**Exercise Time**” means the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the

applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the price of the Share on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Share on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

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

“**Final Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.

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

“**Funding Cost**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount, as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) Prevailing Rate plus Current Spread; multiplied by
- (b) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; multiplied by
- (c) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360;

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

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

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. incorporated in The Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam acting through its principal office or its branch in London or such further or other branches as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call**” means termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Issuer Call Commencement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call Date**” means the day specified as such in the notice delivered in accordance with Product Condition 3, and if such day is not a Trading Day, means the first succeeding Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which



case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Termination Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

**“Issuer Call Notice Period”** means the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

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

**“Notional Dividend Amount”** means, if “Notional Dividend Amount” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to the sum of the cash dividends and/or other cash distributions in respect of the Share which have an ex-dividend date occurring during the Notional Dividend Period net of applicable withholding taxes at a rate adjusted by application of any relevant double tax treaty without regard to any tax credits;

**“Notional Dividend Period”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each period from (but excluding) the Launch Date to (and including) the earlier of the next following Reset Date, Issuer Call Date, the Valuation Date or the Stop Loss Termination Date and thereafter from (but excluding) the Reset Date to (and including) the earlier of the next following Reset Date, the Issuer Call Date, the Valuation Date or the Stop Loss Termination Date;

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

**“Prevailing Rate”** means the rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, for deposits in the Financing Level Currency in the inter-bank market with a maturity of either three months, one month or overnight, as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and

absolute discretion or such other maturity as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Share are traded;

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

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

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

“**Reset Date**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Launch Date and thereafter (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Business Day, or (b) each Business Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“**Securities**” means the single stock turbo long certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption

Event, would have been) a trading day on the Securities Exchange;

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

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

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Share**” means the share specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4, and “**Shares**” shall be construed accordingly;

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

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

“**Stop Loss Event**” occurs if, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, the price of the Share on the Exchange is at any time on any Trading Day, from and including the Launch Date, and other than at the Stop Loss Reset Time or a time at which there is, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event, less than or equal to the Stop Loss Price. If no such price is available the price will be determined by the Calculation Agent in its absolute discretion;

“**Stop Loss Price**” means an amount calculated on each Stop Loss Reset Date at the Stop Loss Reset Time (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, as:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the current Stop Loss Reset Date; plus
- (b) the Current Stop Loss Premium on the current Stop Loss Reset Date.

The Stop Loss Price shall be rounded in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Stop Loss Price on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Stop Loss Reset Date**” means (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day and a

Securities Trading Day, the Stop Loss Reset Date will be the next following Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day or (b) each Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“**Stop Loss Reset Time**” means the regular weekday opening time of the Securities Exchange;

“**Stop Loss Termination Date**” means the first Trading Day on which the Stop Loss Event occurs;

“**Stop Loss Termination Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, the fair value price for the Share, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, by reference to unwinding of the Issuer’s hedging position in respect of the Share on a reasonable efforts basis. The Stop Loss Termination Reference Price will be at least the lowest price of the Share during the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period;

“**Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period**” means the Stop Loss Termination Date and the following two Trading Days, excluding for this purpose any day on which a Market Disruption Event occurs;

“**Termination Reference Price**” means an amount equal to the price of the Share on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Issuer Call Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction;

“**Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange and Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or the Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Trigger Event**” means the event specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event) has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means close of trading on the relevant Exchange in relation to a Share or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

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

## 2. FORM

- (a) **Global Form.** Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.
- (b) **Dematerialised Form.** Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”) (if applicable). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

If CREST is specified as the Clearing Agent in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will be cleared through CREST. Such Securities will be registered securities in dematerialised and uncertificated form, and will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations

2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “**Regulations**”).

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

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

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

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

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

(the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

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

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

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call, the Securities are exercisable (i) on any Exercise Date by delivery of a Notice (as defined below) prior to the Exercise Time on an Exercise Date or (ii) automatically following the Final Valuation Date.
- (b) Stop Loss Event. Following a Stop Loss Event, the Securities will terminate automatically. A Stop Loss Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Stop Loss Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date as the case may be.
- (c) Issuer Call. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, the Issuer may terminate the Securities, in whole but not in part, on any Business Day by giving Holders at least the

Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.

- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon due Exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following a Stop Loss Event and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date either:
  - (i) the Exercise Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or
  - (ii) the Issuer Call Cash Amount, following a valid Issuer Call; or
  - (iii) the Stop Loss Cash Amount, following a Stop Loss Event.
- (e) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (f) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent or any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount.

The purchase of Securities does not confer on any holder of such Securities any rights (whether in respect of voting, distributions or otherwise) attached to the Shares.

- (g) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;



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

Security with respect to which a Notice has been delivered to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date.

- (j) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is not delivered to the Registrar, in each case as provided in the Conditions, shall be void.

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

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

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

- (k) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (l) Exercise and Settlement Risk. Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar

shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.

- (m) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (n) Presentation and Surrender. Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

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

“**Market Disruption Event**” means:

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

the relevant exchange or otherwise): (A) the Shares on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed; or (B) any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Share on any Related Exchange, if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material; or

- (ii) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located.

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

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

- (i) make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any one or more of the Conditions as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect; and
- (ii) determine the effective date of that adjustment.

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

**“Potential Adjustment Event”** means any of the following: (i) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Shares (unless a Merger Event) or a free distribution or dividend of such Shares to existing holders by way of bonus, capitalisation, recapitalisation or similar issue; (ii) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the relevant Shares of (A) such Shares, or (B) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the Share Company equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of such

Shares, or (C) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (cash or other) at less than the prevailing market price as determined by the Calculation Agent; (iii) an extraordinary dividend; (iv) a distribution of cash dividends on the Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (v) a call by the Share Company in respect of relevant Shares that are not fully paid; (vi) a repurchase by the Share Company of relevant Shares whether out of profits or capital and whether the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise; or (vii) any other similar event that may have a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

a majority of the voting power of the Share Company to the offeror, in each case if the Merger Date is on or before the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or before or during the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period.

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

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

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

#### 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

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

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**RELATING TO SINGLE STOCK TURBO SHORT CERTIFICATES**

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

1. DEFINITIONS

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

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

“**Calculation Period**” means the number of calendar days from (but excluding) a Reset Date to (and including) the next following Reset Date;

“**Cash Amount**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

(a) Upon Exercise:

(Current Financing Level – Final Reference Price) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Exercise Cash Amount**”); or

(b) Upon an Issuer Call:

(Current Financing Level – Termination Reference Price) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Issuer Call Cash Amount**”); or

(c) Following a Stop Loss Event:

(Current Financing Level – Stop Loss Termination Reference Price) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Stop Loss Cash Amount**”),



provided that the Cash Amount shall not be less than zero. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is specified in the applicable Final Terms and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

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

“**Current Financing Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the Financing Level Currency, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; plus
- (b) Funding Cost; and minus
- (c) Notional Dividend Amounts.

The Current Financing Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the rate (expressed as a per annum percentage rate) as determined by the Calculation Agent having regard to the Financing Level Currency, prevailing market conditions and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant. The Current Spread may be reset on a Reset Date, subject to the “**Maximum Spread**” (as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) per annum (save that if, in the sole discretion of the Calculation Agent, at any time the market rate for borrowing the Share or hedging the Securities with futures materially exceeds such market rate as at the Launch Date, the Current Spread and/or Maximum Spread may be increased to reflect this change). The Current Spread on the Launch Date is the spread specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Stop Loss Premium**” means an amount in the Financing Level Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent on each Reset Date, in its sole and absolute discretion, and subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, having regard to the current market conditions (including, without limitation, market volatility). The Current Stop Loss Premium shall not be less than the “**Minimum Premium**” nor greater than the “**Maximum Premium**” (both as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) of the Current Financing Level, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4. The percentage used for calculating the Current

Stop Loss Premium (the “**Current Stop Loss Premium Rate**”) on the Launch Date is the rate specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

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

“**Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, if the Financing Level Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Financing Level Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise**” means (i) a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3 or (ii) the automatic exercise of the Securities following the Final Valuation Date;

“**Exercise Date**” means, subject to a Stop Loss Event, the third Business Day preceding the scheduled Valuation Date;

“**Exercise Time**” means the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the

applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the price of the Share on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Share on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

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

“**Final Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.

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

“**Funding Cost**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount, as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) Prevailing Rate minus Current Spread; multiplied by
- (b) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; multiplied by
- (c) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360.

The Funding Cost may be a negative number;

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

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

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. incorporated in The Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam acting through its principal office or its branch in London or such further or other branches as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call**” means termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Issuer Call Commencement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call Date**” means the day specified as such in the notice delivered in accordance with Product Condition 3, and if such day is not a Trading Day, means the first succeeding Trading Day unless, in the

determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Termination Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

**“Issuer Call Notice Period”** means the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

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

**“Notional Dividend Amount”** means, if “Notional Dividend Amount” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to the sum of the cash dividends and/or other cash distributions in respect of the Share which have an ex-dividend date occurring during the Notional Dividend Period without regard to any withholding tax or other deductions multiplied by the prevailing dividend percentage payable under market standard stock borrow agreements, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion;

**“Notional Dividend Period”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each period from (but excluding) the Launch Date to (and including) the earlier of the next following Reset Date, Issuer Call Date, the Valuation Date or the Stop Loss Termination Date and thereafter from (but excluding) the Reset Date to (and including) the earlier of the next following Reset Date, the Issuer Call Date, the Valuation Date or the Stop Loss Termination Date;

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

**“Prevailing Rate”** means the rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute

discretion, for deposits in the Financing Level Currency in the inter-bank market with a maturity of either three months, one month or overnight, as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion or such other maturity as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Share are traded;

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

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

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

“**Reset Date**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Launch Date and thereafter (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Business Day, or (b) each Business Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“**Securities**” means the single stock turbo short certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of

the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on the Securities Exchange;

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

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

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Share**” means the share specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4, and “**Shares**” shall be construed accordingly;

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

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

“**Stop Loss Event**” occurs if, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, the price of the Share on the Exchange is at any time on any Trading Day, from and including the Launch Date, and other than at the Stop Loss Reset Time or a time at which there is, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event, greater than or equal to the Stop Loss Price. If no such price is available the price will be determined by the Calculation Agent in its absolute discretion;

“**Stop Loss Price**” means an amount calculated on each Stop Loss Reset Date at the Stop Loss Reset Time (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, as:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the current Stop Loss Reset Date; minus
- (b) the Current Stop Loss Premium on the current Stop Loss Reset Date.

The Stop Loss Price shall be rounded in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Stop Loss Price on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Stop Loss Reset Date**” means (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day and a Securities Trading Day, the Stop Loss Reset Date will be the next following Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day or (b) each Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“**Stop Loss Reset Time**” means the regular weekday opening time of the Securities Exchange;

“**Stop Loss Termination Date**” means the first Trading Day on which the Stop Loss Event occurs;

“**Stop Loss Termination Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, the fair value price for the Share as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, by reference to unwinding of the Issuer’s hedging position in respect of the Share on a reasonable efforts basis. The Stop Loss Termination Reference Price will be at most the highest price of the Share during the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period;

“**Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period**” means the Stop Loss Termination Date and the following two Trading Days, excluding for this purpose any day on which a Market Disruption Event occurs;

“**Termination Reference Price**” means an amount equal to the price of the Share on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Issuer Call Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction;

“**Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange and Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or the Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Trigger Event**” means the event specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event) has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having



regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means close of trading on the relevant Exchange in relation to a Share or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

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

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.
- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”) (if applicable). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

If CREST is specified as the Clearing Agent in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will be cleared through CREST. Such Securities will be registered securities in

dematerialised and uncertificated form, and will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “**Regulations**”).

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

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

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

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

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i)

dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

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

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

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call, the Securities are exercisable (i) on any Exercise Date by delivery of a Notice (as defined below) prior to the Exercise Time on an Exercise Date or (ii) automatically following the Final Valuation Date.
- (b) Stop Loss Event. Following a Stop Loss Event, the Securities will terminate automatically. A Stop Loss Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Stop Loss Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date as the case may be.

- (c) Issuer Call. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, the Issuer may terminate the Securities, in whole but not in part, on any Business Day by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice, of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.
- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon due Exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following a Stop Loss Event and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date either:
  - (i) the Exercise Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or
  - (ii) the Issuer Call Cash Amount, following a valid Issuer Call; or
  - (iii) the Stop Loss Cash Amount, following a Stop Loss Event.
- (e) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (f) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent or any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount.

The purchase of Securities does not confer on any holder of such Securities any rights (whether in respect of voting, distributions or otherwise) attached to the Shares.

- (g) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities

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

holding of such Securities.

- (i) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount (if any) for each Security with respect to which a Notice has been delivered to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date.
- (j) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is not delivered to the Registrar, in each case as provided in the Conditions, shall be void.

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

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

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

- (k) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.

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

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

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

“**Market Disruption Event**” means:

- (i) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or

impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions in (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise): (A) the Shares on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed; or (B) any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Share on any Related Exchange, if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material; or

- (ii) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located.

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

- (b) Potential Adjustment Events. Following a declaration by the Share Company of the terms of any Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent will determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Share and, if so, will:
  - (i) make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any one or more of the Conditions as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect; and
  - (ii) determine the effective date of that adjustment.

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

“**Potential Adjustment Event**” means any of the following: (i) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Shares (unless a Merger Event) or a free distribution or dividend of such Shares to existing holders by way of bonus, capitalisation, recapitalisation or similar issue; (ii) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the relevant Shares of (A) such Shares, or (B) other share capital or securities



granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the Share Company equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of such Shares, or (C) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (cash or other) at less than the prevailing market price as determined by the Calculation Agent; (iii) an extraordinary dividend; (iv) a distribution of cash dividends on the Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (v) a call by the Share Company in respect of relevant Shares that are not fully paid; (vi) a repurchase by the Share Company of relevant Shares whether out of profits or capital and whether the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise; or (vii) any other similar event that may have a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares.

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

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

in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; or

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

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

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

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

“**Merger Event**” means any (i) reclassification or change to the Shares that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all or a majority of the outstanding Shares; (ii) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of a Share Company with or into another entity (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Share Company is the continuing entity and which does not result in any such reclassification or change to all the outstanding Shares); or (iii) take-over offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or

other event by any entity or person to purchase or otherwise obtain 100 per cent. of the outstanding Shares that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer a majority of the voting power of the Share Company to the offeror, in each case if the Merger Date is on or before the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or before or during the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period.

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

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

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

#### 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

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

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS  
RELATING TO INDEX TURBO LONG CERTIFICATES**

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

1. DEFINITIONS

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

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

“**Calculation Period**” means the number of calendar days from (but excluding) a Reset Date to (and including) the next following Reset Date;

“**Cash Amount**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) Upon Exercise:  
 $(\text{Final Reference Price} - \text{Current Financing Level}) \times \text{Entitlement}$ , less Expenses (the “**Exercise Cash Amount**”); or
- (b) Upon an Issuer Call:  
 $(\text{Termination Reference Price} - \text{Current Financing Level}) \times \text{Entitlement}$ , less Expenses (the “**Issuer Call Cash Amount**”); or
- (c) Following a Stop Loss Event:  
 $(\text{Stop Loss Termination Reference Price} - \text{Current Financing Level}) \times \text{Entitlement}$ , less Expenses (the “**Stop Loss Cash Amount**”),

provided that the Cash Amount shall not be less than zero. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is specified in the applicable Final Terms, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

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

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

“**Current Financing Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the Financing Level Currency, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; plus
- (b) Funding Cost; and minus
- (c) if specified to be applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, Notional Dividend Amounts, and if specified to be inapplicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, Notional Dividend Amounts shall be disregarded in the calculation of Current Financing Level.

The Current Financing Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the rate (expressed as a per annum percentage rate) as determined by the Calculation Agent having regard to the Financing Level Currency, prevailing market conditions and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant. The Current Spread may be reset on a Reset Date, subject to the “**Maximum Spread**” (as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) per annum (save that if, in the sole discretion of the Calculation Agent, at any time the market rate for borrowing the Index or hedging the Securities with futures materially exceeds such market rate as at the Launch Date, the Current Spread and/or Maximum Spread may be increased to reflect this change). The Current Spread on the Launch Date is the spread specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Stop Loss Premium**” means an amount in the Financing Level Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent on each Reset Date, in its sole and absolute discretion, and subject to adjustment

in accordance with Product Condition 4, having regard to the current market conditions (including, without limitation, market volatility). The Current Stop Loss Premium shall not be less than the “**Minimum Premium**” nor greater than the “**Maximum Premium**” (both as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) of the Current Financing Level, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4. The percentage used for calculating the Current Stop Loss Premium (the “**Current Stop Loss Premium Rate**”) on the Launch Date is the rate specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

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

- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

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

“**Exchange**” means (i) in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, each exchange or quotation system from which the Index Sponsor takes the prices of the shares that comprise the Index (the “**Shares**”) to compute the Index or any successor to such exchange or quotation system or (ii) in respect of a Commodity Index, the exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system in which trading of the futures or options contracts in the Index or its components principally occurs or the exchange or quotation system where trading has a material effect on the overall market for futures or options contracts relating to the Index or its components, in each case as determined by the Issuer, acting in good faith;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, if the Financing Level Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Financing Level Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise**” means (i) a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3 or (ii) the automatic exercise of the Securities following the Final Valuation Date;

“**Exercise Date**” means, subject to a Stop Loss Event, the third Business Day preceding the scheduled Valuation Date, as provided in Product Condition 3;

“**Exercise Time**” means the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

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

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

“**Final Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.

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

“**Funding Cost**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount, as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) Prevailing Rate plus Current Spread; multiplied by
- (b) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; multiplied by
- (c) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360;

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



of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

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

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

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

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. incorporated in The Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam acting through its principal office or its branch in London or such further or other branches as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call**” means termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Issuer Call Commencement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call Date**” means the day specified as such in the notice delivered in accordance with Product Condition 3, and if such day is not a Trading Day, means the first succeeding Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Termination Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Issuer Call Notice Period**” means the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

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

**“Notional Dividend Amount”** means, if “Notional Dividend Amount” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to the sum of the cash dividends and/or other cash distributions in respect of the Shares which have an ex-dividend date occurring during the Notional Dividend Period net of applicable withholding taxes at a rate adjusted by application of any relevant double tax treaty without regard to any tax credits;

**“Notional Dividend Period”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each period from (but excluding) the Launch Date to (and including) the earlier of the next following Reset Date, the Issuer Call Date, the Valuation Date or the Stop Loss Termination Date and thereafter from (but excluding) the Reset Date to (and including) the earlier of the next following Reset Date, the Issuer Call Date, the Valuation Date or the Stop Loss Termination Date;

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

**“Prevailing Rate”** means the rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, for deposits in the Financing Level Currency in the inter-bank market with a maturity of either three months, one month or overnight, as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion or such other maturity as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4;

**“Pricing Date”** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

**“Related Exchange”** means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Index are traded;

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

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

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

**“Reset Date”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Launch Date and thereafter (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Business Day, or (b) each Business Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

**“Securities”** means the index turbo long certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a **“Security”**. References to the terms **“Securities”** and **“Security”** shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Securities Exchange”** means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Securities Trading Day”** means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on the Securities Exchange;

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

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

**“Settlement Date”** means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

**“Stop Loss Event”** occurs if, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, the level of the Index (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) is at any

time on any Trading Day, from and including the Launch Date, and other than at the Stop Loss Reset Time or a time at which there is, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event, less than or equal to the Stop Loss Price. If no such level is available the level will be determined by the Calculation Agent in its absolute discretion;

“**Stop Loss Price**” means an amount calculated on each Stop Loss Reset Date at the Stop Loss Reset Time (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, as:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the current Stop Loss Reset Date; plus
- (b) the Current Stop Loss Premium on the current Stop Loss Reset Date.

The Stop Loss Price shall be rounded in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Stop Loss Price on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Stop Loss Reset Date**” means (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day and a Securities Trading Day, the Stop Loss Reset Date will be the next following Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day or (b) each Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“**Stop Loss Reset Time**” means the regular weekday opening time of the Securities Exchange;

“**Stop Loss Termination Date**” means the first Trading Day on which the Stop Loss Event occurs;

“**Stop Loss Termination Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) equal to the fair value price for the Index as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, by reference to unwinding of the Issuer’s hedging position in respect of the Index on a reasonable efforts basis. The Stop Loss Termination Reference Price will be equal to at least the lowest level of the Index during the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period;

“**Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period**” means the Stop Loss Termination Date and the following two Trading Days, excluding for this purpose any day on which a Market Disruption Event occurs;

“**Termination Reference Price**” means an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) equal to the level of the Index at the Valuation Time on the Issuer Call Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction;

“**Trading Day**” means any day on which the Index Sponsor should calculate and publish the closing level of the Index according to its rules;

“**Trigger Event**” means the event specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event) has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price(s) of (a) the Shares on the Exchange (in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index) or (b) the components of the Index on the Exchange (in respect of a Commodity Index) and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means (i) in respect of the AEX-index, the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the Exchange Delivery Settlement Price (the average of the prices of the AEX-index calculated at one minute intervals between 15.30 and 16.00 Amsterdam time) or (ii) in respect of any other Index, the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the closing level of the Index or in relation to (i) and (ii) at such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

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

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the

records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

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

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

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

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the

Operator and the Regulations. Subject to this requirement, (i) each person who is for the time being shown in the Register as the holder of such Securities shall be treated by the Issuer and the Registrar as the holder of such Securities for all purposes and (ii) neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be liable in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done by it or on its behalf in reliance upon the assumption that the particulars entered in the Register which the Registrar maintains are in accordance with particulars entered in the Operator register of corporate securities relating to such Securities (and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

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

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

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

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the

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

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

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call, the Securities are exercisable (i) on any Exercise Date by delivery of a Notice (as defined below) prior to the Exercise Time on an Exercise Date or (ii) automatically following the Final Valuation Date.
- (b) Stop Loss Event. Following a Stop Loss Event, the Securities will terminate automatically. A Stop Loss Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Stop Loss Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date as the case may be.
- (c) Issuer Call. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, the Issuer may terminate the Securities, in whole but not in part, on any Business Day by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.
- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon due Exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following a Stop Loss Event and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive, from the Issuer on the Settlement Date either:
  - (i) the Exercise Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or
  - (ii) the Issuer Call Cash Amount, following a valid Issuer Call; or
  - (iii) the Stop Loss Cash Amount, following a Stop Loss Event.



- (e) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (f) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount.
- (g) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with the Cash Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
- (vi) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within

the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other "U.S. person" as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

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

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

and copied to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, at the time such correction is delivered to the Registrar as provided in the Conditions.

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

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

- (k) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (l) Exercise and Settlement Risk. Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (m) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing

Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.

- (n) Presentation and Surrender. Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

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

In respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, “**Market Disruption Event**” means: (i) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which any Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or (ii) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on an Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise), (A) on any Exchange(s) in securities that comprise 20 per cent or more of the level of the relevant Index, if in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material. For the purpose of determining whether such suspension or limitation is material, if trading in a security included in the Index is suspended or materially limited at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security to the level of the Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that security relative to (y) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately before that suspension or limitation; or (B) on any Related Exchange in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the relevant Index. In any event, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the relevant exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding

levels permitted by the relevant exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

In respect of a Commodity Index, “**Market Disruption Event**” means in relation to the Commodity Index or its components:

- (i) **Price Source Disruption.** The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the price of the Commodity Index or any of its components (or the information necessary for determining such price(s)) or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price(s) by the Exchange; or
- (ii) **Trading Suspension.** The material suspension of trading on the Exchange; or
- (iii) **Disappearance of Price.** The permanent discontinuation of trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Exchange, disappearance of, or of trading in, the Commodity Index or any of its components or the disappearance or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of a reference price, notwithstanding the availability of the related price source or the status of trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components;
- (iv) **Material Change in Formula.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the basis for (including but not limited to the quantity, quality or currency), or method of, calculating the price of a component of the Commodity Index; or
- (v) **Material Change in Content.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the content or composition of a Commodity Index or any of its components; or
- (vi) **De Minimis Trading.** The number of contracts traded on the Exchange with respect to a Commodity Index or any of its components is such that the Issuer declares that its ability to enter into hedging transactions with respect to the Commodity Index or any of its components has been impaired due to a lack of, or a material reduction in, trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Exchange; or
- (vii) **Tax Disruption.** The imposition of, change in, or removal of, an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, a Commodity Index or any of its components (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Issue Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the price

of the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Valuation Date or the Issuer Call Date, as the case may be, and/or on each of the three Trading Days following the Valuation Date or the Issuer Call Date, as the case may be, from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; or

- (viii) **Trading Limitation.** The material limitation imposed on trading in a Commodity Index or any of its components on any exchange or principal trading market; or
  - (ix) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange is located; or
  - (x) **Other Events.** Any other event similar to any of the above which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.
- (b) Adjustments to Index. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made by it pursuant to paragraphs (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) below.
- (i) If the Index is: (A) not calculated and announced by the Index Sponsor but is calculated and announced by a successor to the Index Sponsor (the “**Successor Sponsor**”) acceptable to the Calculation Agent; or (B) replaced by a successor index using in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of the Index, then (in either case) the Index will be deemed to be the index so calculated and announced by such Successor Sponsor or that successor index, as the case may be.
  - (ii) If: (A) on or prior to the Valuation Date, during or prior to the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period or on or prior to the Issuer Call Date, as the case may be, the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor makes a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating the Index or in any other way materially modifies the Index (other than a modification prescribed in that formula or method to maintain the Index in the event of changes in constituent securities or components, as the case may be, and other routine events); or (B) on or prior to the Valuation Date, during the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period or on the Issuer Call Date the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor fails to calculate and/or publish the Index; then (in either case) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price, the Stop Loss Termination Reference Price or the Termination Reference

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

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

dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer of the Shares has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (E) any non-cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer of the Shares has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (F) any other extraordinary cash or non-cash dividend on, or distribution with respect to, the Shares which is, by its terms or declared intent, declared and paid outside the normal operations or normal dividend procedures of the relevant issuer of the Shares, provided that, in all cases, the related ex-dividend date occurs during the period from but including the Launch Date up to and excluding the Valuation Date; (G) a distribution of cash dividends on the Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (H) any other similar event having a dilutive or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Shares.

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

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

## 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these



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

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS  
RELATING TO INDEX TURBO SHORT CERTIFICATES**

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

1. DEFINITIONS

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

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

“**Calculation Period**” means the number of calendar days from (but excluding) a Reset Date to (and including) the next following Reset Date;

“**Cash Amount**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

(a) Upon Exercise:

(Current Financing Level – Final Reference Price) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Exercise Cash Amount**”); or

(b) Upon an Issuer Call:

(Current Financing Level – Termination Reference Price) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Issuer Call Cash Amount**”); or

(c) Following a Stop Loss Event:

(Current Financing Level – Stop Loss Termination Reference Price) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Stop Loss Cash Amount**”),

provided that the Cash Amount shall not be less than zero. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is specified in the applicable Final Terms, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

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

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

“**Current Financing Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the Financing Level Currency, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; plus
- (b) Funding Cost; minus
- (c) if specified to be applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, Notional Dividend Amounts, and if specified to be inapplicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, Notional Dividend Amounts shall be disregarded in the calculation of Current Financing Level.

The Current Financing Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the rate (expressed as a per annum percentage rate) as determined by the Calculation Agent having regard to the Financing Level Currency, prevailing market conditions and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant. The Current Spread may be reset on a Reset Date, subject to the “**Maximum Spread**” (as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) per annum (save that if, in the sole discretion of the Calculation Agent, at any time the market rate for borrowing the Index or hedging the Securities with futures materially exceeds such market rate as at the Launch Date, the Current Spread and/or Maximum Spread may be increased to reflect this change). The Current Spread on the Launch Date is the spread specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Stop Loss Premium**” means an amount in the Financing Level Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent on each Reset Date, in its sole and absolute discretion, and subject to adjustment

in accordance with Product Condition 4, having regard to the current market conditions (including, without limitation, market volatility). The Current Stop Loss Premium shall not be less than the “**Minimum Premium**” nor greater than the “**Maximum Premium**” (both as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) of the Current Financing Level, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4. The percentage used for calculating the Current Stop Loss Premium (the “**Current Stop Loss Premium Rate**”) on the Launch Date is the rate specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

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

- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

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

“**Exchange**” means (i) in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index each exchange or quotation system from which the Index Sponsor takes the prices of the shares or other securities that comprise the Index (the “**Shares**”) to compute the Index or any successor to such exchange or quotation system or (ii) in respect of a Commodity Index, the exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system in which trading of the futures or options contracts in the Index or its components principally occurs or the exchange or quotation system where trading has a material effect on the overall market for futures or options contracts relating to the Index or its components, in each case as determined by the Issuer, acting in good faith;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, if the Financing Level Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Financing Level Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise**” means (i) a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3 or (ii) the automatic exercise of the Securities following the Final Valuation Date;

“**Exercise Date**” means, subject to a Stop Loss Event, the third Business Day preceding the scheduled Valuation Date, as provided in Product Condition 3;

“**Exercise Time**” means the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

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

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

“**Final Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.

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

“**Funding Cost**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount, as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) Prevailing Rate minus Current Spread; multiplied by
- (b) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; multiplied by
- (c) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360.

The Funding Cost may be a negative number;

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

public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

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

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

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

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. incorporated in The Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam acting through its principal office or its branch in London or such further or other branches as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call**” means termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Issuer Call Commencement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call Date**” means the day specified as such in the notice delivered in accordance with Product Condition 3, and if such day is not a Trading Day, means the first succeeding Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Termination Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Issuer Call Notice Period**” means the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

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

Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“**Notional Dividend Amount**” means, if “Notional Dividend Amount” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to the sum of the cash dividends and/or other cash distributions in respect of the Shares which have an ex-dividend date occurring during the Notional Dividend Period without regard to any withholding tax or other deductions multiplied by the prevailing dividend percentage payable under market standard stock borrow agreements, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion;

“**Notional Dividend Period**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each period from (but excluding) the Launch Date to (and including) the earlier of the next following Reset Date, the Issuer Call Date, the Valuation Date or the Stop Loss Termination Date and thereafter from (but excluding) the Reset Date to (and including) the earlier of the next following Reset Date, the Issuer Call Date, the Valuation Date or the Stop Loss Termination Date;

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

“**Prevailing Rate**” means the rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, for deposits in the Financing Level Currency in the inter-bank market with a maturity of either three months, one month or overnight, as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion or such other maturity as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Index are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a



hedge fund, or an American Depository Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depository Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

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

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

“**Reset Date**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Launch Date and thereafter (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Business Day, or (b) each Business Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“**Securities**” means the index turbo short certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on the Securities Exchange;

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

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

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“**Stop Loss Event**” occurs if, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the level of the Index (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) is at any time on any Trading Day, from and including the Launch Date, and other than at the Stop Loss Reset Time or a time at which there is, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event, greater than or equal to the Stop Loss Price. If no such level is available the level will be determined by the Calculation Agent in its absolute discretion;

“**Stop Loss Price**” means an amount calculated on each Stop Loss Reset Date at the Stop Loss Reset Time (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, as:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the current Stop Loss Reset Date; minus
- (b) the Current Stop Loss Premium on the current Stop Loss Reset Date.

The Stop Loss Price shall be rounded in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Stop Loss Price on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Stop Loss Reset Date**” means (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day and a Securities Trading Day, the Stop Loss Reset Date will be the next following Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day or (b) each Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“**Stop Loss Reset Time**” means the regular weekday opening time of the Securities Exchange;

“**Stop Loss Termination Date**” means the first Trading Day on which the Stop Loss Event occurs;

“**Stop Loss Termination Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) equal to the fair value price for the Index as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion by reference to unwinding of the Issuer’s hedging position in respect of the Index on a reasonable efforts basis. The Stop Loss Termination Reference Price will be at most the highest level of the Index during the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period;

“**Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period**” means the Stop Loss Termination Date and the following two Trading Days, excluding for this purpose any day on which a Market Disruption Event occurs;

“**Termination Reference Price**” means an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) equal to the level of the Index at the Valuation Time on the Issuer Call

Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction;

“**Trading Day**” means any day on which the Index Sponsor should calculate and publish the closing level of the Index according to its rules;

“**Trigger Event**” means the event specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event) has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price(s) of (a) the Shares on the Exchange (in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index) or (b) the components of the Index on the Exchange (in respect of a Commodity Index) and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means (i) in respect of the AEX-index, the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the Exchange Delivery Settlement Price (the average of the prices of the AEX-index calculated at one minute intervals between 15.30 and 16.00 Amsterdam time) or (ii) in respect of any other Index, the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the closing level of the Index or in relation to (i) and (ii) at such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each

person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

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

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

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

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of

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

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

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

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

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

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

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

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call, the Securities are exercisable (i) on any Exercise Date by delivery of a Notice (as defined below) prior to the Exercise Time on an Exercise Date or (ii) automatically following the Final Valuation Date.
- (b) Stop Loss Event. Following a Stop Loss Event, the Securities will terminate automatically. A Stop Loss Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Stop Loss Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date as the case may be.
- (c) Issuer Call. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, the Issuer may terminate the Securities, in whole but not in part, on any Business Day by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.
- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon due Exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following a Stop Loss Event and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive, from the Issuer on the Settlement Date either:
  - (i) the Exercise Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or
  - (ii) the Issuer Call Cash Amount, following a valid Issuer Call; or
  - (iii) the Stop Loss Cash Amount, following a Stop Loss Event.

- (e) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (f) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount.
- (g) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with the Cash Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
- (vi) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means : (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within

the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other "U.S. person" as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

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

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



and copied to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, at the time such correction is delivered to the Registrar as provided in the Conditions.

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

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

- (k) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (l) Exercise and Settlement Risk. Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (m) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at

the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.

- (n) Presentation and Surrender. Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

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

In respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, “**Market Disruption Event**” means: (i) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which any Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or (ii) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on an Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise), (A) on any Exchange(s) in securities that comprise 20 per cent or more of the level of the relevant Index, if in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material. For the purpose of determining whether such suspension or limitation is material, if trading in a security included in the Index is suspended or materially limited at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security to the level of the Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that security relative to (y) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately before that suspension or limitation; or (B) on any Related Exchange in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the relevant Index. In any event, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the relevant exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed

during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the relevant exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

In respect of a Commodity Index, “**Market Disruption Event**” means in relation to the Commodity Index or its components:

- (i) **Price Source Disruption.** The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the price of the Commodity Index or any of its components (or the information necessary for determining such price(s)) or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price(s) by the Exchange; or
- (ii) **Trading Suspension.** The material suspension of trading on the Exchange; or
- (iii) **Disappearance of Price.** The permanent discontinuation of trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Exchange, disappearance of, or of trading in, the Commodity Index or any of its components or the disappearance or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of a reference price, notwithstanding the availability of the related price source or the status of trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components;
- (iv) **Material Change in Formula.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the basis for (including but not limited to the quantity, quality or currency), or method of, calculating the price of a component of the Commodity Index; or
- (v) **Material Change in Content.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the content or composition of a Commodity Index or any of its components; or
- (vi) **De Minimis Trading.** The number of contracts traded on the Exchange with respect to a Commodity Index or any of its components is such that the Issuer declares that its ability to enter into hedging transactions with respect to the Commodity Index or any of its components has been impaired due to a lack of, or a material reduction in, trading in the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Exchange; or
- (vii) **Tax Disruption.** The imposition of, change in, or removal of, an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, a Commodity Index or any of its components (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Issue Date, if the

direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the price of the Commodity Index or any of its components on the Valuation Date or the Issuer Call Date, as the case may be, and/or on each of the three Trading Days following the Valuation Date or the Issuer Call Date, as the case may be, from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; or

- (viii) **Trading Limitation.** The material limitation imposed on trading in a Commodity Index or any of its components on any exchange or principal trading market; or
  - (ix) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange is located; or
  - (x) **Other Events.** Any other event similar to any of the above which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.
- (b) Adjustments to Index. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made by it pursuant to paragraphs (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) below.
- (i) If the Index is: (A) not calculated and announced by the Index Sponsor but is calculated and announced by a successor to the Index Sponsor (the “**Successor Sponsor**”) acceptable to the Calculation Agent; or (B) replaced by a successor index using in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of the Index, then (in either case) the Index will be deemed to be the index so calculated and announced by such Successor Sponsor or that successor index, as the case may be.
  - (ii) If: (A) on or prior to the Valuation Date, during or prior to the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period or on or prior to the Issuer Call Date, as the case may be, the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor makes a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating the Index or in any other way materially modifies the Index (other than a modification prescribed in that formula or method to maintain the Index in the event of changes in constituent securities or components, as the case may be, and other routine events); or (B) on or prior to the Valuation Date, during the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period or on the Issuer Call Date the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor fails to calculate and/or publish the Index; then (in either case) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference

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

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

dividend; (D) any cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer of the Shares has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (E) any non-cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer of the Shares has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (F) any other extraordinary cash or non-cash dividend on, or distribution with respect to, the Shares which is, by its terms or declared intent, declared and paid outside the normal operations or normal dividend procedures of the relevant issuer of the Shares, provided that, in all cases, the related ex-dividend date occurs during the period from but including the Launch Date up to and excluding the Valuation Date; (G) a distribution of cash dividends on the Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (H) any other similar event having a dilutive or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Shares.

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

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

## 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

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

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**RELATING TO GOVERNMENT BOND TURBO LONG CERTIFICATES**

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

1. DEFINITIONS

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

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

“**Calculation Period**” means the number of calendar days from (but excluding) a Reset Date to (and including) the next following Reset Date;

“**Cash Amount**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

(a) Upon Exercise:

(Final Reference Price - Current Financing Level) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Exercise Cash Amount**”); or

(b) Upon an Issuer Call:

(Termination Reference Price - Current Financing Level) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Issuer Call Cash Amount**”); or

(c) Following a Stop Loss Event:

(Stop Loss Termination Reference Price - Current Financing Level) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Stop Loss Cash Amount**”),



provided that the Cash Amount shall not be less than zero. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is specified in the applicable Final Terms, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

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

“**Current Financing Level**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the Financing Level Currency, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; plus
- (b) Handling Cost; minus
- (c) if such determination is to be made on a Rollover Date, the corresponding Rollover Spread.

The Current Financing Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the rate (expressed as a per annum percentage rate) as determined by the Calculation Agent having regard to the Financing Level Currency, prevailing market conditions and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant. The Current Spread may be reset on a Reset Date, subject to the “**Maximum Spread**” (as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) per annum (save that if, in the sole discretion of the Calculation Agent, at any time the market rate for borrowing the Reference Asset or hedging the Securities with futures materially exceeds such market rate as at the Launch Date, the Current Spread and/or Maximum Spread may be increased to reflect this change). The Current Spread on the Launch Date is the spread specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Stop Loss Premium**” means an amount in the Financing Level Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent on each Reset Date, in its sole and absolute discretion, and subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, having regard to the current market conditions (including, without limitation, market volatility). The Current Stop Loss Premium shall (subject to any rounding) not be less than the “**Minimum Premium**” nor greater than the “**Maximum Premium**” (both as

specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) of the Current Financing Level, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4. The percentage used for calculating the Current Stop Loss Premium (the “**Current Stop Loss Premium Rate**”) on the Launch Date is the rate specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant

Currency; or

(vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or

(vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or

(viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

(ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or

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

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

“**Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, if the Financing Level Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Financing Level Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise**” means (i) a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3 or (ii) the automatic exercise of the Securities following the Final Valuation Date;

“**Exercise Date**” means, subject to a Stop Loss Event, the third Trading Day preceding the scheduled Valuation Date, as provided in Product Condition 3;

“**Exercise Time**” means the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) equal to the closing Reference Asset Price on the Exchange (Floor Trading) at the Valuation Time, adjusted for any reasonable market-making spreads, on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the closing Reference Asset Price on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported Reference Asset Price on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

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

“**Final Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.

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

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

“**Handling Cost**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount, as determined on a daily basis by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) Current Spread; multiplied by
- (b) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; multiplied by
- (c) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360;

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

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. incorporated in The Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam acting through its principal office or its branch in London or such further or other branches as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call**” means termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Issuer Call Commencement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call Date**” means the day specified as such in the notice delivered in accordance with Product Condition 3, and if such day is not a Trading Day, means the first succeeding Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Termination Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported Reference Asset Price on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Issuer Call Notice Period**” means the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

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

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

“**Pricing Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“**Reference Asset**” means the Reference Asset as at the Launch Date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, and thereafter a financially equivalent reference asset (the “**Substitute Asset**”) selected by the Issuer. On the Rollover Date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer shall make its selection of the Substitute Asset and on such date the Issuer shall, during Trading Hours, effect substitution of the Reference Asset for the Substitute Asset at the Rollover Spread and thereafter the Substitute Asset shall for all purposes be the Reference Asset;

“**Reference Asset Price**” means the current price of the Reference Asset. For the avoidance of any doubt, this shall not be the futures contract value but the futures contract value divided by the applicable

contract factor (the value of 1.0 future's point) specified on the applicable Screen page referred to in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, and if no such page reference exists, such other page reference as the Calculation Agent determines;

**“Related Exchange”** means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Reference Asset are traded;

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

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

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

**“Reset Date”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Launch Date and thereafter (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Business Day, or (b) each Business Day; or (c) the Business Day following any Rollover Date if such Rollover Date falls during the scheduled month for delivery of the Reference Asset, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

**“Rollover Date”** means the date or period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Rollover Spread”** means the fair value spread calculated as the price determined by the Issuer for liquidating its related hedging arrangements for the Reference Asset minus the price determined by the Issuer for establishing its related hedging arrangements for the Substitute Asset during the substitution of the Reference Asset for the Substitute Asset by reference to liquidity in the Reference Asset and the

Substitute Asset. The Rollover Spread may be a negative number;

“**Securities**” means the government bond turbo long certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on the Securities Exchange;

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

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

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“**Stop Loss Event**” occurs if, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Reference Asset Price (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) on the Exchange on any Trading Day, from and including the Launch Date, and other than at the Stop Loss Reset Time or a time at which there is, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event, is less than or equal to the Stop Loss Price. If no such price is available the price will be determined by the Calculation Agent in its absolute discretion;

“**Stop Loss Price**” means an amount calculated on each Stop Loss Reset Date at the Stop Loss Reset Time (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, as:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the current Stop Loss Reset Date; plus
- (b) the Current Stop Loss Premium on the current Stop Loss Reset Date.

The Stop Loss Price shall be rounded in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Stop Loss Price on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant

Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Stop Loss Reset Date**” means (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day and a Securities Trading Day, the Stop Loss Reset Date will be the next following Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day or (b) each Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“**Stop Loss Reset Time**” means the regular weekday opening time of the Securities Exchange;

“**Stop Loss Termination Date**” means the first Trading Day on which the Stop Loss Event occurs;

“**Stop Loss Termination Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) equal to the fair value price for the Reference Asset as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, by reference to unwinding of the Issuer’s hedging position in respect of the Reference Asset on a reasonable efforts basis. The Stop Loss Termination Reference Price will be at least the lowest level of the Reference Asset during the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period;

“**Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period**” means the Stop Loss Termination Date and the following two Trading Days, excluding for this purpose any day on which a Market Disruption Event occurs;

“**Termination Reference Price**” means an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) equal to the Reference Asset Price on the Exchange at the Valuation Time, adjusted for any reasonable market-making spreads, on the Issuer Call Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction;

“**Trading Day**” means any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Trading Hours**” means as regards each Exchange its regular scheduled opening hours on each Trading Day;

“**Trigger Event**” means the event specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter, unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event) has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market



Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported Reference Asset Price on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means the close of trading on the Exchange (floor trading), or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

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

## 2. FORM

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

Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

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

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

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

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

Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase indicating that they are obliged to or will carry out any role or obligation described in

the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, is given without any assumption by the Issuer, the relevant Registrar or the Calculation Agent of responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

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

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

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

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

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call, the Securities are exercisable (i) on any Exercise Date by delivery of a

Notice (as defined below) prior to the Exercise Time on an Exercise Date or (ii) automatically following the Final Valuation Date.

- (b) Stop Loss Event. Following a Stop Loss Event, the Securities will terminate automatically. A Stop Loss Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Stop Loss Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be.
- (c) Issuer Call. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, the Issuer may terminate the Securities, in whole but not in part, on any Business Day by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.
- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon due Exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following a Stop Loss Event and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive, from the Issuer on the Settlement Date either:
  - (i) the Exercise Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or
  - (ii) the Issuer Call Cash Amount, following a valid Issuer Call; or
  - (iii) the Stop Loss Cash Amount, following a Stop Loss Event.
- (e) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (f) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount.
- (g) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;

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

legal proceedings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a

Market Disruption Event has occurred. A “**Market Disruption Event**” means:

- (a) Price Source Disruption. The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the Reference Asset Price (or the information necessary for determining such price), or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price by the Exchange on the Valuation Date, the Issuer Call Date or any other relevant date following the occurrence of a Stop Loss Event; or
- (b) Trading Suspension. The material suspension of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange; or
- (c) Disappearance of Price. The failure of trading to commence, or the permanent discontinuation of trading of the Reference Asset on the Exchange; or
- (d) Material Change in Formula. The occurrence, since the Launch Date, of a material change in the basis for (including but not limited to the quantity, quality or currency), or method of, calculating the Reference Asset Price; or
- (e) Material Change in Content. The occurrence, since the Launch Date, of a material change in the content, composition of the Reference Asset Price; or
- (f) De Minimis Trading. The number of contracts traded on the Exchange with respect to the Reference Asset is such that the Issuer declares that its ability to enter into hedging transactions with respect to the Reference Asset has been impaired due to a lack of, or a material reduction in, trading in the Reference Asset on the Exchange; or
- (g) Tax Disruption. The imposition of, change in, or removal of, an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, the Reference Asset (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Launch Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the Reference Asset Price on the Valuation Date and/or on each of the three Trading Days following the Valuation Date and/or the Issuer Call Date and/or any other relevant date following the occurrence of a Stop Loss Event, from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; or
- (h) Trading Limitation. The material limitation imposed on trading in the Reference Asset with respect to it or any contract with respect to it on any exchange or principal trading market; or
- (i) Governmental Default. If with respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not



limited to, (i) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (ii) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (iii) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or

- (j) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates), of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the Governmental Authority; or
- (k) Moratorium. A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or Related Exchange is located; or
- (l) Other Events. Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.

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

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

## 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

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

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**RELATING TO GOVERNMENT BOND TURBO SHORT CERTIFICATES**

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

1. DEFINITIONS

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

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

“**Calculation Period**” means the number of calendar days from (but excluding) a Reset Date to (and including) the next following Reset Date;

“**Cash Amount**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

(a) Upon Exercise:

(Current Financing Level – Final Reference Price) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Exercise Cash Amount**”); or

(b) Upon an Issuer Call:

(Current Financing Level – Termination Reference Price) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Issuer Call Cash Amount**”); or

(c) Following a Stop Loss Event:

(Current Financing Level – Stop Loss Termination Reference Price) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Stop Loss Cash Amount**”),

provided that the Cash Amount shall not be less than zero. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is specified in the applicable Final Terms, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

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

“**Current Financing Level**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the Financing Level Currency, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; minus
- (b) Handling Cost; minus
- (c) if such determination is to be made on a Rollover Date, the corresponding Rollover Spread.

The Current Financing Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the rate (expressed as a per annum percentage rate) as determined by the Calculation Agent having regard to the Financing Level Currency, prevailing market conditions and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant. The Current Spread may be reset on a Reset Date, subject to the “**Maximum Spread**” (as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) per annum (save that if, in the sole discretion of the Calculation Agent, at any time the market rate for borrowing the Reference Asset or hedging the Securities with futures materially exceeds such market rate as at the Launch Date, the Current Spread and/or Maximum Spread may be increased to reflect this change). The Current Spread on the Launch Date is the spread specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Stop Loss Premium**” means an amount in the Financing Level Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent on each Reset Date, in its sole and absolute discretion, and subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, having regard to the current market conditions (including, without limitation, market volatility). The Current Stop Loss Premium shall (subject to any rounding) not be less than the “**Minimum Premium**” nor greater than the “**Maximum Premium**” (both as

specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) of the Current Financing Level, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4. The percentage used for calculating the Current Stop Loss Premium (the “**Current Stop Loss Premium Rate**”) on the Launch Date is the rate specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant

Currency; or

(vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or

(vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or

(viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

(ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or

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

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

“**Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, if the Financing Level Currency is different to the Settlement Currency the rate of exchange between the Financing Level Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise**” means (i) a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3 or (ii) the automatic exercise of the Securities following the Final Valuation Date;

“**Exercise Date**” means, subject to a Stop Loss Event, the third Trading Day preceding the scheduled Valuation Date, as provided in Product Condition 3;

“**Exercise Time**” means the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) equal to the closing Reference Asset Price on the Exchange (Floor Trading) at the Valuation Time, adjusted for any reasonable market-making spreads, on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the closing Reference Asset Price on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported Reference Asset Price on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

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

“**Final Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.

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

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

“**Handling Cost**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount, as determined on a daily basis by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) Current Spread; multiplied by
- (b) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; multiplied by
- (c) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360.

The Handling Cost may be a negative number;

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

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. incorporated in The Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam acting through its principal office or its branch in London or such further or other branches as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call**” means termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Issuer Call Commencement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant

Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call Date**” means the day specified as such in the notice delivered in accordance with Product Condition 3, and if such day is not a Trading Day, means the first succeeding Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Termination Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported Reference Asset Price on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Issuer Call Notice Period**” means the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

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

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

“**Pricing Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“**Reference Asset**” means, initially the Reference Asset as at the Launch Date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, and thereafter a financially equivalent reference asset (the “**Substitute Asset**”) selected by the Issuer. On the Rollover Date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer shall make its selection of the Substitute Asset and on such date the Issuer shall, during Trading Hours, effect substitution of the Reference Asset for the Substitute Asset at the Rollover Spread and thereafter the Substitute Asset shall for all purposes be the Reference Asset;

“**Reference Asset Price**” means the current price of the Reference Asset. For the avoidance of any



doubt, this shall not be the futures contract value but the futures contract value divided by the applicable contract factor (the value of 1.0 future's point) specified on the applicable Screen page referred to in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, and if no such page reference exists, such other page reference as the Calculation Agent determines;

**“Related Exchange”** means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Reference Asset are traded;

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

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

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

**“Reset Date”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Launch Date and thereafter (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Business Day, or (b) each Business Day; or (c) the Business Day following any Rollover Date if such Rollover Date falls during the scheduled month for delivery of the Reference Asset, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

**“Rollover Date”** means the date or period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Rollover Spread”** means the fair value spread calculated as the price determined by the Issuer for liquidating its related hedging arrangements for the Reference Asset minus the price determined by the Issuer for establishing its related hedging arrangements for the Substitute Asset during the substitution

of the Reference Asset for the Substitute Asset by reference to liquidity in the Reference Asset and the Substitute Asset. The Rollover Spread may be a negative number;

“**Securities**” means the government bond turbo short certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on the Securities Exchange;

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

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

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“**Stop Loss Event**” occurs if, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Reference Asset Price (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) on the Exchange on any Trading Day, from and including the Launch Date, and other than at the Stop Loss Reset Time or a time at which there is, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event, is greater than or equal to the Stop Loss Price. If no such price is available the price will be determined by the Calculation Agent in its absolute discretion;

“**Stop Loss Price**” means an amount calculated on each Stop Loss Reset Date at the Stop Loss Reset Time (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, as:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the current Stop Loss Reset Date; minus
- (b) the Current Stop Loss Premium on the current Stop Loss Reset Date.

The Stop Loss Price shall be rounded in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Stop

Loss Price on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Stop Loss Reset Date**” means (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day and a Securities Trading Day, the Stop Loss Reset Date will be the next following Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day or (b) each Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“**Stop Loss Reset Time**” means the regular weekday opening time of the Securities Exchange;

“**Stop Loss Termination Date**” means the first Trading Day on which the Stop Loss Event occurs;

“**Stop Loss Termination Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) equal to the fair value price for the Reference Asset as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, by reference to unwinding of the Issuer’s hedging position in respect of the Reference Asset on a reasonable efforts basis. The Stop Loss Termination Reference Price will be at most the highest level of the Reference Asset during the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period;

“**Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period**” means the Stop Loss Termination Date and the following two Trading Days, excluding for this purpose any day on which a Market Disruption Event occurs;

“**Termination Reference Price**” means an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) equal to the Reference Asset Price on the Exchange at the Valuation Time, adjusted for any reasonable market-making spreads, on the Issuer Call Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction;

“**Trading Day**” means any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Trading Hours**” means as regards each Exchange its regular scheduled opening hours on each Trading Day;

“**Trigger Event**” means the event specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter, unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event) has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be

the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported Reference Asset Price on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means the close of trading on the Exchange (floor trading), or such other time as the Issuer may determine in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

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

## 2. FORM

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

Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”) (if applicable). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

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

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

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

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

Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase

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

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

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

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

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

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call, the Securities are exercisable (i) on any Exercise Date by delivery of a Notice (as defined below) prior to the Exercise Time on an Exercise Date or (ii)

automatically following the Final Valuation Date.

- (b) Stop Loss Event. Following a Stop Loss Event, the Securities will terminate automatically. A Stop Loss Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Stop Loss Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date as the case may be.
- (c) Issuer Call. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, the Issuer may terminate the Securities, in whole but not in part, on any Business Day by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.
- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon due Exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following a Stop Loss Event and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive, from the Issuer on the Settlement Date either:
  - (i) the Exercise Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or
  - (ii) the Issuer Call Cash Amount, following a valid Issuer Call; or
  - (iii) the Stop Loss Cash Amount, following a Stop Loss Event.
- (e) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (f) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount.
- (g) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the

Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;

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



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

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

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

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

- (k) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST,

the Registrar, as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.

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

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

**Market Disruption.** The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred. A “**Market Disruption Event**” means:

- (a) **Price Source Disruption.** The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the

Reference Asset Price (or the information necessary for determining such price), or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price by the Exchange on the Valuation Date, the Issuer Call Date or any other relevant date following the occurrence of a Stop Loss Event; or

- (b) Trading Suspension. The material suspension of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange; or
- (c) Disappearance of Price. The failure of trading to commence, or the permanent discontinuation of trading of the Reference Asset on the Exchange; or
- (d) Material Change in Formula. The occurrence, since the Launch Date, of a material change in the basis for (including but not limited to the quantity, quality or currency), or method of, calculating the Reference Asset Price; or
- (e) Material Change in Content. The occurrence, since the Launch Date, of a material change in the content, composition of the Reference Asset Price; or
- (f) De Minimis Trading. The number of contracts traded on the Exchange with respect to the Reference Asset is such that the Issuer declares that its ability to enter into hedging transactions with respect to the Reference Asset has been impaired due to a lack of, or a material reduction in, trading in the Reference Asset on the Exchange; or
- (g) Tax Disruption. The imposition of, change in, or removal of, an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, the Reference Asset (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Launch Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the Reference Asset Price on the Valuation Date and/or on each of the three Trading Days following the Valuation Date and/or the Issuer Call Date and/or any other relevant date following the occurrence of a Stop Loss Event from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; or
- (h) Trading Limitation. The material limitation imposed on trading in the Reference Asset with respect to it or any contract with respect to it on any exchange or principal trading market; or
- (i) Governmental Default. If with respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (i) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such

security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (ii) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (iii) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or

- (j) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates), of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the Governmental Authority; or
- (k) Moratorium. A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or Related Exchange is located; or
- (l) Other Events. Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.

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

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

## 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing,

consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**RELATING TO COMMODITY FORWARD CONTRACTS AND COMMODITY FUTURE CONTRACTS**  
**TURBO LONG CERTIFICATES**

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

1. DEFINITIONS

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

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

“**Calculation Period**” means the number of calendar days from (but excluding) a Reset Date to (and including) the next following Reset Date;

“**Cash Amount**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

(a) Upon Exercise:

(Final Reference Price - Current Financing Level) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Exercise Cash Amount**”); or

(b) Upon an Issuer Call:

(Termination Reference Price - Current Financing Level) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Issuer Call Cash Amount**”); or

(c) Following a Stop Loss Event:

(Stop Loss Termination Reference Price - Current Financing Level) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Stop Loss Cash Amount**”),

provided that the Cash Amount shall not be less than zero. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is specified in the applicable Final Terms, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

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

“**Current Financing Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the Financing Level Currency, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; plus
- (b) Handling Cost; minus
- (c) if such determination is to be made on a Rollover Date, the corresponding Rollover Spread.

The Current Financing Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the rate (expressed as a per annum percentage rate) as determined by the Calculation Agent having regard to the Financing Level Currency, prevailing market conditions and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant. The Current Spread may be reset on a Reset Date, subject to the “**Maximum Spread**” (as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) per annum (save that if, in the sole discretion of the Calculation Agent, at any time the market rate for borrowing the Reference Asset or hedging the Securities with futures materially exceeds such market rate as at the Launch Date, the Current Spread and/or Maximum Spread may be increased to reflect this change). The Current Spread on the Launch Date is the spread specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Stop Loss Premium**” means an amount in the Financing Level Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent on each Reset Date, in its sole and absolute discretion, and subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, having regard to the current market conditions (including, without limitation, market volatility). The Current Stop Loss Premium shall (subject to any rounding) not be less than the “**Minimum Premium**” nor greater than the “**Maximum Premium**” (both as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) of the Current Financing

Level, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4. The percentage used for calculating the Current Stop Loss Premium (the “**Current Stop Loss Premium Rate**”) on the Launch Date is the rate specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or



- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

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

“**Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, if the Financing Level Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Financing Level Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise**” means (i) a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3 or (ii) the automatic exercise of the Securities following the Final Valuation Date;

“**Exercise Date**” means, subject to a Stop Loss Event, the third Trading Day preceding the scheduled Valuation Date, as provided in Product Condition 3;

“**Exercise Time**” means the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the

applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) equal to the closing Reference Asset Price on the Exchange at the Valuation Time, adjusted for any reasonable market making spreads, on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the closing Reference Asset Price on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported Reference Asset Price on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

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

“**Final Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.

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

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

“**Handling Cost**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount, as determined on a daily basis by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) Current Spread; multiplied by
- (b) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; multiplied by
- (c) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360;

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

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. incorporated in The Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam acting through its principal office or its branch in London or such further or other branches as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call**” means termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Issuer Call Commencement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call Date**” means the day specified as such in the notice delivered in accordance with Product

Condition 3, and if such day is not a Trading Day, means the first succeeding Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Termination Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported Reference Asset Price on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Issuer Call Notice Period**” means the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

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

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

“**Pricing Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“**Reference Asset**” means the Reference Asset as at the Launch Date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, and thereafter the Issuer shall, during Trading Hours on the Rollover Date, effect substitution of a financially equivalent reference asset (the “**Substitute Asset**”) selected by the Issuer. Thereafter the Substitute Asset shall for all purposes be the Reference Asset;

“**Reference Asset Price**” means the current price of the Reference Asset. For the avoidance of any doubt, this shall not be the futures contract value but the futures contract value divided by the applicable contract factor (the value of 1.0 future’s point) specified on the applicable Screen page referred to in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, and if no such page reference exists, such other page reference as the Calculation Agent determines;

**“Related Exchange”** means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Reference Asset are traded;

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

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

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

**“Reset Date”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Launch Date and thereafter (a) the day of each calendar month as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Business Day or, if a Rollover Date occurs in such month, the Reset Date will be the Business Day following such Rollover Date, or (b) each Business Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

**“Rollover Date”** means the date or period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Rollover Spread”** means the fair value spread calculated as the price determined by the Issuer for liquidating its related hedging arrangements for the Reference Asset minus the price determined by the Issuer for establishing its related hedging arrangements for the Substitute Asset during the substitution of the Reference Asset for the Substitute Asset by reference to liquidity in the Reference Asset and the Substitute Asset. The Rollover Spread may be a negative number;

**“Securities”** means the commodity forward contracts and commodity future contracts turbo long certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a **“Security”**. References to

the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on the Securities Exchange;

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

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

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“**Stop Loss Event**” occurs if, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Reference Asset Price (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) at any time on any Trading Day, from and including the Launch Date, and other than at the Stop Loss Reset Time or a time at which there is, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event, is less than or equal to the Stop Loss Price. If no such price is available the price will be determined by the Calculation Agent in its absolute discretion;

“**Stop Loss Price**” means an amount calculated on each Stop Loss Reset Date at the Stop Loss Reset Time (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, as:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the current Stop Loss Reset Date; plus
- (b) the Current Stop Loss Premium on the current Stop Loss Reset Date.

The Stop Loss Price shall be rounded in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Stop Loss Price on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Stop Loss Reset Date**” means (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of

the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day and a Securities Trading Day, the Stop Loss Reset Date will be the next following Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day or (b) each Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“**Stop Loss Reset Time**” means the regular weekday opening time of the Securities Exchange;

“**Stop Loss Termination Date**” means the first Trading Day on which the Stop Loss Event occurs;

“**Stop Loss Termination Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) equal to the fair value price for the Reference Asset as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, by reference to unwinding of the Issuer’s hedging position in respect of the Reference Asset on a reasonable efforts basis. The Stop Loss Termination Reference Price will be at least the lowest level of the Reference Asset during the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period;

“**Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period**” means the Stop Loss Termination Date and the following two Trading Days, excluding for this purpose any day on which a Market Disruption Event occurs;

“**Termination Reference Price**” means an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) equal to the Reference Asset Price on the Exchange at the Valuation Time, adjusted for any reasonable market making spreads, on the Issuer Call Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction;

“**Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to the regular weekday closing time;

“**Trading Hours**” means as regards each Exchange its regular scheduled opening hours on the Rollover Date;

“**Trigger Event**” means the event specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event) has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)) would have been a

Valuation Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported Reference Asset Price on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

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

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.
- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”) (if applicable). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any

other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

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

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

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

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

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



responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

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

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

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

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

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call, the Securities are exercisable (i) on any Exercise Date by delivery of a Notice (as defined below) prior to the Exercise Time on an Exercise Date or (ii) automatically following the Final Valuation Date.
- (b) Stop Loss Event. Following a Stop Loss Event, the Securities will terminate

automatically. A Stop Loss Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Stop Loss Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be.

- (c) Issuer Call. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, the Issuer may terminate the Securities, in whole but not in part, on any Business Day by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.
- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon due Exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following a Stop Loss Event and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive, from the Issuer on the Settlement Date either:
  - (i) the Exercise Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or
  - (ii) the Issuer Call Cash Amount, following a valid Issuer Call; or
  - (iii) the Stop Loss Cash Amount, following a Stop Loss Event.
- (e) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (f) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount.
- (g) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;

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

Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar of its holding of such Securities.

- (i) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount (if any) for each Security with respect to which a Notice has been delivered to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date.
- (j) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is not delivered to the Registrar, in each case as provided in the Conditions, shall be void.

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

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

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

- (k) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.

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

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred. A “**Market Disruption Event**” means:

- (a) Price Source Disruption. The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the Reference Asset Price (or the information necessary for determining such price), or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price by the Exchange

- on the Valuation Date, the Issuer Call Date or any other relevant date following the occurrence of a Stop Loss Event; or
- (b) Trading Suspension. The material suspension of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange; or
  - (c) Disappearance of Price. The failure of trading to commence, or the permanent discontinuation of trading of the Reference Asset on the Exchange; or
  - (d) Material Change in Formula. The occurrence, since the Launch Date, of a material change in the basis for (including but not limited to the quantity, quality or currency), or method of, calculating the Reference Asset Price; or
  - (e) Material Change in Content. The occurrence, since the Launch Date, of a material change in the content or composition of the Reference Asset Price; or
  - (f) De Minimis Trading. The number of contracts traded on the Exchange with respect to the Reference Asset is such that the Issuer declares that its ability to enter into hedging transactions with respect to the Reference Asset has been impaired due to a lack of, or a material reduction in, trading in the Reference Asset on the Exchange; or
  - (g) Tax Disruption. The imposition of, change in, or removal of, an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, the Reference Asset (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Launch Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the Reference Asset Price on the Valuation Date and/or on each of the three Trading Days following the Valuation Date and/or the Issuer Call Date and/or any other relevant date following the occurrence of a Stop Loss Event from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; or
  - (h) Trading Limitation. The material limitation imposed on trading in the Reference Asset with respect to it or any contract with respect to it on any exchange or principal trading market; or
  - (i) Moratorium. A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or Related Exchange is located; or
  - (j) Other Events. Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.

The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any

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

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

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

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**RELATING TO COMMODITY FORWARD CONTRACTS AND COMMODITY FUTURE CONTRACTS**  
**TURBO SHORT CERTIFICATES**

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

1. DEFINITIONS

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

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

“**Calculation Period**” means the number of calendar days from (but excluding) a Reset Date to (and including) the next following Reset Date;

“**Cash Amount**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

(a) Upon Exercise:

(Current Financing Level – Final Reference Price) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Exercise Cash Amount**”); or

(b) Upon an Issuer Call:

(Current Financing Level – Termination Reference Price) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Issuer Call Cash Amount**”); or

(c) Following a Stop Loss Event:

(Current Financing Level – Stop Loss Termination Reference Price) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Stop Loss Cash Amount**”),



provided that the Cash Amount shall not be less than zero. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is specified in the applicable Final Terms, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

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

“**Current Financing Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the Financing Level Currency, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; minus
- (b) Handling Cost; minus
- (c) if such determination is to be made on a Rollover Date, the corresponding Rollover Spread.

The Current Financing Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the rate (expressed as a per annum percentage rate) as determined by the Calculation Agent having regard to the Financing Level Currency, prevailing market conditions and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant. The Current Spread may be reset on a Reset Date, subject to the “**Maximum Spread**” (as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) per annum (save that if, in the sole discretion of the Calculation Agent, at any time the market rate for borrowing the Reference Asset or hedging the Securities with futures materially exceeds such market rate as at the Launch Date, the Current Spread and/or Maximum Spread may be increased to reflect this change). The Current Spread on the Launch Date is the spread specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Stop Loss Premium**” means an amount in the Financing Level Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent on each Reset Date, in its sole and absolute discretion, and subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, having regard to the current market conditions (including, without limitation, market volatility). The Current Stop Loss Premium shall (subject to any rounding) not be less than the “**Minimum Premium**” nor greater than the “**Maximum Premium**” (both as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) of the Current Financing

Level, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4. The percentage used for calculating the Current Stop Loss Premium (the “**Current Stop Loss Premium Rate**”) on the Launch Date is the rate specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

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

“**Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, if the Financing Level Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Financing Level Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise**” means (i) a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3 or (ii) the automatic exercise of the Securities following the Final Valuation Date;

“**Exercise Date**” means, subject to a Stop Loss Event, the third Trading Day preceding the scheduled Valuation Date, as provided in Product Condition 3;

“**Exercise Time**” means the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the

applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) equal to the closing Reference Asset Price on the Exchange at the Valuation Time, adjusted for any reasonable market-making spreads, on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the closing Reference Asset Price on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported Reference Asset Price on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

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

“**Final Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.

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

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

“**Handling Cost**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount, as determined on a daily basis by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) Current Spread; multiplied by
- (b) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; multiplied by
- (c) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360;

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

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. incorporated in The Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam acting through its principal office or its branch in London or such further or other branches as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call**” means termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Issuer Call Commencement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call Date**” means the day specified as such in the notice delivered in accordance with Product

Condition 3, and if such day is not a Trading Day, means the first succeeding Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Termination Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported Reference Asset Price on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Issuer Call Notice Period**” means the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

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

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

“**Pricing Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“**Reference Asset**” means the Reference Asset as at the Launch Date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, and thereafter the Issuer shall, during Trading Hours on the Rollover Date, effect substitution of a financially equivalent reference asset (the “**Substitute Asset**”) selected by the Issuer. Thereafter the Substitute Asset shall for all purposes be the Reference Asset;

“**Reference Asset Price**” means the current price of the Reference Asset. For the avoidance of any doubt, this shall not be the futures contract value but the futures contract value divided by the applicable contract factor (the value of 1.0 future’s point) specified on the applicable Screen page referred to in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, and if no such page reference exists, such other page reference as the Calculation Agent determines;

**“Related Exchange”** means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Reference Asset are traded;

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

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

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

**“Reset Date”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Launch Date and thereafter (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Business Day or, if a Rollover Date occurs in such month, the Reset Date will be the Business Day following such Rollover Date, or (b) each Business Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

**“Rollover Date”** means the date or period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Rollover Spread”** means the fair value spread calculated as the price determined by the Issuer for liquidating its related hedging arrangements for the Reference Asset minus the price determined by the Issuer for establishing its related hedging arrangements for the Substitute Asset during the substitution of the Reference Asset for the Substitute Asset by reference to liquidity in the Reference Asset and the Substitute Asset. The Rollover Spread may be a negative number;

**“Securities”** means the commodity forward contracts and commodity future contracts turbo short certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to

the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on the Securities Exchange;

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

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

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“**Stop Loss Event**” occurs if, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Reference Asset Price (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) at any time on any Trading Day, from and including the Launch Date, and other than at the Stop Loss Reset Time or a time at which there is, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event, is greater than or equal to the Stop Loss Price. If no such price is available the price will be determined by the Calculation Agent in its absolute discretion;

“**Stop Loss Price**” means an amount calculated on each Stop Loss Reset Date at the Stop Loss Reset Time (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, as:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the current Stop Loss Reset Date; minus
- (b) the Current Stop Loss Premium on the current Stop Loss Reset Date.

The Stop Loss Price shall be rounded up in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Stop Loss Price on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Stop Loss Reset Date**” means (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of

the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day and a Securities Trading Day, the Stop Loss Reset Date will be the next following Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day or (b) each Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“**Stop Loss Reset Time**” means the regular weekday opening time of the Securities Exchange;

“**Stop Loss Termination Date**” means the first Trading Day on which the Stop Loss Event occurs;

“**Stop Loss Termination Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) equal to the fair value price for the Reference Asset as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, by reference to unwinding of the Issuer’s hedging position in respect of the Reference Asset on a reasonable efforts basis. The Stop Loss Termination Reference Price will be at most the highest level of the Reference Asset during the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period;

“**Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period**” means the Stop Loss Termination Date and the following two Trading Days, excluding for this purpose any day on which a Market Disruption Event occurs;

“**Termination Reference Price**” means an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) equal to the Reference Asset Price on the Exchange at the Valuation Time, adjusted for any reasonable market-making spreads, on the Issuer Call Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction;

“**Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Trading Hours**” means as regards each Exchange its regular scheduled opening hours on the Rollover Date;

“**Trigger Event**” means the event specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event) has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)) would have been a



Valuation Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported Reference Asset Price on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, or such other time as the Issuer may determine in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

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

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.
- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”) (if applicable). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any

other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

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

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

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

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

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

responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

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

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

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

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

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call, the Securities are exercisable (i) on any Exercise Date by delivery of a Notice (as defined below) prior to the Exercise Time on an Exercise Date or (ii) automatically following the Final Valuation Date.
- (b) Stop Loss Event. Following a Stop Loss Event, the Securities will terminate

automatically. A Stop Loss Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Stop Loss Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date as the case may be.

- (c) Issuer Call. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, the Issuer may terminate the Securities, in whole but not in part, on any Business Day by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.
- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon due Exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following a Stop Loss Event and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive, from the Issuer on the Settlement Date either:
  - (i) the Exercise Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or
  - (ii) the Issuer Call Cash Amount, following a valid Issuer Call; or
  - (iii) the Stop Loss Cash Amount, following a Stop Loss Event.
- (e) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (f) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount.
- (g) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;

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

Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar of its holding of such Securities.

- (i) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount (if any) for each Security with respect to which a Notice has been delivered to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date.
- (j) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is not delivered to the Registrar, in each case as provided in the Conditions, shall be void.

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

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

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

- (k) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.

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

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred. A “**Market Disruption Event**” means:

- (a) Price Source Disruption. The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the Reference Asset Price (or the information necessary for determining such price), or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price by the Exchange

on the Valuation Date, the Issuer Call Date or any other relevant date following the occurrence of a Stop Loss Event; or

- (b) Trading Suspension. The material suspension of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange; or
- (c) Disappearance of Price. The failure of trading to commence, or the permanent discontinuation of trading of the Reference Asset on the Exchange; or
- (d) Material Change in Formula. The occurrence, since the Launch Date, of a material change in the basis for (including but not limited to the quantity, quality or currency), or method of, calculating the Reference Asset Price; or
- (e) Material Change in Content. The occurrence, since the Launch Date, of a material change in the content or composition of the Reference Asset Price; or
- (f) De Minimis Trading. The number of contracts traded on the Exchange with respect to the Reference Asset is such that the Issuer declares that its ability to enter into hedging transactions with respect to the Reference Asset has been impaired due to a lack of, or a material reduction in, trading in the Reference Asset on the Exchange; or
- (g) Tax Disruption. The imposition of, change in, or removal of, an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, the Reference Asset (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Launch Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the Reference Asset Price on the Valuation Date and/or on each of the three Trading Days following the Valuation Date and/or the Issuer Call Date and/or any other relevant date following the occurrence of a Stop Loss Event, from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; or
- (h) Trading Limitation. The material limitation imposed on trading in the Reference Asset with respect to it or any contract with respect to it on any exchange or principal trading market; or
- (i) Moratorium. A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or Related Exchange is located; or
- (j) Other Events. Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.

The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any



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

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

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

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS  
RELATING TO FUND TURBO LONG CERTIFICATES**

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

1. DEFINITIONS

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

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

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

“**Calculation Period**” means the number of calendar days from (but excluding) a Reset Date to (and including) the next following Reset Date;

“**Cash Amount**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) Upon Exercise:  
(Final Reference Price – Current Financing Level) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Exercise Cash Amount**”); or
- (b) Upon an Issuer Call:  
(Termination Reference Price – Current Financing Level) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Issuer Call Cash Amount**”); or
- (c) Following a Stop Loss Event:

(Stop Loss Termination Reference Price – Current Financing Level) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Stop Loss Cash Amount**”),

provided that the Cash Amount shall not be less than zero. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

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

“**Current Financing Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the Financing Level Currency, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; plus
- (b) Funding Cost; and minus
- (c) Notional Dividend Amounts.

The Current Financing Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the rate (expressed as a per annum percentage rate) as determined by the Calculation Agent having regard to the Financing Level Currency, prevailing market conditions and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant. The Current Spread may be reset on a Reset Date, subject to the “**Maximum Spread**” (as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) per annum (save that if, in the sole discretion of the Calculation Agent, at any time the market rate for borrowing the Fund or hedging the Securities with futures materially exceeds such market rate as at the Launch Date, the Current Spread and/or Maximum Spread may be increased to reflect this change). The Current Spread on the Launch Date is the spread specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Stop Loss Premium**” means an amount in the Financing Level Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent on each Reset Date, in its sole and absolute discretion, and subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, having regard to the current market conditions (including, without limitation, market volatility). The Current Stop Loss Premium shall not be less than the “**Minimum Premium**” nor greater than the “**Maximum Premium**” (both as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) of the Current Financing Level, subject to

adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4. The percentage used for calculating the Current Stop Loss Premium (the “**Current Stop Loss Premium Rate**”) on the Launch Date is the rate specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

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

“**Exchange**” means, with respect to a Fund which is an exchange traded fund, each exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to that exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, if the Financing Level Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Financing Level Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise**” means (i) a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3 or (ii) the automatic exercise of the Securities following the Final Valuation Date;

“**Exercise Date**” means, subject to a Stop Loss Event, the third Business Day preceding the scheduled Valuation Date;

“**Exercise Time**” means the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the Reference Asset Price for the Valuation Date and where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, at the Valuation Time, as determined by the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such Reference Asset Price can be determined and no Emerging Market Disruption Event or Fund Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its estimate of the Reference Asset Price for such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported Reference Asset Price and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

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

“**Final Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.

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

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

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

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

“**Fund Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day on which the fund manager, affiliate, agent, or intermediary platform through which the Issuer may contract (via a trading agreement or other ancillary document) is available to receive requests to subscribe and/or redeem Reference Assets;

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

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

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

“**Fund Service Provider**” means, in respect of any Fund, any person who is appointed to provide services, directly or indirectly, for that Fund, whether or not specified in the Fund Documents or the Fund Prospectus, including but not limited to any Fund Adviser, Fund Administrator, operator, management company, depository, custodian, sub-custodian, prime broker, trustee, registrar and transfer agent or domiciliary agent;

“**Funding Cost**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount, as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) Prevailing Rate plus Current Spread; multiplied by
- (b) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; multiplied by
- (c) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360;

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

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

“**Inclusion Date**” means (i) in respect of the Fund, the Issue Date and (ii) in respect of any Replacement Fund, means the Substitution Date of that Fund;

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

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. incorporated in The Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam acting through its principal office or its branch in London or such further or other branches as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call**” means termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Issuer Call Commencement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Issuer Call Date”** means the day specified as such in the notice delivered in accordance with Product Condition 3, and if such day is not a Trading Day, means the first succeeding Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, either:

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

**“Issuer Call Notice Period”** means the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

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



outstanding shares, units or interests (other than shares, units or interests owned or controlled by such other entity) immediately prior to such event collectively representing less than 50 per cent. of the outstanding shares, units or interests immediately following such event;

“**NAV**” means net asset value;

“**Notional Dividend Amount**” means, if “Notional Dividend Amount” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to the cash dividends and/or other cash distributions in respect of a Reference Asset which have an ex-dividend date occurring during the Notional Dividend Period net of applicable withholding taxes at a rate adjusted by application of any relevant double tax treaty without regard to any tax credits;

“**Notional Dividend Period**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each period from (but excluding) the Launch Date to (and including) the earlier of the next following Reset Date, Issuer Call Date, Stop Loss Termination Date or the Valuation Date and thereafter from (but excluding) the Reset Date to (and including) the earlier of the next following Reset Date, the Issuer Call Date, Stop Loss Termination Date or the Valuation Date;

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

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

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

“**Prevailing Rate**” means the rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, for deposits in the Financing Level Currency in the inter-bank market with a maturity of either, three months, one month or overnight, as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion or such other maturity as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“**Reference Asset**” means the relevant interests specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, where the Reference Assets are not specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and the Fund is not an exchange traded fund, the relevant interests in each Fund;

“**Reference Asset Price**” means:

- (a) where the Fund is not an exchange traded fund:
  - (i) if specified as NAV in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the NAV of the Fund as quoted by the fund manager of the Fund for any Trading Day; and
  - (ii) if specified as Trading Price in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the trading price of the Fund as quoted by the fund manager of the Fund for any Trading Day; or
- (b) where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, the trading price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange for any Trading Day;

“**Related Exchange**” means, with respect to a Fund which is an exchange traded fund, an options or future exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the relevant Fund are traded;

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

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

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

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

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

“**Reset Date**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Launch Date and thereafter (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Business Day, or (b) each Business Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the fund turbo long certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Fund Event, would have been) a trading day on the Securities Exchange;

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

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

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“**Stop Loss Event**” occurs if, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Reference Asset Price for any Trading Day, from and including the Launch Date, and other than at the Stop Loss Reset Time or a time at which there is, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Fund Event, is less than or equal to the Stop Loss Price. If no such price or level is available the price or level will be determined by the Calculation Agent in its absolute discretion;

“**Stop Loss Price**” means an amount calculated on each Stop Loss Reset Date at the Stop Loss Reset Time (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, as:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the current Stop Loss Reset Date; plus
- (b) the Current Stop Loss Premium on the current Stop Loss Reset Date.

The Stop Loss Price shall be rounded in the manner specified in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms as “**Stop Loss Price Rounding**”. The Stop Loss Price on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Stop Loss Reset Date**” means (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day and a Securities Trading Day, the Stop Loss Reset Date will be the next following Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day or (b) each Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“**Stop Loss Reset Time**” means the regular weekday opening time of the Securities Exchange;

“**Stop Loss Termination Date**” means the day the Reference Asset Price is made available for the first Trading Day on which the Stop Loss Event occurs;

“**Stop Loss Termination Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) equal to the share-weighted average of the Reference Asset Prices, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion on the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Date, at which the Issuer’s hedging position in the Reference Assets was redeemed during the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period;

“**Stop Loss Termination Valuation Date**” means the day the Reference Asset Price is made available for the last Trading Day during the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period;

“**Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period**” means a reasonable period immediately following the Stop Loss Event, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, which shall be determined by the number of Trading Days taken to redeem the Reference Assets according to the redemption procedure relating to the Reference Assets as set out in the constitutive documents for such Fund (excluding any period during which a Fund Event is continuing). The Issuer shall submit a duly completed request to redeem the Reference Assets within three hours of the Stop Loss Event and for the avoidance of any doubt, such submission may occur on the Fund Business Day following such Stop Loss Event if the Stop Loss Event occurs less than 3 hours prior to the cut-off time the fund manager,

affiliate, agent, or intermediary platform through which the Issuer may contract (via a trading agreement or other ancillary document) is available to receive requests to subscribe and/or redeem shares of the Fund;

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

“**Termination Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the Reference Asset Price for the Issuer Call Date and where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, at the Valuation Time, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such Reference Asset Price can be determined and no Emerging Market Disruption Event or Fund Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its estimate of the Reference Asset Price for such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported Reference Asset Price and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“**Trading Day**” means unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Fund Event, would have been) (i) in respect of a Fund, a day on which dealing in the Fund can take place including but not limited to a day on which subscription or redemption of Reference Assets takes place (without giving effect to any gating, deferral, suspension or other similar provision to delay or refuse a duly completed and timely submitted request to redeem Reference Assets on such day) or (ii) in respect of a Fund that is an exchange traded fund, any day that is a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Trigger Event**” means the event specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

- (i) an Emerging Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the applicable Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is no Emerging Market Disruption Event, unless the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is an Emerging Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Emerging Market Disruption Event) would have been the Valuation Date. In that case

(i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Emerging Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported Reference Asset Price and such other factors as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines to be relevant; or

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

“**Valuation Time**” means at or around the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or such other time as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may select and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

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

## 2. FORM

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

(b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing

Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”) (if applicable). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

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

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

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

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

Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase

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

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

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

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

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

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call, the Securities are exercisable (i) on any Exercise Date by delivery of a Notice (as defined below) prior to the Exercise Time on an Exercise Date or (ii)



automatically following the Final Valuation Date

- (b) Stop Loss Event. Following a Stop Loss Event, the Securities will terminate automatically. A Stop Loss Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Stop Loss Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date as the case may be.
- (c) Issuer Call. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, the Issuer may terminate the Securities, in whole but not in part, on any Business Day by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.
- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon due Exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following a Stop Loss Event and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date either:
  - (i) the Exercise Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or
  - (ii) the Issuer Call Cash Amount, following a valid Issuer Call; or
  - (iii) the Stop Loss Cash Amount, following a Stop Loss Event.
- (e) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (f) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent or any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount.
- (g) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the

Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;

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

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

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

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

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

- (k) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST,

the Registrar, as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.

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

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) **Fund Events.** Each of the following events constitutes a “**Fund Event**”. The Fund Events are for the benefit of the Issuer in order that the Issuer is protected against any adverse effects of such Fund Events on its Hedge Position. The Issuer, or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, shall make all determinations in respect of such Fund

Events including as to whether such Fund Event has occurred and the effective date of such occurrence. In order to constitute a Fund Event, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf must conclude that the event in question either has resulted or is reasonably likely to result in an adverse effect on the value of the Reference Assets or the NAV of the Fund or on the rights of any investor therein with respect to the Reference Assets or the Fund or otherwise has materially adversely affected its Hedge Position.

(i) Global Events:

- (A) Any of: (a) the investment strategy and/or the investment objective of the Fund has changed so that it is materially different from that applicable at its Inclusion Date or (b) a material change has been made to the underlying nature, strategy or risk of the Fund's portfolio from that which prevailed at its Inclusion Date and that is over and above that expected by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf as at the Inclusion Date with respect to the trading strategies employed by the Fund as of that date or (c) the operation or organisation of the Fund or the Fund Adviser (including, without limitation, its organisational structure and its procedures, processes or policies in respect of investment selection, due diligence, asset allocation, risk management or investment monitoring) has changed from that at the Inclusion Date or are other than as represented at such Inclusion Date or (d) any such procedures, processes or policies as are referred to in (c) above are either not being applied or are not being applied consistently with their application on the Inclusion Date or (e) an event or change affecting any of the structure, ownership, management or reputation or liquidity of the Fund or the Reference Assets and/or any other units in the capital of the Fund and/or any Fund Service Provider occurs or (f) any other amendments, changes, modifications or variations are made after the Inclusion Date to any of the Fund Documents, the Fund Prospectus or the Portfolio Guidelines.
- (B) (a) the Fund is not being managed in accordance with the Fund Documents and/or the Fund Prospectus as they prevailed on the Inclusion Date, and no action satisfactory to the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf has been taken by the Fund or any person on its behalf with a view towards correcting such breach within five calendar days from the date on which the Fund was notified of the

breach, or (b) any event occurs which causes, or will with the passage of time (in the opinion of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf) cause, the failure of the Fund and/or any Fund Service Provider to meet or maintain any obligation or undertaking under the Fund Documents.

- (C) The Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that (a) the obligations of any of the Fund or any Fund Service Provider or the directors of the Fund under any Hedging Agreement do not comprise legal, valid and binding obligations of such person, enforceable in accordance with their terms or (b) any of the Fund or any Fund Service Provider was acting outside its powers or authority in executing any Hedging Agreement or in making any agreement or undertaking therein. Each of (a) and (b) shall be conclusively presumed to be the case if the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf is advised that such is the case by reputable legal counsel having expertise in such matters.
- (D) The activities of the Fund or any Fund Service Provider and/or any of their respective directors, officers, employees or agents are placed under review or become subject to any investigation, proceeding or litigation by any relevant governmental, legal, administrative or regulatory authority or court of competent jurisdiction and/or are subject to any charges or actions by any governmental, legal, administrative or regulatory authority for reasons of wrongdoing, suspected wrongdoing, alleged engagement in fraudulent activities, breach of any rule or regulation or other similar reason and/or the Fund or any Fund Service Provider and/or any of their respective directors, officers, employees or agents have any of their respective registrations, approvals, authorisations, licences or memberships with any administrative or regulatory authorities revoked, suspended, terminated, limited or qualified.
- (E) Written notification is given by the Fund or any Fund Service Provider (or any person acting on behalf thereof) to holders of Reference Assets or to the Fund Administrator of a proposed cessation of operation of the Fund or the Fund or any Fund Service Provider (a) is dissolved or has a resolution passed for its dissolution, winding-up, official liquidation; (b) makes a general assignment or arrangement with or for the benefit

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

- (F) The Fund or any Fund Service Provider becomes party to any litigation or dispute.
- (G) Any Merger Event occurs or is threatened.
- (H) The Fund or any Fund Service Provider has experienced or is experiencing a material adverse change in its business, assets, operations or financial condition which adversely impacts its ability to provide services to the Fund and/or the quality of such services.
- (I) In respect of any Reference Assets, any fraudulent or negligent entry is made on the register of such Reference Assets maintained by or on behalf of the Fund or there is a reduction in the number of such Reference Assets held for the account of any investor in the Fund for reasons beyond the control of that investor.
- (J) (a) any change occurs in the legal, tax, accounting or regulatory treatment of (i) the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider by reason of its investment in the Fund or the Reference Assets or (ii) the Fund or any Fund Service Provider, in each case from that which was applicable at the Inclusion Date or (b) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that any of Issuer, its affiliates or any Hedge Provider is or may in the future be unable, or it may be unduly onerous or impractical for any such entity, to perform any obligation (including, without limitation, any regulatory or accounting reporting obligation) imposed on any such entity by the law or regulation of any relevant jurisdiction, any relevant regulatory or administrative body or any court of competent jurisdiction, in each case by reason of its investment in the Fund or the Reference Assets or (c) the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider deems it necessary or appropriate, in order to comply with or remain within (i) any applicable legal and/or regulatory limits on the amounts of Reference Assets that it may hold and/or (ii) any internal exposure limits governing the maximum exposure (direct and indirect) that the Issuer, any relevant affiliate or the Hedge Provider as the case may be, is permitted to have to the Fund, to redeem all or some of the Reference Assets held by them.
- (K) A cross-contamination or other failure effectively to segregate the portfolio of assets occurs between different series, classes and/or sub-funds in relation to the Fund (if the Fund is part of an umbrella



structure with more than one sub-fund).

- (L) A significant market, trading or exchange disruption and/or crisis in the major financial markets occurs.
- (ii) NAV/Price and Reporting:
- (A) There is (a) a failure to calculate and/or publish the NAV of the Fund on any day on which such calculation or publication was scheduled to be made in accordance with the Fund Documents and/or the Fund Prospectus as they prevailed on the Inclusion Date or (b) a failure to calculate and publish the NAV of the Fund with the frequency set out in the Fund Documents and/or the Fund Prospectus as they prevailed on the Inclusion Date or (c) where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, a failure to publish the trading price of the Reference Assets on the Exchange.
  - (B) (a) Any change is made to the methodology used for calculating either the NAV of the Fund or any estimate of the NAV of the Fund from that which prevailed on the Inclusion Date or (b) there is a failure to calculate and deliver any estimate of the NAV of the Fund in accordance with the timing within which such information has previously been provided to the Issuer, the Calculation Agent, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider.
  - (C) (a) The time delay between calculation of the NAV (or any estimated NAV) of the Fund and the publication of such NAV (or estimated NAV) is changed so that it is no longer the same as set out in the Fund Prospectus as it prevailed on the Inclusion Date or (b) any other information relating to the Fund that was specified to be published in accordance with the Fund Documents or the Fund Prospectus as they respectively prevailed on the Inclusion Date is not published in accordance with the timetable therefor set out in such documents.
  - (D) The audited NAV of the Fund varies by more than 0.50 per cent. from the related NAV previously published by or on behalf of the Fund, or the auditors of the Fund qualify any audit report, or refuse to provide an unqualified audit report, in respect of the Fund, or the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf considers that the unaudited official NAV of the Fund published by or on behalf of the Fund in respect of any date does not reflect the NAV of such Fund as it would have been

determined by the independent auditors of that Fund using the generally accepted accounting standards adopted by the Fund.

- (E) (i) In respect of any Reference Asset, the occurrence of any event affecting such Reference Asset that, in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, would make it impossible or impracticable for the Issuer or the Calculation Agent to determine the value of such Reference Asset, and the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that such event will not be, or has not been, resolved within 15 calendar days from the occurrence of such event;
- (ii) any failure of the Fund, any Fund Service Provider or any director of the Fund to deliver, or cause to be delivered, (A) information that such person has agreed to deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Issuer, the Calculation Agent, any of the Issuer's affiliates or any Hedge Provider in respect of the Fund (including, without limitation, any information required by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent in the execution of its duties and obligations under the Securities or required by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent in order to determine whether any Fund Event has occurred or to make any other determination permitted by it in respect of the Securities) or (B) information that has been previously delivered to the Issuer, the Calculation Agent, any of the Issuer's affiliates or any Hedge Provider, in accordance with such person's, or its authorised representative's, normal practice and that the Issuer or the Calculation Agent deems necessary for it to perform its duties and obligations under the Securities or that the Issuer or the Calculation Agent deems is required by it in order to determine whether any Fund Event has occurred or to make any other determination permitted by it in respect of the Securities (including, in either case, monitoring the Fund's compliance with any Portfolio Guidelines, asset allocation methodologies, the occurrence of any Fund Event or any other similar policies relating to such Reference Assets).

- (iii) Reference Assets:

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

- (A) a subdivision, reclassification or distribution of Reference Assets which has a diluting or concentrative or other effect on the value (theoretical or otherwise) of the Reference Assets;

- (B) a portion of each Reference Asset is converted (whether by way of redemption and re-issue or otherwise) into new securities participating in the capital of the Fund, which securities are subject to lock-up periods during which they may not be redeemed and which relate to any segregated assets of the Fund, or the Fund creates any other form of “side-pocket” which affects the Reference Assets;
  - (C) a (i) dividend (including cash and whether ordinary or extraordinary), (ii) distribution or (iii) issue of Reference Assets, capital, securities, rights or other assets or interests to existing holders of Reference Assets which has or is likely to have an adverse effect on the value (theoretical or otherwise) of the Reference Assets;
  - (D) any suspension or limitation on the trading of the relevant currencies in which the Reference Assets are denominated or any amendment to the currency of denomination of the Reference Assets so that their price is no longer calculated in the same currency as at the Inclusion Date of the Fund; or
- (iv) Trading and Fees:
- (A) In respect of the Reference Assets, the Fund or any Fund Service Provider increases the level of any redemption fee, subscription fee, management fee, performance fee or a bid/offer spread (or other charge however described) above the level that would have been applicable to any Reference Assets held by any of the Issuer, any affiliate of the Issuer or any Hedge Provider on the Inclusion Date (regardless of whether any such person actually holds any Reference Assets as of such date).
  - (B) Any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading of the Fund or on trading in the Reference Assets (for any reason, including, without limitation, by reason of liquidity restrictions) or any dealing request made by any investor or prospective investor in the Fund or the Reference Assets is deferred in whole or in part or is made at a value other than the related NAV or price, as applicable.
  - (C) The frequency at which Reference Assets can be traded is amended or the timing for subscription or redemption of Reference Assets is amended, in each case so that it is no longer that specified in the Fund Documents and/or Fund Prospectus as they prevailed on the Inclusion

Date, including, without limitation, an amendment to the timetable for payment of redemption proceeds upon redemption.

(D) If any of the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider redeems Reference Assets or is entitled to a Notional Dividend Amount and:

(I) does not receive the full proceeds of such redemption or Notional Dividend Amount in cash in accordance with the timing set out in the Fund Documents or the Fund Prospectus;  
or

(II) receives any in-kind distribution in full or part satisfaction of the redemption proceeds or the Notional Dividend Amount paid or payable to it,

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

(v) Fund Adviser and Fund Service Provider Failures:

(A) The Fund Adviser indicates or acknowledges that in its opinion the strategy/investment objective of the Fund will not be, or is no longer able to be, met.

(B) Any representations, covenants or agreements of the Fund Adviser under the investment management agreement or investment advisory agreement (howsoever described) relating to the Fund have been breached and not cured.

(C) Any of: (a) the resignation, termination of appointment or replacement of the Fund Adviser from its role as such occurs or the resignation, termination of appointment or replacement of any other Fund Service Provider from its role as such occurs with respect to the Fund or (b) any change in the personnel of any Fund Service Provider occurs which the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf considers materially adversely affects the ability of such Fund Service Provider to carry out its duties with respect to the Fund.

(D) The Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf becomes aware of any failure by the Fund or any person on its behalf to disclose to the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, on or before the Inclusion Date,

any information, event or circumstance that was in existence on such date and that would have been necessary to enable the Issuer or the Calculation Agent to make an informed assessment of the assets and liabilities, financial position and prospects of the Fund and of the rights attaching to the Reference Assets.

- (vi) General: Any other event occurs which the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines is analogous to any of the events specified in subparagraphs (i) to (v) above.
- (b) Consequences of a Fund Event. In respect of each Fund Event, following the occurrence of such an event (and regardless of whether or not such event is then continuing) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may take any of following actions (each, a “**Permitted Action**”):
- (i) (A) make such adjustments to any variable, calculation methodology, valuation, settlement or payment terms or any other terms and conditions of the Securities as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines appropriate to account for the economic effect on the Securities of such Fund Event and (B) determine the effective date of the relevant adjustments; or
  - (ii) select a Replacement Fund and a Substitution Date. Following any such selection (A) the Replacement Fund shall replace the affected Fund on the Substitution Date, (B) references herein to the name of the affected Fund shall be deemed to be references to the name of the Replacement Fund with effect from the Substitution Date and (C) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may make such adjustment as it determines to be appropriate, if any, to any variable, calculation methodology, valuation, settlement or payment terms or any other terms and conditions in relation to the Securities to reflect such substitution; or
  - (iii) terminate all, but not some only, of the Securities, on the date notified to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 and redeem the Securities at their fair market value immediately prior to such Fund Event less (i) the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging and funding arrangements (as determined by the Issuer); and (ii) the deduction of taxes, expenses and other similar charges; or
  - (iv) make such adjustments to any variable, calculation methodology, valuation, settlement or payment terms or any other terms and conditions of the Securities as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines are necessary to

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

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

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

(c) Fund Event Methodology and Determinations:

- (i) If, in respect of any determination or calculation hereunder which is made by reference to an official or estimated NAV of a Fund provided or published by or on behalf of the Fund or, where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, the last reported trading price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange in respect of a particular date, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that such value does not fairly represent the value of the Fund or Reference Asset as of such date, or that no such value is provided or published, then the Issuer or

the Calculation Agent on its behalf may use such other value as it determines as representing a fair NAV or price, as applicable, as of such date or, alternatively, may use a preceding official or estimated value where it believes that such preceding official or estimated value gives a fairer representation than the more recent figure.

- (ii) Should the Fund operate equalisation procedures in respect of performance or incentive based fees, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may make such adjustments to these Product Conditions as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines appropriate to account for such equalisation in an equitable manner and, where such equalisation procedures operate by the issuance of different classes of shares in the Fund, then each of the Issuer and the Calculation Agent is permitted to deem any notional subscription or redemption on behalf of the Securities to be in such order and in respect of such classes as appear to it to be equitable and reasonable or to deem the return of such shares to be based on a benchmark or average of the different classes.
- (iii) For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding any other Condition, the Issuer and the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall be entitled to make any determination, waiver, declaration or decision with regard to a Fund Event and, without limitation, may make such determination, waiver, declaration or decision by reference to the establishment, operation and/or efficacy (whether actual or anticipated) of any Relevant Hedging Transaction. Neither the Issuer nor the Calculation Agent is under any obligation to monitor or determine whether or not a Fund Event has occurred and will not be required to, and will not be responsible for any failure to, make any determination, waiver, declaration or decision whatsoever in relation to a Fund Event. In making or omitting to make any such determination, waiver, declaration or decision, neither the Issuer nor the Calculation Agent shall be under any fiduciary duty towards the Holders and, for the avoidance of doubt, neither the Issuer nor the Calculation Agent shall be responsible for any loss, underperformance or opportunity cost suffered or incurred by Holders in connection with the Securities as a result thereof, howsoever arising.
- (d) The Issuer shall give notice in accordance with General Condition 4 of any calculation or determination made by it or the Calculation Agent pursuant to this Product Condition 4 as soon as practicable after it has been made. The Issuer shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such calculations and determinations.

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

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



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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**RELATING TO ROLLING TURBO LONG CERTIFICATES ON AN INDEX**

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

1. DEFINITIONS

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

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

“**Calculation Period**” means the number of calendar days from (but excluding) a Reset Date to (and including) the next following Reset Date;

“**Cash Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses, provided that the Cash Amount shall not be less than zero. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate if an Exchange Rate is specified and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

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

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

“**Current Financing Level**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount

(which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the Financing Level Currency, in accordance with the following formulae:

(i) promptly following a Re-Financing Event:

$[1 + (1 / \text{Target Leverage Factor})] \times \text{Re-Financing Reference Price}$ ; and otherwise

(ii) (a) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; plus

(b) Funding Cost; minus

(c) Notional Dividend Amount, if specified to be “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, otherwise Notional Dividend Amount shall be disregarded in the calculation of Current Financing Level.

The Funding Cost will be added to the Current Financing Level prior to the opening of trading on the Exchange on each Trading Day.

On the Launch Date the Current Financing Level shall be the Initial Current Financing Level.

“**Current Leverage Factor**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of any Trading Day, a number determined by the Calculation Agent at the Valuation Time in accordance with the following formula:

$\text{Reference Price at the Valuation Time} / (\text{Current Financing Level} - \text{Reference Price at the Valuation Time})$

On the Launch Date the Current Leverage Factor shall be the Target Leverage Factor;

“**Current Participation Factor**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in relation to a Re-Financing Event and subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, a number calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$\text{Target Leverage Factor} \times \text{Security Value} / \text{Re-Financing Reference Price}$

For the avoidance of any doubt, where the Current Participation Factor is being adjusted following an Interim Settlement Event, the Security Value in the above mentioned formula shall be the Security Value following the deduction of the Interim Settlement Amount.

On the Launch Date the Current Participation Factor shall be the Initial Current Participation Factor;

“**Current Spread**” means a per annum percentage rate as determined by the Calculation Agent having regard to the Financing Level Currency, prevailing market conditions and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant. The Calculation Agent may adjust the Current Spread on each Reset Date, but in any event, the Current Spread will not exceed the “**Maximum Spread**” (as

specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) per annum (save that if, in the sole discretion of the Calculation Agent, at any time the market rate for borrowing the Index or hedging the certificates with futures materially exceeds such market rate as at the Launch Date, the Current Spread and/or Maximum Spread may be increased to reflect this change). The Current Spread on the Launch Date is the spread specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other

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

(vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or

(vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or

(viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

(ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or

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

“**Exchange**” means (i) in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index each the exchange or quotation system from which the Index Sponsor takes the prices of the shares that comprise the Index (the “**Shares**”) to compute the Index or any successor to such exchange or quotation system or (ii) in respect of a Commodity Index, the exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system in which trading of the futures or options contracts in the Index or its components principally occurs or the exchange or quotation system where trading has a material effect on the overall market for futures or options contracts relating to the Index or its components, in each case as determined by the Issuer, acting in good faith;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, where the Financing Level Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Financing Level Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Execution Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency), as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion during the Execution Valuation Period, equal to the fair value level of the Index, by reference to the unwinding of the hedging position. The minimum Execution Level will be the lowest level of the Index during the Execution Valuation Period;

“**Execution Valuation Period**” means (i) the day on which the Re-Financing Event, Stop Loss Event or Knock Out Event occurs, as the case may be, or (ii) the Trading Day following the events specified in (i) above;

“**Exercise**” means (i) a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3 or (ii) the automatic exercise of the Securities following the Final Valuation Date;

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

“**Exercise Time**” means the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the Reference Price at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date;

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

“**Final Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.

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

“**Funding Cost**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount, as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) Prevailing Rate plus Current Spread; multiplied by
- (b) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; multiplied by
- (c) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360;

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

“**Index**” means the index or Commodity Index specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series

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

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

“**Initial Current Financing Level**” means the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Initial Current Participation Factor**” means the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interim Settlement Amount**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, upon the occurrence of an Interim Settlement Event, an amount equal to:

Security Value - Issue Price rounded down to the next full unit of the Settlement Currency

The Interim Settlement Amount shall be rounded down to the nearest integral multiple of the Interim Settlement Factor;

“**Interim Settlement Event**” occurs, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, if at the Valuation Time on any Trading Day from (and including) the Launch Date, and other than at a time at which there is, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event, the Security Value is greater than or equal to the Interim Settlement Level, and a Re-Financing Event shall be deemed to have occurred;

“**Interim Settlement Factor**” means the factor specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any variation by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion;

“**Interim Settlement Level**” means the Issue Price rounded down to the next full unit of the Settlement Currency plus the Interim Settlement Factor, all as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

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

“**Issue Price**” means the amount as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. incorporated in The Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam acting through its principal office or its branch in London or such further or other branches as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call**” means termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Issuer Call Commencement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant

Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call Date**” means the day specified as such in the notice delivered by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3, and if such day is not a Trading Day, means the first succeeding Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case, the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Termination Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Issuer Call Notice Period**” means the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Knock Out Event**” occurs, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, if at any time on any Trading Day from (and including) the Launch Date, and other than at a time at which there is, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event, the Security Value is less than or equal to the Knock Out Level, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion;

“**Knock Out Level**” means the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Launch Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Lower Leverage Limit**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“**Notional Dividend Amount**” means if “Notional Dividend Amount” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to the cash dividends and/or other cash distributions in respect of the Shares which have an ex-dividend date occurring during the Notional Dividend Period net of applicable

withholding taxes at a rate adjusted by application of any relevant double tax treaty without regard to any tax credits;

“**Notional Dividend Period**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each period from (but excluding) the Launch Date to (and including) the earlier of the next following Reset Date, the Issuer Call Date, the Valuation Date or the Stop Loss Termination Date and thereafter from (but excluding) the Reset Date to (and including) the earlier of the next following Reset Date, the Issuer Call Date, the Valuation Date or the Stop Loss Termination Date;

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

“**Prevailing Rate**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the rate as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, for deposits in the Financing Level Currency in the inter-bank market with a maturity of either three months, one month or overnight, as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion or such other maturity as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4;

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

“**Re-Financing Event**” occurs, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, if on any Trading Day at the Valuation Time, from (and including) the Launch Date, and other than at a time at which there is, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event, (a) the Current Leverage Factor is less than or equal to the Lower Leverage Limit or (b) the Current Leverage Factor is greater than or equal to the Upper Leverage Limit or (c) an Interim Settlement Event has occurred or (d) a Stop Loss Event has occurred, all as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;



**“Re-Financing Reference Price”** means the Reference Price at the Valuation Time on the day on which a Re-Financing Event has, or is deemed to have, occurred;

**“Related Exchange”** means the options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Index are traded;

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

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

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

**“Reset Date”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Launch Date and thereafter (a) the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each calendar month, provided that if such day is not a Business Day, the next following Business Day, or (b) each Business Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

**“Securities”** means each Series of the Rolling Turbo Long Certificates relating to the Index specified in the applicable Final Terms and each certificate a “Security”. References to the terms “Securities” and “Security” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Security Value”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the intrinsic value of a Security as determined by the Calculation Agent as follows:

- (a) with regard to the Interim Settlement Event: (Reference Price at the Valuation Time – Current Financing Level) x Current Participation Factor;

- (b) for the calculation of the Current Participation Factor:  $(\text{Execution Level} - \text{Current Financing Level}) \times \text{Current Participation Factor}$ ;
- (c) with regard to the Knock-Out-Event:  $(\text{Reference Price} - \text{Current Financing Level}) \times \text{Current Participation Factor}$ .

For the avoidance of any doubt, the Current Financing Level in the formula in (b) above shall be the Current Financing Level immediately before the occurrence of the Re-Financing Event;

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

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

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“**Stop Loss Event**” occurs if, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, the level of the Index (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) is at any time on any Trading Day, from (and including) the Launch Date, and other than at a time at which there is, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event, less than or equal to the Stop Loss Level. If no such level is available the level will be determined by the Calculation Agent in its absolute discretion. Upon the occurrence of such event, a Re-Financing Event shall be deemed to have occurred;

“**Stop Loss Level**” means an amount calculated on each Trading Day in accordance with the formula specified in the definition of the relevant Series (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency, rounded up to the nearest whole number), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion;

“**Stop Loss Termination Reference Price**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) equal to the Execution Level, as determined by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion on the occurrence of a Stop Loss Event;

“**Stop Loss Premium Rate**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Target Leverage Factor**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Termination Reference Price**” means an amount equal to the Reference Price at the Valuation Time on the Issuer Call Date;

“**Trading Day**” means any day on which the Index Sponsor should calculate and publish the closing level of the Index according to its rules;

“**Upper Leverage Limit**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter, unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event) has occurred on that day in which case, the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price(s) of (a) the Shares on the Exchange (in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index) or (b) the components of the Index on the Exchange (in respect of a Commodity Index) and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means (i) in respect of the AEX-index, the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the Exchange Delivery Settlement Price (the average of the prices of the AEX-index calculated at one minute intervals between 15.30 and 16.00 Amsterdam time) or (ii) in respect of any other Index, the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the closing level of the Index or in relation to (i) and (ii) at such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

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

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “Global Security”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depository for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “Holder” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.
- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian,

crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

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

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

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Knock Out Event has occurred, and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call, the Securities are exercisable (i) by delivery of a Notice prior to the Exercise Time on an Exercise Date or (ii) automatically following the Final Valuation Date.
- (b) Stop Loss Event. Following the occurrence of a Stop Loss Event, the Issuer shall determine the Stop Loss Termination Reference Price and shall notionally re-invest the Stop Loss Termination Reference Price in the Index on the basis of a Re-Financing Event having occurred contemporaneously therewith.
- (c) Issuer Call. The Issuer may terminate, subject to a valid Exercise or the occurrence of a Knock Out Event, the Securities, in whole but not in part on any Business Day by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.
- (d) Interim Settlement Event. Following the occurrence of an Interim Settlement Event, the Calculation Agent shall determine and pay the Interim Settlement Amount to the

account of the relevant Holder via the Clearing Agent on the Settlement Date and adjust the Security Value on the basis of a Re-Financing Event having occurred contemporaneously therewith. Any amounts not paid via the Clearing Agent shall be retained by the Issuer for payment to the relevant Holder against evidence satisfactory to the Issuer of the Holder's entitlement to such amount.

- (e) Knock Out Event. Following the occurrence of a Knock Out Event, the Securities will terminate automatically and the Issuer will give notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. A Knock Out Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Knock Out Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date as the case may be.
- (f) Re-Financing Event. On or promptly following a Re-Financing Event the Calculation Agent shall adjust the Current Financing Level and the Current Participation Factor as set out in Product Condition 1.
- (g) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon due Exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call, determination of an Interim Settlement Event or following a Knock Out Event and except in the case of an Interim Settlement Event subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive, from the Issuer on the Settlement Date either:
  - (i) The Exercise Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or
  - (ii) The Issuer Call Cash Amount, following a valid Issuer Call; or
  - (iii) The Interim Settlement Amount, following an Interim Settlement Event; or
  - (iv) The Knock Out Cash Amount, following a Knock Out Event.
- (h) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (i) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount.
- (j) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a "Notice") to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the

specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

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



participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

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

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

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

The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross

negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (n) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (o) Exercise and Settlement Risk. Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (p) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (q) Presentation and Surrender. Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so

paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

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

In respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, “**Market Disruption Event**” means: (i) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which any Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or (ii) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on an Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise), (A) on any Exchange(s) in securities that comprise 20 per cent. or more of the level of the relevant Index, if in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material. For the purpose of determining whether such suspension or limitation is material, if trading in a security included in the Index is suspended or materially limited at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security to the level of the Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that security relative to (y) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately before that suspension or limitation; or (B) on any Related Exchange in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the relevant Index. In any event, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the relevant exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the relevant exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

In respect of a Commodity Index, “**Market Disruption Event**” means in relation to the Commodity Index or its components:

- (i) **Price Source Disruption.** The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the price of the Commodity Index or any of its components (or the information necessary for determining such price(s)) or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price(s) by the Exchange; or

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

in the country in which the Exchange is located; or

- (x) **Other Events.** Any other event similar to any of the above which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.
  
- (b) Adjustments to Index. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made by it pursuant to paragraphs (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) below.
  - (i) If the Index is: (A) not calculated and announced by the Index sponsor but is calculated and published by a successor to the Index Sponsor (the “**Successor Sponsor**”) acceptable to the Calculation Agent; or (B) replaced by a successor index using in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of the Index, then (in either case) the Index will be deemed to be the index so calculated and announced by such Successor Sponsor or that successor index, as the case may be.
  
  - (ii) If: (A) on or prior to the Valuation Date, the occurrence of a Stop Loss Event, Issuer Call Date, or the occurrence of a Re-Financing Event or occurrence of the Knock Out Event as the case may be, the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor, makes a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating the Index or in any other way materially modifies the Index (other than a modification prescribed in that formula or method to maintain the Index in the event of changes in constituent securities or components, as the case may be, and other routine events); or (B) on or prior to the Valuation Date, the occurrence of a Stop Loss Event, Issuer Call Date, or the occurrence of a Re-Financing Event or occurrence of the Knock Out Event the Index Sponsor or, if applicable the Successor Sponsor, fails to calculate and/or publish the Index; then (in either case) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price, the Stop Loss Termination Reference Price, or the Termination Reference Price, the Reference Price or the Knock Out Reference Price using, in lieu of a published level for the Index on the Valuation Date, the Issuer Call Date or during the Execution Valuation Period as the case may be, the level for the Index as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to the change or failure, but using only those (a) in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, securities that comprised the Index

immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those securities that have since ceased to be listed on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed) ); or (b) in respect of a Commodity Index, commodity components that comprised the Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those components that have since ceased to be traded on the Exchange or any other exchange) or, in the case of a material modification of the Index only, the Calculation Agent shall deem such modified Index to be the Index so calculated and announced or shall (if so required by the Issuer), by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4, terminate the Securities and pay to each Holder in respect of each Security held by such Holder an amount equal to the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such material modification of the Index less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements (as determined by the Issuer).

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

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

- (iv) The Issuer reserves the right to make adjustments or to distribute to the Holders any rights in connection with the Securities as it reasonably believes are appropriate in circumstances where an event or events occur which the Issuer (in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any adjustments previously made to the Securities) believes should in the context of the issue of Securities and its obligations hereunder, give rise to such adjustment or distribution, provided that such adjustment is considered by the Calculation Agent to be appropriate generally (without considering the individual circumstances of any Holder or the tax or other consequences of such adjustment in any particular jurisdiction) or is required to take account of provisions of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction or the practices of the Exchange.
- (c) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

## 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

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

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**RELATING TO ROLLING TURBO SHORT CERTIFICATES ON AN INDEX**

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

1. DEFINITIONS

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

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

“**Calculation Period**” means the number of calendar days from (but excluding) a Reset Date to (and including) the next following Reset Date;

“**Cash Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses, provided that the Cash Amount shall not be less than zero. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate if an Exchange Rate is specified and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

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

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

“**Current Financing Level**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in



the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the Financing Level Currency, in accordance with the following formulae:

- (i) promptly following a Re-Financing Event:  
 $[1 + (1 / \text{Target Leverage Factor})] \times \text{Re-Financing Reference Price}$ ; and otherwise
- (ii) (a) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; plus
  - (b) Funding Cost; minus
  - (c) Notional Dividend Amount, if specified to be “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, otherwise Notional Dividend Amount shall be disregarded in the calculation of Current Financing Level.

The Funding Cost will be added to the Current Financing Level prior to the opening of trading on the Exchange on each Trading Day.

On the Launch Date the Current Financing Level shall be the Initial Current Financing Level.

“**Current Leverage Factor**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of any Trading Day, a number determined by the Calculation Agent at the Valuation Time in accordance with the following formula:

$\text{Reference Price at the Valuation Time} / (\text{Current Financing Level} - \text{Reference Price at the Valuation Time})$

On the Launch Date the Current Leverage Factor shall be the Target Leverage Factor;

“**Current Participation Factor**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in relation to a Re-Financing Event and subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, a number calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$\text{Target Leverage Factor} \times \text{Security Value} / \text{Re-Financing Reference Price}$

For the avoidance of any doubt, where the Current Participation Factor is being adjusted following an Interim Settlement Event, the Security Value in the above mentioned formula shall be the Security Value following the deduction of the Interim Settlement Amount.

On the Launch Date the Current Participation Factor shall be the Initial Current Participation Factor;

“**Current Spread**” means a per annum percentage rate as determined by the Calculation Agent having regard to the Financing Level Currency, prevailing market conditions and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant. The Calculation Agent may adjust the Current Spread on

each Reset Date, but in any event, the Current Spread will not exceed the “**Maximum Spread**” (as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) per annum (save that if, in the sole discretion of the Calculation Agent, at any time the market rate for borrowing the Index or hedging the certificates with futures materially exceeds such market rate as at the Launch Date, the Current Spread and/or Maximum Spread may be increased to reflect this change). The Current Spread on the Launch Date is the spread specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

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

- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Exchange**” means (i) in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index each the exchange or quotation system from which the Index Sponsor takes the prices of the shares that comprise the Index (the “**Shares**”) to compute the Index or any successor to such exchange or quotation system or (ii) in respect of a Commodity Index, the exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system in which trading of the futures or options contracts in the Index or its components principally occurs or the exchange or quotation system where trading has a material effect on the overall market for futures or options contracts relating to the Index or its components, in each case as determined by the Issuer, acting in good faith;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, where the Financing Level Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Financing Level Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Execution Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency), as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion during the Execution Valuation Period, equal to the fair value level of the Index, by reference to the unwinding of the hedging position. The maximum

Execution Level will be the highest level of the Index during the Execution Valuation Period;

“**Execution Valuation Period**” means (i) the day on which the Re-Financing Event, Stop Loss Event or Knock Out Event occurs, as the case may be, or (ii) the Trading Day following the events specified in (i) above;

“**Exercise**” means (i) a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3 or (ii) the automatic exercise of the Securities following the Final Valuation Date;

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

“**Exercise Time**” means the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the Reference Price at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date;

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

“**Final Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.

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

“**Funding Cost**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount, as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) Prevailing Rate minus Current Spread; multiplied by
- (b) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; multiplied by
- (c) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360;

The Funding Cost may be a negative number;

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

of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

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

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

“**Initial Current Financing Level**” means the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Initial Current Participation Factor**” means the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interim Settlement Amount**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, upon the occurrence of an Interim Settlement Event, an amount equal to:

Security Value - Issue Price rounded down to the next full unit of the Settlement Currency

The Interim Settlement Amount shall be rounded down to the nearest integral multiple of the Interim Settlement Factor;

“**Interim Settlement Event**” occurs, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, if at the Valuation Time on any Trading Day, from (and including) the Launch Date, and other than at a time at which there is, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event, the Security Value is greater than or equal to the Interim Settlement Level, and a Re-Financing Event shall be deemed to have occurred;

“**Interim Settlement Factor**” means the factor specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any variation by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion;

“**Interim Settlement Level**” means the Issue Price rounded down to the next full unit of the Settlement Currency plus the Interim Settlement Factor, all as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

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

“**Issue Price**” means the amount as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. incorporated in The Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam acting through its principal office or its branch in London or such further or other branches as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Issuer Call”** means termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

**“Issuer Call Commencement Date”** means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Issuer Call Date”** means the day specified as such in the notice delivered by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3, and if such day is not a Trading Day, means the first succeeding Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case, the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Termination Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

**“Issuer Call Notice Period”** means the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Knock Out Event”** occurs, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, if at any time on any Trading Day from (and including) the Launch Date, and other than at a time at which there is, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event, the Security Value is less than or equal to the Knock Out Level, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion;

**“Knock Out Level”** means the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Launch Date”** means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Lower Leverage Limit”** means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

**“Notional Dividend Amount”** means if “Notional Dividend Amount” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) as determined by the

Calculation Agent, equal to the cash dividends and/or other cash distributions declared in respect of the Shares which have an ex-dividend date occurring during the Notional Dividend Period without regard to any withholding tax or other deductions multiplied by the prevailing percentage payable under market standard stock borrow agreements, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion;

“**Notional Dividend Period**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each period from (but excluding) the Launch Date to (and including) the earlier of the next following Reset Date, the Issuer Call Date, the Valuation Date or the Stop Loss Termination Date and thereafter from (but excluding) the Reset Date to (and including) the earlier of the next following Reset Date, the Issuer Call Date, the Valuation Date or the Stop Loss Termination Date;

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

“**Prevailing Rate**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the rate as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, for deposits in the Financing Level Currency in the inter-bank market with a maturity of either three months, one month or overnight, as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion or such other maturity as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4;

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

“**Re-Financing Event**” occurs, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, if on any Trading Day at the Valuation Time, from (and including the Launch Date) and, other than at a time at which there is, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event, (a) the Current Leverage Factor is less than or equal to the Lower Leverage Limit or

(b) the Current Leverage Factor is greater than or equal to the Upper Leverage Limit or (c) an Interim Settlement Event has occurred or (d) a Stop Loss Event has occurred, all as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

**“Re-Financing Reference Price”** means the Reference Price at the Valuation Time on the day on which a Re-Financing Event has, or is deemed to have, occurred;

**“Related Exchange”** means the options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Index are traded;

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

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

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

**“Reset Date”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Launch Date and thereafter (a) the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each calendar month, provided that if such day is not a Business Day, the next following Business Day, or (b) each Business Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

**“Securities”** means each Series of the Rolling Turbo Short Certificates relating to the Index specified in the applicable Final Terms and each certificate a “Security”. References to the terms “Securities” and “Security” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Security Value”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the intrinsic value of a Security as determined by the Calculation Agent as



follows:

- (a) with regard to the Interim Settlement Event:  $(\text{Current Financing Level} - \text{Reference Price at the Valuation Time}) \times \text{Current Participation Factor}$ ;
- (b) for the calculation of the Current Participation Factor:  $(\text{Current Financing Level} - \text{Execution Level}) \times \text{Current Participation Factor}$ ;
- (c) with regard to the Knock-Out-Event:  $(\text{Current Financing Level} - \text{Reference Price}) \times \text{Current Participation Factor}$ .

For the avoidance of any doubt, the Current Financing Level in the formula in (b) above shall be the Current Financing Level immediately before the occurrence of the Re-Financing Event;

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

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

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“**Stop Loss Event**” occurs if, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, the level of the Index (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) is at any time on any Trading Day, from (and including) the Launch Date, and other than at a time at which there is, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event, greater than or equal to the Stop Loss Level. If no such level is available the level will be determined by the Calculation Agent in its absolute discretion. Upon the occurrence of such event, a Re-Financing Event shall be deemed to have occurred;

“**Stop Loss Level**” means an amount calculated on each Trading Day in accordance with the formula specified in the definition of the relevant Series (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency, rounded down to the nearest whole number), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion;

“**Stop Loss Termination Reference Price**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product

Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency), as determined by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion on the occurrence of a Stop Loss Event, equal to the Execution Level;

“**Stop Loss Premium Rate**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Target Leverage Factor**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Termination Reference Price**” means an amount equal to the Reference Price at the Valuation Time on the Issuer Call Date;

“**Trading Day**” means any day on which the Index Sponsor should calculate and publish the closing level of the Index according to its rules;

“**Upper Leverage Limit**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter, unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event) has occurred on that day in which case, the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price(s) of (a) the Shares on the Exchange (in respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index) or (b) the components of the Index on the Exchange (in respect of a Commodity Index) and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means (i) in respect of the AEX-index, the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the Exchange Delivery Settlement Price (the average of the prices of the AEX-index calculated at one minute intervals between 15.30 and 16.00 Amsterdam time) or (ii) in respect of any other Index, the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the closing level of the Index or in relation to (i) and (ii) at such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

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

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “Global Security”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depository for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “Holder” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.
- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

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

Securities cleared through CREST may be transferred in accordance with the

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

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

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

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

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

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the

Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

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

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

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Knock Out Event has occurred, and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call, the Securities are exercisable (i) by delivery of a Notice prior to the Exercise Time on an Exercise Date or (ii) automatically following the Final Valuation Date
- (b) Stop Loss Event. Following the occurrence of a Stop Loss Event, the Issuer shall determine the Stop Loss Termination Reference Price and shall notionally re-invest the Stop Loss Termination Reference Price in the Index on the basis of a Re-Financing Event having occurred contemporaneously therewith.
- (c) Issuer Call. The Issuer may terminate, subject to a valid Exercise or the occurrence of a Knock Out Event, the Securities, in whole but not in part on any Business Day by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.

- (d) Interim Settlement Event. Following the occurrence of an Interim Settlement Event, the Calculation Agent shall determine and pay the Interim Settlement Amount to the account of the relevant Holder via the Clearing Agent on the Settlement Date and adjust the Security Value on the basis of a Re-Financing Event having occurred contemporaneously therewith. Any amounts not paid via the Clearing Agent shall be retained by the Issuer for payment to the relevant Holder against evidence satisfactory to the Issuer of the Holder's entitlement to such amount.
- (e) Knock Out Event. Following the occurrence of a Knock Out Event, the Securities will terminate automatically and the Issuer will give notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. A Knock Out Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Knock Out Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date as the case may be.
- (f) Re-Financing Event. On or promptly following a Re-Financing Event the Calculation Agent shall adjust the Current Financing Level and the Current Participation Factor as set out in Product Condition 1.
- (g) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon due Exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call, determination of an Interim Settlement Event or following a Knock Out Event and except in the case of an Interim Settlement Event subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive, from the Issuer on the Settlement Date either:
  - (i) The Exercise Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or
  - (ii) The Issuer Call Cash Amount, following a valid Issuer Call; or
  - (iii) The Interim Settlement Amount, following an Interim Settlement Event; or
  - (iv) The Knock Out Cash Amount, following a Knock Out Event.
- (h) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (i) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount.
- (j) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a "Notice") to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent

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

A Notice shall:

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

any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

vii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.

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

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

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

The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor, where the



Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (n) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (o) Exercise and Settlement Risk. Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (p) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (q) Presentation and Surrender. Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall

apply.

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

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

In respect of an Index which is not a Commodity Index, “**Market Disruption Event**” means: (i) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which any Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or (ii) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on an Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise), (A) on any Exchange(s) in securities that comprise 20 per cent. or more of the level of the relevant Index, if in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material. For the purpose of determining whether such suspension or limitation is material, if trading in a security included in the Index is suspended or materially limited at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security to the level of the Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that security relative to (y) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately before that suspension or limitation; or (B) on any Related Exchange in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the relevant Index. In any event, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the relevant exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the relevant exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

In respect of a Commodity Index, “**Market Disruption Event**” means in relation to the Commodity Index or its components:

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

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

- (x) **Other Events.** Any other event similar to any of the above which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.
  
- (b) Adjustments to Index. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made by it pursuant to paragraphs (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) below.
  - (i) If the Index is: (A) not calculated and announced by the Index sponsor but is calculated and published by a successor to the Index Sponsor (the “**Successor Sponsor**”) acceptable to the Calculation Agent; or (B) replaced by a successor index using in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of the Index, then (in either case) the Index will be deemed to be the index so calculated and announced by such Successor Sponsor or that successor index, as the case may be.
  
  - (ii) If: (A) on or prior to the Valuation Date, the occurrence of a Stop Loss Event, Issuer Call Date, or the occurrence of a Re-Financing Event or occurrence of the Knock Out Event as the case may be, the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor, makes a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating the Index or in any other way materially modifies the Index (other than a modification prescribed in that formula or method to maintain the Index in the event of changes in constituent securities or components, as the case may be, and other routine events); or (B) on or prior to the Valuation Date, the occurrence of a Stop Loss Event, Issuer Call Date, or the occurrence of a Re-Financing Event or occurrence of the Knock Out Event the Index Sponsor or, if applicable the Successor Sponsor, fails to calculate and/or publish the Index; then (in either case) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price, the Stop Loss Termination Reference Price, or the Termination Reference Price, the Reference Price or the Knock Out Reference Price using, in lieu of a published level for the Index on the Valuation Date, the Issuer Call Date or during the Execution Valuation Period as the case may be, the level for the Index as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to the change or failure, but using only those (a) in respect of a Commodity Index, securities that comprised the Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those securities that have since ceased to be listed on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed); or

(b) in respect of an Index which is a Commodity Index, commodity components that comprised the Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those components that have since ceased to be traded on the Exchange or any other exchange) or in the case of a material modification of the Index only, the Calculation Agent shall deem such modified Index to be the Index so calculated and announced or shall (if so required by the Issuer), by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4, terminate the Securities and pay to each Holder in respect of each Security held by such Holder an amount equal to the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such material modification of the Index less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements (as determined by the Issuer).

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

Shares, provided that, in all cases, the related ex-dividend date occurs during the period from and including the Launch Date up to but excluding the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Knock Out Event as the case may be; (G) a distribution of cash dividends on the Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (H) any other similar event having dilutive or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Shares.

- (iv) The Issuer reserves the right to make adjustments or to distribute to the Holders any rights in connection with the Securities as it reasonably believes are appropriate in circumstances where an event or events occur which the Issuer (in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any adjustments previously made to the Securities) believes should in the context of the issue of Securities and its obligations hereunder, give rise to such adjustment or distribution, provided that such adjustment is considered by the Calculation Agent to be appropriate generally (without considering the individual circumstances of any Holder or the tax or other consequences of such adjustment in any particular jurisdiction) or is required to take account of provisions of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction or the practices of the Exchange.
- (c) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

## 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

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

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**RELATING TO INDEX FUTURE TURBO LONG CERTIFICATES**

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

1. DEFINITIONS

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

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

“**Calculation Period**” means the number of calendar days from (but excluding) a Reset Date to (and including) the next following Reset Date;

“**Cash Amount**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

(a) Upon Exercise:

(Final Reference Price - Current Financing Level) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Exercise Cash Amount**”); or

(b) Upon an Issuer Call:

(Termination Reference Price - Current Financing Level) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Issuer Call Cash Amount**”); or

(c) Following a Stop Loss Event:

(Stop Loss Termination Reference Price - Current Financing Level) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Stop Loss Cash Amount**”),

provided that the Cash Amount shall not be less than zero. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is specified in the applicable Final Terms, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

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

“**Current Financing Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the Financing Level Currency, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; plus
- (b) Handling Cost; minus
- (c) if such determination is to be made on a Rollover Date, the corresponding Rollover Spread.

The Current Financing Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the rate (expressed as a per annum percentage rate) as determined by the Calculation Agent having regard to the Financing Level Currency, prevailing market conditions and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant. The Current Spread may be reset on a Reset Date, subject to the “**Maximum Spread**” (as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) per annum (save that if, in the sole discretion of the Calculation Agent, at any time the market rate for borrowing the Reference Asset or hedging the Securities with futures materially exceeds such market rate as at the Launch Date, the Current Spread and/or Maximum Spread may be increased to reflect this change). The Current Spread on the Launch Date is the spread specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Stop Loss Premium**” means an amount in the Financing Level Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent on each Reset Date, in its sole and absolute discretion, and subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, having regard to the current market conditions (including, without limitation, market volatility). The Current Stop Loss Premium shall (subject to any rounding) not be less than the “**Minimum Premium**” nor greater than the “**Maximum Premium**” (both as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) of the Current Financing



Level, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4. The percentage used for calculating the Current Stop Loss Premium (the “**Current Stop Loss Premium Rate**”) on the Launch Date is the rate specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

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

“**Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, if the Financing Level Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Financing Level Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise**” means (i) a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3 or (ii) the automatic exercise of the Securities following the Final Valuation Date;

“**Exercise Date**” means, subject to a Stop Loss Event, the third Trading Day preceding the scheduled Valuation Date, as provided in Product Condition 3;

“**Exercise Time**” means the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the

applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) equal to the closing Reference Asset Price on the Exchange at the Valuation Time, adjusted for any reasonable market making spreads, on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the closing Reference Asset Price on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported Reference Asset Price on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

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

“**Final Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.

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

“**Handling Cost**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount, as determined on a daily basis by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) Current Spread; multiplied by
- (b) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; multiplied by
- (c) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360;

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

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

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. incorporated in The Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam acting through its principal office or its branch in London or such further or other branches as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call**” means termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Issuer Call Commencement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call Date**” means the day specified as such in the notice delivered in accordance with Product

Condition 3, and if such day is not a Trading Day, means the first succeeding Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Termination Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported Reference Asset Price on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Issuer Call Notice Period**” means the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

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

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

“**Pricing Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“**Reference Asset**” means the Reference Asset as at the Launch Date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, and thereafter the Issuer shall, during Trading Hours on the Rollover Date, effect substitution to (i) the next serially contract month in the cycle or (ii) the most liquid contract month in the cycle (the “**Substitute Asset**”) selected by the Issuer. Thereafter the Substitute Asset shall for all purposes be the Reference Asset;

“**Reference Asset Price**” means the current price of the Reference Asset. For the avoidance of any doubt, this shall not be the futures contract value but the futures contract value divided by the applicable contract factor (the value of 1.0 future’s point) specified on the applicable Bloomberg page referred to in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, and if no such page reference exists, such other page reference as the Calculation Agent determines;

**“Related Exchange”** means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Reference Asset are traded;

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

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

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

**“Reset Date”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Launch Date and thereafter (a) the day of each calendar month as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Business Day or, if a Rollover Date occurs in such month, the Reset Date will be the Business Day following such Rollover Date, or (b) each Business Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

**“Rollover Date”** means the date or period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Rollover Spread”** means the fair value spread calculated as the price determined by the Issuer for liquidating its related hedging arrangements for the Reference Asset minus the price determined by the Issuer for establishing its related hedging arrangements for the Substitute Asset during the substitution of the Reference Asset for the Substitute Asset by reference to liquidity in the Reference Asset and the Substitute Asset. The Rollover Spread may be a negative number;

**“Securities”** means the index future turbo long certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be

construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on the Securities Exchange;

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

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

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“**Stop Loss Event**” occurs if, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the bid low Reference Asset Price (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) at any time on any Trading Day, from (and including) the Launch Date, and other than at the Stop Loss Reset Time or a time at which there is, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event, is less than or equal to the Stop Loss Price. If no such price is available the price will be determined by the Calculation Agent in its absolute discretion;

“**Stop Loss Price**” means an amount calculated on each Stop Loss Reset Date at the Stop Loss Reset Time (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, as:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the current Stop Loss Reset Date; plus
- (b) the Current Stop Loss Premium on the current Stop Loss Reset Date.

The Stop Loss Price shall be rounded in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Stop Loss Price on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Stop Loss Reset Date**” means (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of

the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day and a Securities Trading Day, the Stop Loss Reset Date will be the next following Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day or (b) each Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“**Stop Loss Reset Time**” means the regular weekday opening time of the Securities Exchange;

“**Stop Loss Termination Date**” means the first Trading Day on which the Stop Loss Event occurs;

“**Stop Loss Termination Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) equal to the fair value price for the Reference Asset as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, by reference to unwinding of the Issuer’s hedging position in respect of the Reference Asset on a reasonable efforts basis. The Stop Loss Termination Reference Price will be equal to at least the lowest level of the Reference Asset during the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period;

“**Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period**” means the Stop Loss Termination Date and the following two Trading Days, excluding for this purpose any day on which a Market Disruption Event occurs;

“**Termination Reference Price**” means an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) equal to the Reference Asset Price on the Exchange at the Valuation Time, adjusted for any reasonable market making spreads, on the Issuer Call Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction;

“**Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Trading Hours**” means as regards each Exchange its regular scheduled opening hours on the Rollover Date;

“**Trigger Event**” means the event specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event) has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for

the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported Reference Asset Price on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

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

## 2. FORM

- (a) **Global Form.** Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.
- (b) **Dematerialised Form.** Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder



of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

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

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

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call, the Securities are exercisable (i) on any Exercise Date by delivery of a Notice prior to the Exercise Time on an Exercise Date or (ii) automatically following the Final Valuation Date.
- (b) Stop Loss Event. Following a Stop Loss Event, the Securities will terminate automatically. A Stop Loss Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Stop Loss Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be.

- (c) Issuer Call. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, the Issuer may terminate the Securities, in whole but not in part, on any Business Day by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.
- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon due Exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following a Stop Loss Event and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive, from the Issuer on the Settlement Date either:
  - (i) the Exercise Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or
  - (ii) the Issuer Call Cash Amount, following a valid Issuer Call; or
  - (iii) the Stop Loss Cash Amount, following a Stop Loss Event.
- (e) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (f) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount.
- (g) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such

Securities;

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

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

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

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

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

- (k) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the

Registrar, as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.

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

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

**Market Disruption.** The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred. A “**Market Disruption Event**” means:

- (a) **Price Source Disruption.** The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the Reference Asset Price (or the information necessary for determining such price), or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price by the

Exchange on the Valuation Date, the Issuer Call Date or any other relevant date following the occurrence of a Stop Loss Event; or

- (b) Trading Suspension. The material suspension of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange; or
- (c) Disappearance of Price. The failure of trading to commence, or the permanent discontinuation of trading of the Reference Asset on the Exchange; or
- (d) Material Change in Formula. The occurrence, since the Launch Date, of a material change in the basis for (including but not limited to the quantity, quality or currency), or method of, calculating the Reference Asset Price; or
- (e) Material Change in Content. The occurrence, since the Launch Date, of a material change in the content or composition of the Reference Asset Price; or
- (f) De Minimis Trading. The number of contracts traded on the Exchange with respect to the Reference Asset is such that the Issuer declares that its ability to enter into hedging transactions with respect to the Reference Asset has been impaired due to a lack of, or a material reduction in, trading in the Reference Asset on the Exchange; or
- (g) Tax Disruption. The imposition of, change in, or removal of, an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, the Reference Asset (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Launch Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the Reference Asset Price on the Valuation Date and/or on each of the three Trading Days following the Valuation Date and/or the Issuer Call Date and/or any other relevant date following the occurrence of a Stop Loss Event, from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; or
- (h) Trading Limitation. The material limitation imposed on trading in the Reference Asset with respect to it or any contract with respect to it on any exchange or principal trading market; or
- (i) Moratorium. A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or Related Exchange is located; or
- (j) Other Events. Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.

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

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

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



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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**RELATING TO INDEX FUTURE TURBO SHORT CERTIFICATES**

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

1. DEFINITIONS

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

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

“**Calculation Period**” means the number of calendar days from (but excluding) a Reset Date to (and including) the next following Reset Date;

“**Cash Amount**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

(a) Upon Exercise:

(Current Financing Level – Final Reference Price) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Exercise Cash Amount**”); or

(b) Upon an Issuer Call:

(Current Financing Level – Termination Reference Price) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Issuer Call Cash Amount**”); or

(c) Following a Stop Loss Event:

(Current Financing Level – Stop Loss Termination Reference Price) x Entitlement, less Expenses (the “**Stop Loss Cash Amount**”),

provided that the Cash Amount shall not be less than zero. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is specified in the applicable Final Terms, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

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

“**Current Financing Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the Financing Level Currency, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; minus
- (b) Handling Cost; minus
- (c) if such determination is to be made on a Rollover Date, the corresponding Rollover Spread.

The Current Financing Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the rate (expressed as a per annum percentage rate) as determined by the Calculation Agent having regard to the Financing Level Currency, prevailing market conditions and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant. The Current Spread may be reset on a Reset Date, subject to the “**Maximum Spread**” (as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) per annum (save that if, in the sole discretion of the Calculation Agent, at any time the market rate for borrowing the Reference Asset or hedging the Securities with futures materially exceeds such market rate as at the Launch Date, the Current Spread and/or Maximum Spread may be increased to reflect this change). The Current Spread on the Launch Date is the spread specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Stop Loss Premium**” means an amount in the Financing Level Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent on each Reset Date, in its sole and absolute discretion, and subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, having regard to the current market conditions (including, without limitation, market volatility). The Current Stop Loss Premium shall (subject to any rounding) not be less than the “**Minimum Premium**” nor greater than the “**Maximum Premium**” (both as specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) of the Current Financing

Level, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4. The percentage used for calculating the Current Stop Loss Premium (the “**Current Stop Loss Premium Rate**”) on the Launch Date is the rate specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

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

“**Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, if the Financing Level Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Financing Level Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise**” means (i) a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3 or (ii) the automatic exercise of the Securities following the Final Valuation Date;

“**Exercise Date**” means, subject to a Stop Loss Event, the third Trading Day preceding the scheduled Valuation Date, as provided in Product Condition 3;

“**Exercise Time**” means the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the

applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) equal to the closing Reference Asset Price on the Exchange at the Valuation Time, adjusted for any reasonable market-making spreads, on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the closing Reference Asset Price on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported Reference Asset Price on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

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

“**Final Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.

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

“**Handling Cost**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount, as determined on a daily basis by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) Current Spread; multiplied by
- (b) the Current Financing Level on the previous Reset Date; multiplied by
- (c) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360;

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

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

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. incorporated in The Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam acting through its principal office or its branch in London or such further or other branches as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call**” means termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Issuer Call Commencement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call Date**” means the day specified as such in the notice delivered in accordance with Product

Condition 3, and if such day is not a Trading Day, means the first succeeding Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Termination Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported Reference Asset Price on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Issuer Call Notice Period**” means the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

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

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

“**Pricing Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“**Reference Asset**” means the Reference Asset as at the Launch Date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, and thereafter the Issuer shall, during Trading Hours on the Rollover Date, effect substitution to (i) the next serially contract month in the cycle or (ii) the most liquid contract month in the cycle (the “**Substitute Asset**”) selected by the Issuer. Thereafter the Substitute Asset shall for all purposes be the Reference Asset;

“**Reference Asset Price**” means the current price of the Reference Asset. For the avoidance of any doubt, this shall not be the futures contract value but the futures contract value divided by the applicable contract factor (the value of 1.0 future’s point) specified on the applicable Bloomberg page referred to in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, and if no such page reference exists, such other page reference as the Calculation Agent determines;

**“Related Exchange”** means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Reference Asset are traded;

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

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

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

**“Reset Date”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Launch Date and thereafter (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Business Day or, if a Rollover Date occurs in such month, the Reset Date will be the Business Day following such Rollover Date, or (b) each Business Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

**“Rollover Date”** means the date or period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Rollover Spread”** means the fair value spread calculated as the price determined by the Issuer for liquidating its related hedging arrangements for the Reference Asset minus the price determined by the Issuer for establishing its related hedging arrangements for the Substitute Asset during the substitution of the Reference Asset for the Substitute Asset by reference to liquidity in the Reference Asset and the Substitute Asset. The Rollover Spread may be a negative number;

**“Securities”** means the index future turbo short certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be

construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on the Securities Exchange;

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

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

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“**Stop Loss Event**” occurs if, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the high ask Reference Asset Price (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) at any time on any Trading Day, from (and including) the Launch Date, and other than at the Stop Loss Reset Time or a time at which there is, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event, is greater than or equal to the Stop Loss Price. If no such price is available the price will be determined by the Calculation Agent in its absolute discretion;

“**Stop Loss Price**” means an amount calculated on each Stop Loss Reset Date at the Stop Loss Reset Time (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, as:

- (a) the Current Financing Level on the current Stop Loss Reset Date; minus
- (b) the Current Stop Loss Premium on the current Stop Loss Reset Date.

The Stop Loss Price shall be rounded up in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Stop Loss Price on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Stop Loss Reset Date**” means (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of



the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not a Business Day and a Securities Trading Day, the Stop Loss Reset Date will be the next following Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day or (b) each Business Day which is also a Securities Trading Day, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“**Stop Loss Reset Time**” means the regular weekday opening time of the Securities Exchange;

“**Stop Loss Termination Date**” means the first Trading Day on which the Stop Loss Event occurs;

“**Stop Loss Termination Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) equal to the fair value price for the Reference Asset as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, by reference to unwinding of the Issuer’s hedging position in respect of the Reference Asset on a reasonable efforts basis. The Stop Loss Termination Reference Price will be at most the highest level of the Reference Asset during the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period;

“**Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period**” means the Stop Loss Termination Date and the following two Trading Days, excluding for this purpose any day on which a Market Disruption Event occurs;

“**Termination Reference Price**” means an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Financing Level Currency) equal to the Reference Asset Price on the Exchange at the Valuation Time, adjusted for any reasonable market-making spreads, on the Issuer Call Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction;

“**Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Trading Hours**” means as regards each Exchange its regular scheduled opening hours on the Rollover Date;

“**Trigger Event**” means the event specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event) has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)) would have been a

Valuation Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event)); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported Reference Asset Price on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

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

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.
- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised

as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

If CREST is specified as the Clearing Agent in the relevant Final Terms, the Securities will be cleared through CREST. Such Securities will be registered securities in dematerialised and uncertificated form, and will be (i) participating securities and (ii) uncertificated securities in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI. No. 3755) as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (the “**Regulations**”).

Securities cleared through CREST may be transferred in accordance with the Regulations and the rules, procedures and practices of the relevant Operator (as defined below). No transfer of such Securities will be valid unless and until entered on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in and in accordance with, the Regulations).

In the case of Securities cleared through CREST, title to the Securities is recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (as defined in the Regulations). The Registrar on behalf of the Issuer will maintain a register of such Securities recorded on the relevant Operator register of corporate securities (the “**Register**”) and shall procure that the Register is regularly updated to reflect the Operator register of corporate securities in accordance with the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator and the Regulations. Subject to this requirement, (i) each person who is for the time being shown in the Register as the holder of such Securities shall be treated by the Issuer and the Registrar as the holder of such Securities for all purposes and (ii) neither the Issuer nor the Registrar shall be liable in respect of any act or thing done or omitted to be done by it or on its behalf in reliance upon the assumption that the particulars entered in the Register which the Registrar maintains are in accordance with particulars entered in the Operator register of corporate securities relating to such Securities (and the expression “**Holder**” and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

Any reference to the “**Operator**” (as such term is used in the Regulations) shall be to CREST and shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any such additional or alternative Operator approved by the Issuer from time to time in accordance with the Regulations and notified to the relevant Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Any indication herein that the Operator “shall do”, or similar expression or phrase indicating that they are obliged to or will carry out any role or obligation described in the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, is given without any assumption by the Issuer, the relevant Registrar or the Calculation Agent of

responsibility or liability for the performance of the Operator.

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call, the Securities are exercisable (i) on any Exercise Date by delivery of a Notice prior to the Exercise Time on an Exercise Date or (ii) automatically following the Final Valuation Date.
- (b) Stop Loss Event. Following a Stop Loss Event, the Securities will terminate

automatically. A Stop Loss Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Stop Loss Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date as the case may be.

- (c) Issuer Call. Provided no Stop Loss Event has occurred, the Issuer may terminate the Securities, in whole but not in part, on any Business Day by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.
- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon due Exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following a Stop Loss Event and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive, from the Issuer on the Settlement Date either:
  - (i) the Exercise Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or
  - (ii) the Issuer Call Cash Amount, following a valid Issuer Call; or
  - (iii) the Stop Loss Cash Amount, following a Stop Loss Event.
- (e) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (f) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount.
- (g) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;

- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar to be credited with the Cash Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) where the Securities are cleared through CREST, specify the account of the Holder and any such other details as may be required to enable receipt or delivery of any settlement in respect of any Securities other than in cash;
- (vi) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

- (vii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (h) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent, in either case reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar of its holding of such Securities.
- (i) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount (if any) for each Security with respect to which a Notice has been delivered to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date.
- (j) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, which is not delivered to the Registrar, in each case as provided in the Conditions, shall be void.

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, at the time such correction is delivered to the Registrar as provided in the Conditions.

Any Security with respect to which a Notice has not been duly completed and delivered in the manner set out above by the time specified in this Product Condition 3 shall become void.

The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (k) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar, as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (l) Exercise and Settlement Risk. Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and none of the Issuer, any Agent nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, the Agents nor, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (m) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (n) Presentation and Surrender. Unless the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid. Where the Securities are cleared through CREST, General Condition 20 shall apply.

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the



circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred. A “**Market Disruption Event**” means:

- (a) Price Source Disruption. The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the Reference Asset Price (or the information necessary for determining such price), or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price by the Exchange on the Valuation Date, the Issuer Call Date or on any other relevant date following the occurrence of a Stop Loss Event; or
- (b) Trading Suspension. The material suspension of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange; or
- (c) Disappearance of Price. The failure of trading to commence, or the permanent discontinuation of trading of the Reference Asset on the Exchange; or
- (d) Material Change in Formula. The occurrence, since the Launch Date, of a material change in the basis for (including but not limited to the quantity, quality or currency), or method of, calculating the Reference Asset Price; or
- (e) Material Change in Content. The occurrence, since the Launch Date, of a material change in the content or composition of the Reference Asset Price; or
- (f) De Minimis Trading. The number of contracts traded on the Exchange with respect to the Reference Asset is such that the Issuer declares that its ability to enter into hedging transactions with respect to the Reference Asset has been impaired due to a lack of, or a material reduction in, trading in the Reference Asset on the Exchange; or
- (g) Tax Disruption. The imposition of, change in, or removal of, an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, the Reference Asset (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Launch Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the Reference Asset Price on the Valuation Date and/or on each of the three Trading Days following the Valuation Date and/or the Issuer Call Date and/or on any other relevant date following the occurrence of a Stop Loss Event, from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; or
- (h) Trading Limitation. The material limitation imposed on trading in the Reference Asset with respect to it or any contract with respect to it on any exchange or principal trading market; or
- (i) Moratorium. A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or Related Exchange is located; or

- (j) Other Events. Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.

The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

#### 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

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## ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

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The following provisions shall, if applicable, amend the General Conditions and the Product Conditions (as appropriate) as described:

1. SECURITIES LISTED ON SEDEX

If the applicable Final Terms specify that the Securities are to be admitted to trading on the Electronic Securitised Derivatives Market (SeDeX) of Borsa Italiana S.p.A., the following amendments shall be deemed to be made to the General Conditions and/or the Product Conditions: If “Additional Condition 2.1” is specified as “Applicable” in the applicable Final Terms,

1. General Condition 3(a) is amended by deleting the following words in the second sentence: “less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements”;

2. General Condition 5(b) is amended by deleting the following words in the second sentence: “or it has otherwise become undesirable, for any reason,” and by deleting the following words in the final sentence “may” and “but are not limited to,”;

3. General Condition 5(b)(i) is deleted and replaced with the words: “Intentionally left blank”;

4. General Condition 5(b)(ii) is deleted and replaced with the words: “Intentionally left blank”;

5. General Condition 5(b)(iv) is deleted and replaced with the words: “Intentionally left blank”;

6. General Condition 5(b)(v) is deleted and replaced with the words: “Intentionally left blank”;

7. General Condition 5(c)(i) is amended by deleting the following words in the second sentence: “less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements”;

8. General Condition 5(d) is deleted and replaced with the words: “Intentionally left blank”;

9. General Condition 7(a) (ii) (iii) and (iv) are deleted in their entirety and replaced with the words: “Intentionally left blank”;

10. General Condition 7(b) is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“Modifications: The Issuer may, without the consent of the Holders or any of them, modify any provision of the Conditions which is: (i) of a formal, minor or technical nature; or (ii) made to correct a manifest error, proven error or other defective provision, as determined by the Issuer in its absolute discretion, provided any such modification is not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Holders. Notice of any such modification will be given to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 but failure to give, or the non-receipt of such notice will

not affect the validity of any such modification.”

## 2. SECURITIES CLEARING VIA EUROCLEAR FINLAND

If the applicable Final Terms specify that the Clearing Agent is Euroclear Finland OY (“**Euroclear Finland**”), the following amendments shall be deemed to be made to the General Conditions:

1. If “Additional Condition 2.1” is specified as “Applicable” in the applicable Final Terms, General Condition 4(a) shall be replaced with the following paragraph: “Validity. Announcements to Holders will be valid if delivered by the Issuer to the Clearing Agent(s) with an instruction from the Issuer to the Clearing Agent(s) to communicate such announcement to the Holders. Additionally, upon the occurrence of an Issuer Call, Holders will be notified via a publication in a national newspaper and an exchange release.”;

2. The Issuer has agreed with Euroclear Finland that, so long as the Securities are accepted for clearance through Euroclear Finland, any substitution of the Issuer in accordance General Condition 8 will comply with the requirements of Euroclear Finland and, in particular, any Substitute will be acceptable to Euroclear Finland;

3. So long as Euroclear Finland is the Clearing Agent in respect of the Securities the following provisions shall apply and, notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in the General Conditions or the Product Conditions, may not be amended, modified or set aside other than in such manner as may be acceptable under the Rules (as defined below), in the sole opinion of Euroclear Finland:

(i) Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at Euroclear Finland perfected in accordance with the legislation (including the Finnish Act on the Book-Entry System 826/1991 and the Finnish Act on the Book-Entry Accounts 827/1991), rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by Euroclear Finland that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). The Holder means a person in whose name a Security is registered in a Euroclear Finland account in the book entry settlement system of Euroclear Finland or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules and accordingly, where Securities are held through a registered nominee, the nominee shall be deemed to be the holder. General Condition 2 shall be deemed to be amended accordingly;

(ii) The Securities will be issued, cleared and settled in dematerialised and uncertified book-entry form in accordance with the Rules. No physical global certificate will be issued in respect of the Securities. General Conditions 10 and 13 shall not apply to the Securities;

(iii) Payments in respect of the Securities will be effected in the specified currency in accordance with Product Condition 3, except that for the purposes of the paragraph of Product

Condition 3 entitled “Payment Day”, the Notice shall be delivered to the Issuing and Paying Agent. The APK record day (the “**APK Record Day**”) shall be either the third or fifth, or such other Business Day before the due date for payment, as specified in the definition of such term of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

(iv) Holders Exercise: Holders can exercise the Securities on an Exercise Date, subject, in respect of each duly exercised Security, to a fee of 0.5% of the Cash Amount;

(v) The address of Euroclear Finland is Urho Kekkosen katu 5C, PO BOX 1110, 00101 Helsinki, Finland; and

(vi) The Issuer shall be entitled to obtain from Euroclear Finland extracts from the book entry registers of Euroclear Finland (Fi. “omistajaluettelo”) relating to the Securities.

### 3. SECURITIES CLEARING VIA VPS ASA

If the applicable Final Terms specify that the Clearing Agent is Verdipapirsentralen ASA (“**VPS ASA**”), the following amendments shall be deemed to be made to the General Conditions:

1. The Issuer has agreed with VPS ASA that, so long as the Securities are accepted for clearance through VPS ASA, any substitution of the Issuer in accordance General Condition 8 will comply with the requirements of VPS ASA and, in particular, any Substitute will be acceptable to VPS ASA;

2. So long as VPS ASA is the Clearing Agent in respect of the Securities the following provisions shall apply and, notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in the General Conditions or the Product Conditions, may not be amended, modified or set aside other than in such manner as may be acceptable under the Rules (as defined below), in the sole opinion of VPS ASA:

(i) Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at VPS ASA perfected in accordance with the legislation (including the Norwegian Securities Register Act (lov om registrering av finansielle instrumenter 2002 5. juli nr. 64)), rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by VPS ASA that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). The “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in a VPS ASA account in the book entry settlement system of VPS ASA or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules and accordingly, where Securities are held through a registered nominee, the nominee shall be deemed to be the holder. General Condition 2 shall be deemed to be amended accordingly;

(ii) Payments in respect of the Securities will be effected in the specified currency in accordance with Product Condition 3, except that for the purposes of the paragraph of Product

Condition 3 entitled “Payment Day”, the Notice shall be delivered to the Issuing and Paying Agent. The VPS ASA record day (the “**VPS ASA Record Day**”) shall be either the third or fifth, or such other Business Day before the due date for payment, as specified in the definition of such term of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

(iii) The address of VPS ASA is P.O. Box 4, 0051, Oslo, Norway; and

(iv) The Issuer shall be entitled to obtain from VPS ASA extracts from the book entry registers of VPS ASA relating to the Securities;

#### 4. SECURITIES CLEARING VIA EUROCLEAR SWEDEN

If the applicable Final Terms specify that the Clearing Agent is Euroclear Sweden AB (“**Euroclear Sweden**”), the following amendments shall be deemed to be made to the General Conditions:

1. If “Additional Condition 4.1” is specified as “Applicable” in the applicable Final Terms, General Condition 4(a) shall be replaced with the following paragraph: “Validity. Announcements to Holders will be valid if delivered by the Issuer to the Clearing Agent(s) with an instruction from the Issuer to the Clearing Agent(s) to communicate such announcement to the Holders. Additionally, upon the occurrence of an Issuer Call, Holders will be notified via a publication in a national newspaper and an exchange release.”;

2. The Issuer has agreed with Euroclear Sweden AB that, so long as the Securities are accepted for clearance through Euroclear Sweden AB, any substitution of the Issuer in accordance General Condition 8 will comply with the requirements of Euroclear Sweden AB and, in particular, any Substitute will be acceptable to Euroclear Sweden AB; and

3. So long as Euroclear Sweden AB is the Clearing Agent in respect of the Securities the following provisions shall apply and, notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in the General Conditions or the Product Conditions, may not be amended, modified or set aside other than in such manner as may be acceptable under the Rules (as defined below), in the sole opinion of Euroclear Sweden AB:

(i) Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at Euroclear Sweden AB perfected in accordance with the legislation (including the Swedish Financial Instruments Accounts Act (SFS 1998:1479)), rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by Euroclear Sweden AB that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). The “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in a Euroclear Sweden AB account in the book entry settlement system of Euroclear Sweden AB or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules and accordingly, where Securities are held through a registered

nominee, the nominee shall be deemed to be the holder. General Condition 2 shall be deemed to be amended accordingly;

(ii) Payments in respect of the Securities will be effected in the specified currency in accordance with Product Condition 3, except that for the purposes of the paragraph of Product Condition 3 entitled “Payment Day”, the Notice shall be delivered to the Issuing and Paying Agent. The Euroclear Sweden AB record day shall be the fifth Business Day before the due date for payment;

(iii) Holders Exercise: Holders can exercise the Securities on an Exercise Date, subject, in respect of each duly exercised Security, to a fee of 0.5% of the Cash Amount;

(iv) The address of Euroclear Sweden AB is Box 191, 101 23 Stockholm, Sweden; and

(v) The Issuer shall be entitled to obtain from Euroclear Sweden AB extracts from the book entry registers of Euroclear Sweden AB (Sw. skuldbok) relating to the Securities.

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FORM OF FINAL TERMS

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Dated [ ]

[These Final Terms supersede and replace those dated [ ] in relation to the Securities.]

[Series number]



# The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V.

*(incorporated in The Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam)*

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[NUMBER] [UNDERLYING] [TYPE OF PRODUCT] [CERTIFICATES]

[INDICATIVE] ISSUE PRICE: [ ][ ]

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[SECURITIES WITH ROLLOVER FEATURE ADMITTED TO TRADING ON SCOACH SWITZERLAND LTD. AND LISTED ON SIX SWISS EXCHANGE LTD. ONLY:

THESE SECURITIES PROVIDE FOR A DYNAMIC STRUCTURE WITH REGARD TO AN ADJUSTMENT OF THE UNDERLYING] [SPECIFY OTHER]

THE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT") OR THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE UNITED STATES, AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, TRANSFERRED OR DELIVERED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, IN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, ANY U.S. PERSON, EXCEPT PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM, OR IN A TRANSACTION NOT SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT AND ANY APPLICABLE U.S. STATE SECURITIES LAWS. THE SECURITIES ARE BEING OFFERED AND SOLD ONLY OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO PERSONS OTHER THAN U.S. PERSONS (AS DEFINED IN REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) IN OFFSHORE TRANSACTIONS THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT. FURTHERMORE, TRADING IN THE SECURITIES HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION UNDER THE UNITED STATES COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT, AS AMENDED.

THE SECURITIES DO NOT CONSTITUTE UNITS OF COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE SWISS FEDERAL ACT ON COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES ("CISA") AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF, OR SUPERVISION BY THE SWISS FINANCIAL MARKET SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY ("FINMA"). HOLDERS OF THE SECURITIES ARE EXPOSED TO THE CREDIT RISK OF THE ISSUER.

*[These Final Terms, the Base Prospectus (as defined below), as supplemented from time to time and*



*any additional information with regard to [insert securities product name] shall be published on the Issuer's website: [www.rbsbank.it/markets](http://www.rbsbank.it/markets).] (only applicable in relation to Securities sold to Italian investors)*

## FINAL TERMS

*Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the General Conditions and the Product Conditions applicable to each Series of Securities described herein (the “relevant Product Conditions”) as set forth in the Base Prospectus relating to Turbos dated 29 June 2012 (the “Base Prospectus”) as supplemented from time to time which constitutes a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (the “Prospectus Directive”). This document constitutes the Final Terms of each Series of the Securities described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus as so supplemented. Full information on the Issuer and each Series of the Securities described herein is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus as so supplemented. The Base Prospectus as so supplemented is available for viewing at the office of the Issuer at 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA, United Kingdom and copies may be obtained from the Issuer at that address.*

*These Final Terms relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the General Conditions and the relevant Product Conditions contained in the Base Prospectus as so supplemented. These Final Terms, the relevant Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of each Series of the Securities described herein and will be attached to any Global Security representing each such Series of the Securities. In the event of any inconsistency between these Final Terms and the General Conditions or the relevant Product Conditions, these Final Terms will govern.*

*(Delete the preceding two paragraphs and instead insert the following three paragraphs for fungible issuance where the applicable terms and conditions are from an earlier base prospectus))*

*[Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the General Conditions and the [identify relevant Product Conditions] Product Conditions (the “relevant Product Conditions”) set forth in the Base Prospectus relating to Turbos dated [15 October 2010 issued by The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V.], as supplemented by the supplement[s] dated [17 December 2010 [ and ]][ 10 March 2011]] (delete as appropriate. NB only select supplements to the Base Prospectus up to and including the issue date of the original securities) (the “2010 Base Prospectus”)] / [1 July 2011 issued by The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V.], as supplemented by the supplement dated [14 October 2011 [ and ]][ 9 November 2011]] (delete as appropriate. NB only select supplement to the Base Prospectus up to and including the issue date of the original securities) (the “2011 Base Prospectus”)], which is incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus relating to Turbos dated 29 June 2012 issued by The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. (the “Base Prospectus”) as supplemented from time to time. This document constitutes the Final Terms of each Series of Securities described herein*

*for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the General Conditions and relevant Product Conditions contained in the [2010]/[2011] (delete as appropriate) Base Prospectus and with the Base Prospectus as so supplemented. Full information on the Issuer and each Series of the Securities described herein is only available on the basis of a combination of these Final Terms, the General Conditions and relevant Product Conditions contained in the [2010]/[2011] (delete as appropriate) Base Prospectus and the Base Prospectus. The [2010]/[2011] (delete as appropriate) Base Prospectus and the Base Prospectus as so supplemented are available for viewing at the office of the Issuer at 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA, United Kingdom and copies may be obtained from the Issuer at that address.*

*These Final Terms relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to the General Conditions and the relevant Product Conditions contained in the [2010]/[2011] (delete as appropriate) Base Prospectus. These Final Terms, the General Conditions and the relevant Product Conditions together constitute the Conditions of each Series of the Securities described herein and will be attached to any Global Security representing each such Series of the Securities. In the event of any inconsistency between these Final Terms, the General Conditions or the relevant Product Conditions, these Final Terms will govern.*

*The Securities shall be consolidated with and form a single series with the [insert title of securities] issued by The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V.]*

*The Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets has provided the [names of competent authorities of host Member States] with a certificate of approval attesting that the Base Prospectus has been drawn up in accordance with the Prospectus Directive.*

*In respect of Securities to be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd, the Programme, together with any Final Terms, will constitute the listing prospectus pursuant to the Listing Rules of the SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd.*

*So far as the Issuer is aware, no person (other than the Issuer in its separate capacities as Issuer and Calculation Agent, see “Risk Factors – Actions taken by the Calculation Agent may affect the Underlying” and “Risk Factors – Actions taken by the Issuer may affect the value of the Securities” in the Base Prospectus) involved in the issue of the Turbo Certificates has an interest material to the offer. [NB: Amend as appropriate if there are interests]*

*(Delete the preceding paragraph and instead insert the following paragraph where the Securities are sold to Italian investors)*

*[So far as the Issuer is aware, no person (other than (i) the Issuer, see “Risk Factors – Actions taken by the Issuer may affect the value of the Securities” in the Base Prospectus, (ii) the Calculation Agent, see “Risk Factors – Actions taken by the Calculation Agent may affect the Underlying” in the Base Prospectus and (iii) the third party distributors) involved in the issue of the Securities has an interest material to the offer.]*

Issuer:

The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V., acting through [its principal office at Gustav Mahlerlaan 350 17A90, 1082 ME Amsterdam, The Netherlands] [its London branch at 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA]

[other]

Clearing Agents: [Clearstream Banking AG]  
[Centraal Instituut voor Giraal Effectenverkeer B.V.  
(Euroclear Netherlands)]  
[Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. as operator of the  
Euroclear system]  
[Clearstream Banking, société anonyme]  
[SIX SIS Ltd]  
[Euroclear UK and Ireland Limited (“CREST”)]  
[Euroclear Sweden AB]  
[Euroclear Finland]  
[VPS ASA]  
[Other, including address]

[APK Record Day: The [third][fifth][specify other] business day before the  
due date for payment] (only applicable where Euroclear  
Finland is specified as the Clearing Agent)

[VPS ASA Record Day: The [third][fifth][specify other] business day before the  
due date for payment] (only applicable where VPS ASA  
is specified as the Clearing Agent)

Pricing Date(s): [ ]

Subscription Period: [ ] [Not Applicable]

Launch Date: [ ]

Issue Date: [ ]

Listing: [ ] [Application has been made by the Issuer (or on  
its behalf) for the Securities to be listed on SIX Swiss  
Exchange Ltd. and admitted to trading on Scoach  
Switzerland Ltd.] [Application has been made for the  
Securities to be admitted to the official list of Borsa  
Italiana S.p.A.]

Listing Date: [ ]

Admission to trading: [Application has been made for the Securities to be  
admitted to trading on [ ] with effect from [ ].] [No  
application for admission to trading has been made.]  
[Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its  
behalf) for the Securities to be listed on SIX Swiss  
Exchange Ltd. and admitted to trading on Scoach  
Switzerland Ltd., provided that no assurance can be  
given that the Securities will be admitted to trading on  
Scoach Switzerland Ltd. or listed on SIX Swiss  
Exchange Ltd. on the Issue Date or any specific date  
thereafter.] [Securities listed on SIX Swiss Exchange  
Ltd. may be suspended from trading in accordance  
with Article 57 of the SIX Listing Rules or be de-

listed from SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd. during the lifetime of the Securities.] [Application has been made for the Securities to be admitted to trading on the Electronic Securitised Derivatives Market (SeDeX) organised and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A.]

*(Where documenting a fungible issue need to indicate that original Securities are already admitted to trading.)*

[If, following the date of these Final Terms, but before the later of (i) the closure of the offer for the Securities; and (ii) if applicable, the admission of the Securities to trading on [Euronext Amsterdam N.V./ specify]] the Base Prospectus (the “**Original Prospectus**”) is supplemented, updated or replaced (including replacement following the expiry of the Original Prospectus) then the Issuer shall be entitled, without the consent of any Holder, any prospective Holder or any other person, to amend these Final Terms so as to provide, and/or replace these Final Terms with ones which provide that references to the Original Prospectus herein shall be to the Original Prospectus as amended, supplemented, updated or replaced (save that the terms and conditions applicable to the Securities shall be the Terms and Conditions set forth in the Original Prospectus).]

Details of the minimum and/or maximum amount of application:

[Please refer to the section of the Base Prospectus entitled “General Information - Information on the Offering of the Securities - (d) Minimum/ Maximum Application Amount” / *give details*]

Manner in and date on which results of the offer are to be made public:

[Please refer to the section of the Base Prospectus entitled “General Information - Information on the Offering of the Securities - (f) Details of the Manner in Which the Results of the Initial Offer are to be Made Public” / *give details*]

Announcements to Holders:

[Delivered to Clearing Agents]

Principal Agent:

[The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V., 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA, United Kingdom]

Registrar:

In respect of Securities cleared through CREST (defined below), [Computershare Investor Services PLC, The Pavilions, Bridgewater Road, Bristol, BS13 8AE, England.][TBD]

In respect of Securities not cleared through CREST, [*specify other*]/[None]; [and]

Agent(s):

[The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V., 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA ]

Calculation Agent:

The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V., 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA, United Kingdom

Indication of yield: [Not Applicable]

[[ ]]

[Calculated as [include details of method of calculation in summary form] on the Issue Date.]

The yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price. It is not an indication of future yield.]

Form of the Securities: [Global Security]

[Dematerialised form]

[Global Security transformed into Intermediated Securities] (*Only applicable to Securities where the Clearing Agent is SIX SIS Ltd*)

[Dematerialised Securities transformed into Intermediated Securities] (*Only applicable to Securities where the Clearing Agent is SIX SIS Ltd*)

Ratings: [Standard & Poor’s Credit Market Services Europe Limited: [Not Applicable/Rating assigned as per the applicable rating measure outlined in the section of the Base Prospectus entitled “General Information Part A: In relation to RBS N.V. – Ratings”/specify other]]

[Moody’s Investors Service Limited: [Not Applicable/Rating assigned as per the applicable rating measure outlined in the section of the Base Prospectus entitled “General Information Part A: In relation to RBS N.V. – Ratings”/specify other]]

[Fitch Ratings Limited: [Not Applicable/Rating assigned as per the applicable rating measure outlined in the section of the Base Prospectus entitled “General Information Part A: In relation to RBS N.V. – Ratings”/specify other]]

[[The rating assigned to the Securities has been endorsed by: [ ]]

*(delete if not applicable)*

*[Need to include a brief explanation of the meaning of the ratings if this has previously been published by the rating provider.]*

*(The above disclosure should reflect the rating allocated to the Securities of the type being issued under the Programme generally or, where the issue has been specifically rated, that rating.)*

*(A statement should also be made as to whether the rating allocated to the Securities is by (i) a registered rating agency established in the EU; (ii) an unregistered rating agency established outside the EU; (iii) a rating agency established in the EU who is applying to be registered in the EU but is not yet*

registered; (iv) a third country rating agency that is endorsed by an EU registered rating agency; or (v) a third country rating agency that has not applied to be registered in the EU but is certified in accordance with the CRA Regulation).]<sup>1</sup>

***[Securities admitted to trading on Scoach Switzerland Ltd. and listed on SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd. only:]***

***[Delete the following sections if Securities will not be admitted to trading on Scoach Switzerland Ltd. and listed on SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd.]***

First Trading Day:

[ Specify other ] [the Issue Date]

Last Trading Day:

[ ] [trading on Scoach Switzerland Ltd. until official close of trading on Scoach Switzerland Ltd. on that day]

Minimum Trading Size:

[ ]

Payment Day:

[Issue Date][Not Applicable]

Type of quoting (in case of interest component):

[flat/dirty trading or clean trading][not applicable]

Minimum Exercise:

[ ]

Governing Law:

The Securities are subject to English law

Jurisdiction:

The courts of England have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute arising from or in connection with the Securities

Swiss Agent:

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, CH-8022 Zurich, Switzerland, phone +41 44 285 58 58, fax +41 44 285 56 17

Recognised Representative for the purpose of Article 43 Listing Rules of the SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd:

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh, Zurich Branch, Lerchenstrasse 24, P.O. Box 2921, CH-8022 Zurich, Switzerland, phone +41 44 285 58 58, fax +41 44 285 56 17

Paying Agent:

[The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V., 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA, United Kingdom]

Announcements to Holders / Publications:

Any notices or publications to be made to Holders will be made through the online information system of SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd., by publishing on SIX Swiss Exchange's website [http://www.six-exchange-regulation.com/publications/communiqués/official\\_notices\\_en.html](http://www.six-exchange-regulation.com/publications/communiqués/official_notices_en.html).

Issue Size of Series or Number of Securities

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Interest Ex-Date (in case of interest component):

[ ] [Not Applicable]

Type of quoting (in case of interest component):

[flat/dirty trading or clean trading] [Not Applicable]

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<sup>1</sup> Only complete the information contained in this placeholder if “specify other” has been selected above.

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**COMMODITY TURBO CERTIFICATES**

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Series:	<i>[Commodity] Turbo [Long]/[Short] Certificates Series [ ]</i>
Issue Price:	[ ]
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] <i>[specify]</i>
Business Day:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Cash Amount:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Commodity:	[ ] [Reuters page: [XAU=] <sup>2</sup> [XPT=] <sup>3</sup> [XAG=] <sup>4</sup> [XPD=] <sup>5</sup> ]
Current Financing Level on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Current Spread on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Current Stop Loss Premium Rate on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Emerging Market Disruption Events:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Entitlement:	[ ]
Exchange:	[ ]
Exercise Time:	[10.00am Central European Time]
Final Reference Price:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Final Valuation Date:	[Specify Date][not applicable]
Financing Level Currency:	[ ]
Issuer Call Commencement Date:	[first Business Day following the three month period from and including the Launch Date]
Issuer Call Notice Period:	[one month]
Maximum Premium:	[ ]
Maximum Spread:	[ ]
Minimum Premium:	[ ]
Relevant Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Relevant Number of Trading Days:	For the purposes of: Issuer Call Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180] Valuation Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

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<sup>2</sup> if gold

<sup>3</sup> if platinum

<sup>4</sup> if silver

<sup>5</sup> if palladium



Reset Date:	[15th day] [ <i>specify other</i> ]
Securities Exchange:	[Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext] [ <i>specify other</i> ]
Settlement Currency:	[ ]
Settlement Date:	[Up to the fifth Business Day following the Valuation Date, the last day of the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period or the Issuer Call Date, as the case may be]
Standard Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [ <i>specify other</i> ]
Stop Loss Event:	[As specified in Product Condition 1][ <i>specify other</i> ]
Stop Loss Price on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Stop Loss Price Rounding:	[upwards] <sup>6</sup> [downwards] <sup>7</sup> to the next whole unit of the Financing Level Currency
Stop Loss Reset Date:	[15th] day
Stop Loss Termination Reference Price:	[As specified in Product Condition 1][ <i>specify other</i> ]
Trigger Event:	[ ]
Valuation Date(s):	[The last Trading Day of March in each year, commencing at least one calendar year after the [Issue][Launch] [Date] [The Final Valuation Date]
Valuation Time:	[The time of the London [morning] <sup>8</sup> [daily] <sup>9</sup> fixing price for the Commodity]
Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions:	[Additional Condition 2.1: Applicable] [Additional Condition 4.1: Applicable] [Not Applicable]  [Amendments to the General Conditions and/or Product Conditions as required by applicable consumer protection and other laws and/or clearing system and exchange rules. Such amendments may be (i) deletion of one or more General Conditions and/or Product Conditions in part or in its entirety; (ii) addition of disclosure and/or publication requirements; (iii) changes to pay off and other formulae; (iv) addition of clearing system details and applicable clearing rules and arrangements agreed between the Issuer and the relevant clearing system; (v) disclosure of fees applicable in connection with any exercise rights the Holders of Securities may have and (vi) other changes which are not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Holders of Securities.]

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<sup>6</sup> if long certificate

<sup>7</sup> if short certificate

<sup>8</sup> if gold or platinum

<sup>9</sup> if silver

*(When making any such amendments consideration should be given to as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)*

Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: [ ]

*(When making any such amendments consideration should be given to as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)*

ISIN: [ ]

Common Code: [ ]

Fondscore: [ ]

Other Securities Code: *[Symbol: ]*

Sales Restriction: The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (“**Securities Act**”) and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.

## **INFORMATION ON THE UNDERLYING**

Performance of Underlying/formula/ other variable, explanation of effect on value of investment and associated risks and other information concerning the Underlying: [Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the Underlying/formula/other variable can be obtained.]

[Need to include a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value of the investment is affected by the Underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most evident.]

*(When completing this paragraph, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)*

[Page where information about the past and future performance of the Underlying and its volatility can be obtained:

[ ]

*(Insert the following where the Securities are sold to Italian investors)*

[Website: [ ]]

Italian Newspaper: [ ]]

[Secondary Market:

(i) Under normal market conditions, the Issuer intends (but is not obliged) to provide a secondary market throughout the term of the Securities with an indicative spread of [specify].[specify other]] *(only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB)*; or

(ii) The Royal Bank of Scotland plc ("**RBS**") will use reasonable endeavours, under normal market conditions and at its discretion, to provide Holders with a bid/offer price for the Securities with a maximum spread of [specify]% on a daily basis and will indicate at the time of providing the quotation how long such quotation will remain actionable, or, in any event, not longer than what the Issuer considers a commercially reasonable time. RBS will not be required to provide a bid/offer price if an event or series of events occurs outside RBS's control (whether or not affecting the market generally) results in (i) the unscheduled closing, (ii) any suspension or (iii) the disruption of any (a) physical or electronic trading system or market affecting the Securities or (b) computer, communications or other service system used by RBS to generate a quotation in respect of the Securities. RBS may determine a bid/offer price in a different manner than other market participants and prices can vary. Sometimes this variance may be substantial. The bid/offer spread will be subject to RBS's discretion. [specify other]] *(only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB)*

Series:

*[Commodity] Turbo [Long][Short] Certificates Series [ ]*

*[repeat as above for each new Series]*

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**CURRENCY TURBO CERTIFICATES**

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Series:	<i>[Currency] Turbo [Long] [Short] Certificates Series [ ]</i>
Issue Price:	[ ]
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] <i>[specify]</i>
Business Day:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Cash Amount:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Underlying FX Rate:	[ ] (Bloomberg Page: [ ])
Current Financing Level on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Current Spread on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Current Stop Loss Premium Rate on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Emerging Market Disruption Events:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Entitlement:	[ ]
Exercise Time:	[5.00pm Central European Time]
Final Reference Price:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Final Valuation Date:	[Specify Date][not applicable]
Financing Level Currency:	[ ]
Issuer Call Commencement Date:	[first Business Day following the three month period from and including the Issue Date]
Issuer Call Notice Period:	[one month]
Maximum Premium:	[ ]
Maximum Spread:	[ ]
Minimum Premium:	[ ]
Relevant Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Relevant Number of Days:	For the purposes of: Issuer Call Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180] Valuation Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
Reset Date:	[15th day] <i>[specify other]</i>
Securities Exchange:	[Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext] <i>[specify other]</i>
Settlement Currency:	[ ]

Settlement Date:	[Up to the fifth Business Day following the Valuation Date, the last day of the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period or the Issuer Call Date, as the case may be]
Standard Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]
Stop Loss Event:	[As specified in Product Condition 1][specify other]
Stop Loss Event Reuters Page:	[FX=][other]
Stop Loss Price on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Stop Loss Price Rounding:	[upwards] <sup>10</sup> [downwards] <sup>11</sup> to the next three decimal places (or, where the Financing Level Currency is JPY, one decimal place) of the Financing Level Currency
Stop Loss Reset Date:	[15th] day
Stop Loss Termination Reference Price:	[As specified in Product Condition 1][specify other]
Termination Reference Price:	[ ]
Trigger Event:	[ ]
Underlying Currency:	[ ]
Valuation Date(s):	[The last Trading Day of March in each year, commencing at least one calendar year after the [Issue][Launch] [Date] [The Final Valuation Date]
Valuation Time:	[to be specified]
Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions:	[Additional Condition 2.1: Applicable] [Additional Condition 4.1: Applicable] [Not Applicable]  [Amendments to the General Conditions and/or Product Conditions as required by applicable consumer protection and other laws and/or clearing system and exchange rules. Such amendments may be (i) deletion of one or more General Conditions and/or Product Conditions in part or in its entirety; (ii) addition of disclosure and/or publication requirements; (iii) changes to pay off and other formulae; (iv) addition of clearing system details and applicable clearing rules and arrangements agreed between the Issuer and the relevant clearing system; (v) disclosure of fees applicable in connection with any exercise rights the Holders of Securities may have and (vi) other changes which are not materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of Securities.]  <i>(When making any such amendments consideration should be given to as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)</i>

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<sup>10</sup> if long certificate

<sup>11</sup> if short certificate

Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: [ ]

*(When making any such amendments consideration should be given to as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)*

ISIN: [ ]

Common Code: [ ]

Fondscore: [ ]

Other Securities Code: *[Symbol: ]*

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Italian Newspaper: [ ]]

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Series:

*[Currency] Turbo [Long][Short] Certificates Series [ ]*

*[repeat as above for each new Series]*

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**SINGLE STOCK TURBO CERTIFICATES**

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Series:	<i>[Single Stock] Turbo [Long][Short] Certificates Series [ ]</i>
Issue Price:	[ ]
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] <i>[specify]</i>
Business Day:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Cash Amount:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Share:	[ ] (ISIN: [ ])
Share Company:	[ ]
Current Financing Level on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Current Spread on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Current Stop Loss Premium Rate on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Emerging Market Disruption Events:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Entitlement:	[ ]
Exchange:	[ ]
Exercise Time:	[5.00pm Central European Time]
Final Reference Price:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Final Valuation Date:	[Specify Date] <i>[not applicable]</i>
Financing Level Currency:	[ ]
Issuer Call Commencement Date:	[the first Business Day following the Launch Date]
Issuer Call Notice Period:	[one day]
Maximum Premium:	[ ]
Maximum Spread:	[ ]
Minimum Premium:	[ ]
Notional Dividend Amount:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]
Notional Dividend Period:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Relevant Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Relevant Number of Trading Days:	For the purposes of: Issuer Call Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180] Valuation Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
Reset Date:	[15th day] <i>[specify other]</i>



Securities Exchange: [Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext] [specify other]

Settlement Currency: [ ]

Settlement Date: [Up to the [fifth] Business Day following the Valuation Date, the last day of the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period or the Issuer Call Date, as the case may be]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]

Stop Loss Event: [As specified in Product Condition 1][specify other]

Stop Loss Price on the Launch Date: [ ]

Stop Loss Price Rounding: [upwards]<sup>12</sup> [downwards]<sup>13</sup> to the next [0.1] unit of the Financing Level Currency

Stop Loss Reset Date: [15th] day

Stop Loss Termination Reference Price: [As specified in Product Condition 1][specify other]

Trigger Event: [ ]

Valuation Date(s): [The last Trading Day of March in each year, commencing at least one calendar year after the [Issue][Launch] [Date] [The Final Valuation Date]

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<sup>12</sup> if long certificate

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Series:

*[Single Stock] Turbo [Long][Short] Certificates Series [ ]*

*[repeat as above for each new Series]*

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**INDEX TURBO CERTIFICATES**

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Series:	<i>[Index] Turbo [Long]/[Short] Certificates Series [ ]</i>
Issue Price:	[ ]
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] <i>[specify]</i>
Business Day:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Cash Amount:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
[Commodity] Index:	[ ] (Bloomberg Page: [ ])
Current Financing Level on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Current Spread on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Current Stop Loss Premium Rate on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Emerging Market Disruption Events:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Entitlement:	[ ]
Exercise Time:	[10.00am Central European Time]
Final Reference Price:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Final Valuation Date:	[Specify Date][not applicable]
Financing Level Currency:	[ ]
Issuer Call Commencement Date:	[the first Business Day following the Launch Date]
Issuer Call Notice Period:	[one month] [one day]
Maximum Premium:	[ ]
Maximum Spread:	[ ]
Minimum Premium:	[ ]
Notional Dividend Amount:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]
Notional Dividend Period:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Relevant Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Relevant Number of Trading Days:	For the purposes of: Issuer Call Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180] Valuation Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
Reset Date:	[15th day] <i>[specify other]</i>
Securities Exchange:	[Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext] <i>[specify other]</i>
Settlement Currency:	[ ]

Settlement Date:	[Up to the fifth Business Day following the Valuation Date, the last day of the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period or the Issuer Call Date, as the case may be]
Standard Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]
Stop Loss Event:	[As specified in Product Condition 1][specify other]
Stop Loss Price on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Stop Loss Price Rounding:	[upwards] <sup>14</sup> [downwards] <sup>15</sup> to the nearest whole [10 Index Points] <sup>16</sup> [1 Index Point] <sup>17</sup> where <b>Index Point</b> means the standard market quotation basis of the Index Sponsor with respect to the Index
Stop Loss Reset Date:	[15th] day
Stop Loss Termination Reference Price:	[As specified in Product Condition 1][specify other]
Trigger Event:	[ ]
Valuation Date(s):	[The last Trading Day of March in each year, commencing at least one calendar year after the Issue][Launch] [Date] [The Final Valuation Date]
Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions:	[Additional Condition 2.1: Applicable] [Additional Condition 4.1: Applicable] [Not Applicable]  [Amendments to the General Conditions and/or Product Conditions as required by applicable consumer protection and other laws and/or clearing system and exchange rules. Such amendments may be (i) deletion of one or more General Conditions and/or Product Conditions in part or in its entirety; (ii) addition of disclosure and/or publication requirements; (iii) changes to pay off and other formulae; (iv) addition of clearing system details and applicable clearing rules and arrangements agreed between the Issuer and the relevant clearing system; (v) disclosure of fees applicable in connection with any exercise rights the Holders of Securities may have and (vi) other changes which are not materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of Securities.]  <i>(When making any such amendments consideration should be given to as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)</i>

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<sup>14</sup> if long certificate

<sup>15</sup> if short certificate

<sup>16</sup> if DAX<sup>®</sup> Index

<sup>17</sup> If AEX-index<sup>®</sup>

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Series:

*[Index] Turbo [Long][Short] Certificates Series [ ]*

*[repeat as above for each new Series]*

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**GOVERNMENT BOND TURBO CERTIFICATES**

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Series:	<i>[Government Bond] Turbo [Long] [Short] Certificates Series [ ]</i>
Issue Price:	[ ]
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] <i>[specify]</i>
Business Day:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Cash Amount:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Reference Asset:	[ ] (ISIN: [ ]) Screen page: [Reuters]
Current Financing Level:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Current Financing Level on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Current Spread on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Current Stop Loss Premium Rate on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Emerging Market Disruption Events:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Entitlement:	[ ]
Exchange:	[ ]
Exercise Time:	[5.00pm Central European Time]
Final Reference Price:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Final Valuation Date:	[Specify Date] <i>[not applicable]</i>
Financing Level Currency:	[ ]
Issuer Call Commencement Date:	[First Business Day following the three month period from and including the Launch Date]
Issuer Call Notice Period:	one month
Maximum Premium:	[ ]
Maximum Spread:	[ ]
Minimum Premium:	[ ]
Relevant Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Relevant Number of Trading Days:	For the purposes of: Issuer Call Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180] Valuation Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]



Reset Date: [15th day] [*specify other*]

Rollover Date: [3][5] Business Days prior to the first date upon which notice to deliver the Reference Asset may be given in accordance with the rules of the relevant Exchange

Securities Exchange: [Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext] [*specify other*]

Settlement Currency: [ ]

Settlement Date: [Up to the fifth Business Day following the Valuation Date, the last day of the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period or the Issuer Call Date, as the case may be]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Stop Loss Event: [As specified in Product Condition 1][*specify other*]

Stop Loss Price on the Launch Date: [ ]

Stop Loss Price Rounding: [up<sup>18</sup>] [down<sup>19</sup>] to the next [one decimal place (with 0.05 being rounded [upwards]<sup>12</sup> [downwards]<sup>13</sup>) of the Financing Level Currency

Stop Loss Reset Date: [15th day]

Stop Loss Termination Reference Price: [As specified in Product Condition 1][*specify other*]

Trigger Event: [ ]

Valuation Date(s): [The last Trading Day of March in each year, commencing at least one calendar year after the [Issue][Launch] [Date] [The Final Valuation Date]

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Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: [ ]

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Series:

*[Government Bond] Turbo [Long][Short] Certificates  
Series [ ]*

*[repeat as above for each new Series]*

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**COMMODITY FORWARD CONTRACTS AND COMMODITY FUTURE CONTRACTS  
TURBO CERTIFICATES**

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Series:	<i>[Commodity] [Forward][Futures] Contracts Turbo [Long] [Short]Certificates Series [ ]</i>
Issue Price:	[ ]
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] <i>[specify]</i>
Business Day:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Cash Amount:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Reference Asset:	[ ]
	Screen page: [Reuters]
Current Financing Level on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Current Spread on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Current Stop Loss Premium Rate on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Emerging Market Disruption Events:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Entitlement:	[ ]
Exchange:	[ ]
Exercise Time:	[10.00am Central European Time]
Final Reference Price:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Final Valuation Date:	[Specify Date][not applicable]
Financing Level Currency:	[ ]
Issuer Call Commencement Date:	[the first Business Day following the three month period from and including the Launch Date]
Issuer Call Notice Period:	[one month]
Maximum Premium:	[ ]
Maximum Spread:	[ ]
Minimum Premium:	[ ]
Relevant Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Relevant Number of Trading Days:	For the purposes of: Issuer Call Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180] Valuation Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
Reset Date:	[2nd] <sup>14</sup> [8th] <sup>15</sup> [9th] <sup>16</sup> [17th] <sup>17</sup> [24th] <sup>18</sup> day <i>[specify other]</i>

Rollover Date:	[the prompt date of the Reference Asset with an expiry month preceding the current existing Reference Asset] <sup>19</sup> [a date, being a Trading Day, as selected by the Issuer within the last 10 Trading Days prior to the last Trading Day of the Reference Asset] <sup>15</sup> [a date, being a Trading Day, as selected by the Issuer within the last 10 Trading Days prior to the last Trading Day of the Reference Asset with an expiry month preceding the existing Reference Asset] <sup>20</sup> [the period ending not less than 10 Trading Days prior to the first notice date of the Reference Asset] <sup>18</sup> [the period within the last 10 Trading Days prior to first notice date of the Reference Asset] <sup>16</sup>
Securities Exchange:	[Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext] [specify other]
Settlement Currency:	[ ]
Settlement Date:	[Up to the fifth Business Day following the Valuation Date, the last day of the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period or the Issuer Call Date, as the case may be]
Standard Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [ <i>specify other</i> ]
Stop Loss Event:	[As specified in Product Condition 1][ <i>specify other</i> ]
Stop Loss Price on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Stop Loss Price Rounding:	[up to the next whole unit (with 0.5 being rounded upwards)] <sup>21</sup> [to two decimal places (with 0.005 being rounded upwards)] <sup>15</sup> [to four decimal places (with 0.00005 being rounded upwards)] <sup>22</sup>
Stop Loss Reset Date:	[2nd] <sup>14</sup> [8th] <sup>15</sup> [9th] <sup>16</sup> [17th] <sup>17</sup> [24th] <sup>18</sup> day [ <i>specify other</i> ]
Stop Loss Termination Reference Price:	[As specified in Product Condition 1][ <i>specify other</i> ]
Trigger Event:	[ ]
Valuation Date(s):	[The prompt date in March each year commencing 20__] <sup>19</sup> [The last Trading Day of March in each year, commencing at least one calendar year after the [Issue][Launch] [Date] <sup>23</sup> [The Final Valuation Date]
Valuation Time:	[The close of [the 2nd ring session] <sup>19</sup> [trading] <sup>23</sup> on the Exchange]
Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions:	[Additional Condition 2.1: Applicable] [Additional Condition 4.1: Applicable] [Not Applicable]  [Amendments to the General Conditions and/or Product Conditions as required by applicable consumer protection and other laws and/or clearing system and exchange rules. Such amendments may be (i) deletion of one or more General Conditions and/or Product Conditions in part or in its entirety; (ii) addition of

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Series:

*[Commodity] [Forward][Future] Turbo [Long][Short]  
Certificates Series [ ]*

*[repeat as above for each new Series]*

Notes:

- 14 cocoa
- 15 oil
- 16 coffee
- 17 aluminum, copper, sugar
- 18 wheat
- 19 aluminum, copper
- 20 cocoa, coffee, sugar
- 21 aluminum, copper, cocoa, oil
- 22 coffee, sugar, wheat
- 23 cocoa, coffee, sugar, wheat, oil

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**FUND TURBO LONG CERTIFICATES**

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Series:	<i>[Fund] Turbo [Long] Certificates Series [ ]</i>
Issue Price:	[ ]
Additional Fund Events:	[None] <i>[specify]</i>
Business Day:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Cash Amount:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Current Financing Level on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Current Spread on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Current Stop Loss Premium Rate on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Emerging Market Disruption Events:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Entitlement:	[ ]
Exchange:	[ ] [Not Applicable]
Exercise Time:	[5.00pm Central European Time]
Final Reference Price:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Final Valuation Date:	[Specify Date] [not applicable]
Financing Level Currency:	[ ]
Fund:	[ ] (Bloomberg Page: [ ])
Fund Business Day:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Issuer Call Commencement Date:	[the first Business Day following the Launch Date]
Issuer Call Notice Period:	[one day]
Maximum Premium:	[ ]
Maximum Spread:	[ ]
Minimum Premium:	[ ]
Notional Dividend Amount:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]
Notional Dividend Period:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Pricing Date:	[ ]
Reference Asset:	[ ] (ISIN: [ ]; Bloomberg Page: [ ])
Reference Asset Price:	[NAV] [Trading Price. Bloomberg: [ ]]
Relevant Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>

Relevant Number of Trading Days:	For the purposes of: Issuer Call Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180] Valuation Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180] [15th day] [ <i>specify other</i> ]
Reset Date:	[15th day] [ <i>specify other</i> ]
Securities Exchange:	[Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext] [ <i>specify other</i> ]
Settlement Currency:	[ ]
Settlement Date:	[Up to the [fifth] Business Day following the Valuation Date, the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Date or the Issuer Call Date, as the case may be]
Standard Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [ <i>specify other</i> ]
Stop Loss Event:	[As specified in Product Condition 1][ <i>specify other</i> ]
Stop Loss Price on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Stop Loss Price Rounding:	[upwards] <sup>20</sup> [downwards] <sup>21</sup> to the next [0.1] unit of the Financing Level Currency
Stop Loss Reset Date:	[15th] day
Stop Loss Termination Reference Price:	[As specified in Product Condition 1][ <i>specify other</i> ]
Trading Day:	[As specified in Product Condition 1][ <i>specify other</i> ]
Trigger Event:	[ ]
Valuation Date(s):	[The last Trading Day of March in each year, commencing at least one calendar year after the Launch Date] [The Final Valuation Date]
Valuation Time:	[The close of trading on the relevant Exchange in relation to a Reference Asset where the Fund is an exchange traded fund][ <i>specify other</i> ][Not Applicable]
Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions:	[Additional Condition 2.1: Applicable] [Additional Condition 4.1: Applicable] [Not Applicable]  [Amendments to the General Conditions and/or Product Conditions as required by applicable consumer protection and other laws and/or clearing system and exchange rules. Such amendments may be (i) deletion of one or more General Conditions and/or Product Conditions in part or in its entirety; (ii) addition of disclosure and/or publication requirements; (iii) changes to pay off and other formulae; (iv) addition of clearing system details and applicable clearing rules and arrangements agreed between the Issuer and the relevant clearing

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<sup>20</sup> if long certificate

<sup>21</sup> if short certificate

system; (v) disclosure of fees applicable in connection with any exercise rights the Holders of Securities may have and (vi) other changes which are not materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of Securities.]

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Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: [ ]

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ISIN: [ ]

Common Code: [ ]

Fondscore: [ ]

Other Securities Code: *[Symbol: ]*

Sales Restriction: The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (“**Securities Act**”) and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.

## INFORMATION ON THE UNDERLYING

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Series:

[repeat as above for each new Series]

[Fund] Turbo [Long] Certificates Series [ ]

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**ROLLING TURBO LONG INDEX CERTIFICATES**

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Series:	<i>[Index] Rolling Turbo Long Certificates Series [ ]</i>
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] <i>[specify]</i>
Business Day:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Cash Amount:	<p>[(a) Upon Exercise:  (Final Reference Price - Current Financing Level) x  Current Participation Factor (the “<b>Exercise Cash Amount</b>”); or</p> <p>(b) Upon an Issuer Call:  (Termination Reference Price - Current Financing Level) x  Current Participation Factor (the “<b>Issuer Call Cash Amount</b>”); or</p> <p>(c) Following a Knock Out Event:  (Execution Level - Current Financing Level) x Current  Participation Factor (the “<b>Knock Out Cash Amount</b>”),  <i>[specify other]</i></p>
Current Financing Level:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Current Leverage Factor:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Current Participation Factor:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Current Spread:	[ ]%
Emerging Market Disruption Events:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Exercise Date:	[The third Business Day preceding the scheduled Valuation Date as provided in Product Condition 3] <i>[specify other]</i>
Exercise Time:	[10.00am Central European Time] <i>[specify other]</i>
Final Reference Price:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Final Valuation Date:	[Specify Date][not applicable]
Financing Level Currency:	[ ]
[Commodity] Index	[ ] [Bloomberg Code]
Initial Current Financing Level:	[ ]
Initial Current Participation Factor:	[ ]
Interim Settlement Amount:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Interim Settlement Event:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Interim Settlement Factor:	[ ]
Issue Price:	[ ]
Issuer Call Commencement Date:	[The first Business Day following the [six month] period from (and including) the Launch Date] <i>[specify other]</i>
Issuer Call Notice Period:	[Three calendar months] [One calendar year] <i>[specify  other]</i>

Knock Out Event:	[As stated in Product Condition 1][ <i>specify other</i> ]
Knock Out Level:	[ ]
Launch Date:	[ ]
Lower Leverage Limit:	[ ]
Maximum Spread:	[ ]%
Notional Dividend Amount:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]
Notional Dividend Period:	[As specified in Product Condition 1][ <i>specify other</i> ]
Prevailing Rate:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [ <i>specify other</i> ]
Re-Financing Event:	[As stated in Product Condition 1][ <i>specify other</i> ]
Reference Price:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [ <i>specify other</i> ]
Relevant Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [ <i>specify other</i> ]
Relevant Number of Trading Days:	For the purposes of: Issuer Call Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180] Valuation Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
Reset Date:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [ <i>specify other</i> ]
Security Value:	[As stated in Product Condition 1][ <i>specify other</i> ]
Settlement Currency:	[ ]
Settlement Date:	[The fifth Business Day following the Valuation Date, the Knock Out Event, Issuer Call Date or Interim Settlement Event, as the case may be or as soon as practicable thereafter]
Standard Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1][ <i>specify other</i> ]
Stop Loss Level:	[(100% - Stop Loss Premium Rate) multiplied by the Reference Price at the Valuation Time on the immediately preceding Trading Day] [ <i>specify other</i> ]
Stop Loss Premium Rate	[5%][ <i>specify other</i> ]
Target Leverage Factor:	[ ]
Upper Leverage Limit:	[ ]
Valuation Date(s):	[The last Trading Day of March in each year, commencing at least one year after the Launch Date] [The Final Valuation Date] [ <i>specify other</i> ]
Valuation Time:	[The time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the closing level of the Index]
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Common Code:

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Fondscore:

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WKN:

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Valoren:

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Other Securities Code:

*[Symbol: ]*

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Index disclaimer(s):

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Series:

*[Index] Rolling TurboLong Certificates Series [ ]*

*[repeat as above for each new Series]*

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**ROLLING TURBO SHORT INDEX CERTIFICATES**

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Series:	<i>[Index] Rolling Turbo Short Certificates Series [ ]</i>
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] <i>[specify]</i>
Business Day:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Cash Amount:	<p>[(a) Upon Exercise: (Current Financing Level - Final Reference Price) x Current Participation Factor (the “<b>Exercise Cash Amount</b>”); or</p> <p>(b) Upon an Issuer Call: (Current Financing Level - Termination Reference Price) x Current Participation Factor (the “<b>Issuer Call Cash Amount</b>”); or</p> <p>(c) Following a Knock Out Event: (Current Financing Level – Execution Level) x Current Participation Factor (the “<b>Knock Out Cash Amount</b>”), <i>[specify other]</i></p>
Current Financing Level:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Current Leverage Factor:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Current Participation Factor:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Current Spread:	[ ]%
Emerging Market Disruption Events:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Exercise Date:	[The third Business Day preceding the scheduled Valuation Date as provided in Product Condition 3] <i>[specify other]</i>
Exercise Time:	[10.00am Central European Time] <i>[specify other]</i>
Final Reference Price:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Final Valuation Date:	[Specify Date][not applicable]
Financing Level Currency:	[ ]
[Commodity] Index	[ ][Bloomberg Code]
Initial Current Financing Level:	[ ]
Initial Current Participation Factor:	[ ]
Interim Settlement Amount:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Interim Settlement Event:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Interim Settlement Factor:	[ ]
Issue Price:	[ ]
Issuer Call Commencement Date:	[The first Business Day following the [six month] period from (and including) the Launch Date] <i>[specify other]</i>
Issuer Call Notice Period:	[Three calendar months] [One calendar year] <i>[specify other]</i>

Knock Out Event:	[As stated in Product Condition 1][ <i>specify other</i> ]
Knock Out Level:	[ ]
Launch Date:	[ ]
Lower Leverage Limit:	[ ]
Maximum Spread:	[ ]%
Notional Dividend Amount:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]
Notional Dividend Period:	[As specified in Product Condition 1][ <i>specify other</i> ]
Prevailing Rate:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [ <i>specify other</i> ]
Re-Financing Event:	[As stated in Product Condition 1][ <i>specify other</i> ]
Reference Price:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [ <i>specify other</i> ]
Relevant Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [ <i>specify other</i> ]
Relevant Number of Trading Days:	For the purposes of: Issuer Call Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180] Valuation Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
Reset Date:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [ <i>specify other</i> ]
Security Value:	[As stated in Product Condition 1][ <i>specify other</i> ]
Settlement Currency:	[ ]
Settlement Date:	[The fifth Business Day following the Valuation Date, the Knock Out Event, Issuer Call Date or Interim Settlement Event, as the case may be or as soon as practicable thereafter]
Standard Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [ <i>specify other</i> ]
Stop Loss Level:	[(100% + Stop Loss Premium Rate) multiplied by the Reference Price at the Valuation Time on the immediately preceding Trading Day] [ <i>specify other</i> ]
Stop Loss Premium Rate	[5%][ <i>specify other</i> ]
Target Leverage Factor:	[ ]
Upper Leverage Limit:	[ ]
Valuation Date(s):	[The last Trading Day of March in each year, commencing at least one year after the Launch Date] [The Final Valuation Date] [ <i>specify other</i> ]
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Index disclaimer(s):

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Series:

*[Index] Rolling Turbo Short Certificates Series [ ]*

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**INDEX FUTURE TURBO CERTIFICATES**

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Series:	<i>[Index Future] Turbo [Long][Short]Certificates Series [ ]</i>
Issue Price:	[ ]
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] <i>[specify]</i>
Business Day:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Cash Amount:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Reference Asset:	[ ] [(Bloomberg Code: [ ] <INDEX>)]
Current Financing Level on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Current Spread on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Current Stop Loss Premium Rate on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Emerging Market Disruption Events:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Entitlement:	[ ]
Exchange:	[ ]
Exercise Time:	[10.00am Central European Time]
Final Reference Price:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Final Valuation Date:	[Specify Date][not applicable]
Financing Level Currency:	[ ]
Issuer Call Commencement Date:	[the first Business Day following the three month period from (and including) the Launch Date]
Issuer Call Notice Period:	[one calendar year]
Maximum Premium:	[ ]
Maximum Spread:	[ ]
Minimum Premium:	[ ]
Relevant Currency:	[As specified in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Relevant Number of Trading Days:	For the purposes of: Issuer Call Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180] Valuation Date: [8, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
Reset Date:	[17 <sup>th</sup> ] day
Rollover Date:	[a date, being a Trading Day, as selected by the Issuer at least 10 Trading Days prior to the earliest of (i) the first notice date of the Reference Asset or (ii) the last Trading Day of the Reference Asset]
Securities Exchange:	[Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext] <i>[specify</i>

	other]
Settlement Currency:	[ ]
Settlement Date:	[Up to the fifth Business Day following the Valuation Date, the last day of the Stop Loss Termination Valuation Period or the Issuer Call Date, as the case may be]
Standard Currency:	[As specified in Product Condition 1][ <i>specify other</i> ]
Stop Loss Event:	[As specified in Product Condition 1][ <i>specify other</i> ]
Stop Loss Price on the Launch Date:	[ ]
Stop Loss Price Rounding:	[to two decimal places (with 0.005 being rounded upwards)]
Stop Loss Reset Date:	[17 <sup>th</sup> ] day
Stop Loss Termination Reference Price:	[As specified in Product Condition 1][ <i>specify other</i> ]
Trigger Event:	[ ]
Valuation Date(s):	[The last Trading Day of March in each year, commencing at least one calendar year after the [Issue][Launch] [Date] [The Final Valuation Date]
Valuation Time:	[The close of trading on the Exchange] [ <i>specify other</i> ]
Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions:	[Additional Condition 2.1: Applicable] [Additional Condition 4.1: Applicable] [Not Applicable]  [Amendments to the General Conditions and/or Product Conditions as required by applicable consumer protection and other laws and/or clearing system and exchange rules. Such amendments may be (i) deletion of one or more General Conditions and/or Product Conditions in part or in its entirety; (ii) addition of disclosure and/or publication requirements; (iii) changes to pay off and other formulae; (iv) addition of clearing system details and applicable clearing rules and arrangements agreed between the Issuer and the relevant clearing system; (v) disclosure of fees applicable in connection with any exercise rights the Holders of Securities may have and (vi) other changes which are not materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of Securities.]  <i>(When making any such amendments consideration should be given to as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)</i>



Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: [ ]  
*(When making any such amendments consideration should be given to as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)*

ISIN: [ ]

Common Code: [ ]

Fondscore: [ ]

Other Securities Code: [Symbol: ]

Sales Restriction: The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (“**Securities Act**”) and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.

**INFORMATION ON THE UNDERLYING**

Performance of Underlying/formula/ other variable, explanation of effect on value of investment and associated risks and other information concerning the Underlying: [Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the Underlying/formula/other variable can be obtained.]  
 [Need to include a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value of the investment is affected by the Underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most evident.]  
*(When completing this paragraph, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)*

Page where information about the past and future performance of the Underlying and its volatility can be obtained: [ ]  
*(Insert the following where the Securities are sold to Italian investors)*  
 [Website: [ ]]  
 Italian Newspaper: [ ]]

[Secondary Market:

(i) Under normal market conditions, the Issuer intends (but is not obliged) to provide a secondary market throughout the term of the Securities with an indicative spread of *[specify]*.*[specify other]* (only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB); or

(ii) The Royal Bank of Scotland plc ("**RBS**") will use reasonable endeavours, under normal market conditions and at its discretion, to provide Holders with a bid/offer price for the Securities with a maximum spread of *[specify]*% on a daily basis and will indicate at the time of providing the quotation how long such quotation will remain actionable, or, in any event, not longer than what the Issuer considers a commercially reasonable time. RBS will not be required to provide a bid/offer price if an event or series of events occurs outside RBS's control (whether or not affecting the market generally) results in (i) the unscheduled closing, (ii) any suspension or (iii) the disruption of any (a) physical or electronic trading system or market affecting the Securities or (b) computer, communications or other service system used by RBS to generate a quotation in respect of the Securities. RBS may determine a bid/offer price in a different manner than other market participants and prices can vary. Sometimes this variance may be substantial. The bid/offer spread will be subject to RBS's discretion. *[specify other]* (only applicable for Securities clearing via Euroclear Finland and Euroclear Sweden AB)]

Series:

*[repeat as above for each new Series]*

*[Index Future] Turbo [Long] Certificates Series [ ]*

## [ADDITIONAL INFORMATION]

The statements herein regarding taxation are based on the laws in force in Italy as at the date of this Final Terms and are subject to any changes in law occurring after such date, which changes could be made on a retroactive basis. The following summary does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all the tax considerations which may be relevant to a decision to subscribe for, purchase, own or dispose of the Securities and does not purport to deal with the tax consequences applicable to all categories of investors, some of which (such as dealers in securities or commodities) may be subject to special rules. Prospective investors are advised to consult their own tax advisers concerning the overall tax consequences of their interest in the Securities.

With regard to certain innovative or structured financial instruments there is currently neither case law nor comments of the Italian tax authorities as to the tax treatment of such financial instruments. Accordingly, it cannot be excluded that the Italian tax authorities and courts or Italian intermediaries may adopt a view different from that outlined below.

[This summary does not describe the tax consequences for an investor with respect to Securities that will be redeemed by physical delivery. Prospective investors are advised to consult their own tax advisers concerning the overall tax consequences under Italian tax law, under the tax laws of the country in which they are resident for tax purposes and of any other potentially relevant jurisdiction of acquiring, holding and disposing of Securities and receiving payments of yield, principal and/or other amounts under the Securities, including in particular the effect of any state, regional or local tax laws.]<sup>22</sup>

Pursuant to Article 67 of Presidential Decree No. 917 of 22 December 1986 and Legislative Decree No. 461 of 21 November 1997, as subsequently amended, where the Italian resident Holder is (i) an individual not engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the Securities are connected, (ii) a non commercial partnership with the exception of general partnership, limited partnership and similar entities, (iii) a non-commercial private or public institution, or (iv) an investor exempt from Italian corporate income taxation, capital gains realised under the sale or the exercise of the Securities are subject to a 20 per cent. substitute tax (*imposta sostitutiva*).

Particular provisions apply to Securities held or managed by a qualified intermediary; the recipient may opt for two different tax regime: (1) under the "risparmio amministrato" regime, Italian resident individuals holding the Securities not in connection with an entrepreneurial activity may elect to pay the *imposta sostitutiva* separately on each capital gains realised on the Securities; (2) under the "risparmio gestito" regime any capital gains realised or accrued by the Italian resident individuals holding the Securities not in connection with an entrepreneurial activity who have entrusted the management of their financial assets, including the Securities, will be included in the computation of the annual increase

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<sup>22</sup> Include for physically settled Securities only

in value of the managed assets accrued, even if not realised, at year end, subject to a 20 per cent. substitute tax, to be paid by the managing authorised intermediary. Under some conditions and limitations, Holders may set off capital losses (decrease in value for the *risparmio gestito* regime) with capital gains (increase in value for the *risparmio gestito* regime). Capital losses realised (decrease in value accrued for the *risparmio gestito* regime) before 1 January 2012 may be carried forward to be offset against subsequent capital gains (increase in value accrued for the *risparmio gestito* regime) of the same nature for an overall sum of 62.5 per cent. of the relevant amount.

Where an Italian resident Holder is a company or similar commercial entity, or the Italian permanent establishment of a foreign commercial entity to which the Securities are effectively connected, capital gains arising from the Securities will not be subject to *imposta sostitutiva*, but must be included in the relevant Holder's income tax return and are therefore subject to Italian corporate tax.

Capital gains realised by non-Italian resident Holders are not subject to Italian taxation, provided that the Securities (i) are transferred on regulated markets, or (ii) if not transferred on regulated markets, are held outside of Italy.

It is worth noting that, in accordance with a different interpretation of current tax law, there is a remote possibility that the Securities would be considered as 'atypical' securities pursuant to Article 8 of Law Decree No. 512 of 30 September 1983 as implemented by Law No. 649 of 25 November 1983. In this event, payments relating to Securities may be subject to an Italian withholding tax, levied at the rate of 20 per cent. The withholding tax mentioned above does not apply to payments made to a non-Italian resident Holder and to an Italian resident Holder which is (i) a company or similar commercial entity (including the Italian permanent establishment of foreign entities), (ii) a commercial partnership, or (iii) a commercial private or public institution.

#### *Stamp duty*

Pursuant to Article 19(1) of Decree No. 201 of 6 December 2011 ("**Decree 201**"), a proportional stamp duty applies on an annual basis to the periodic reporting communications sent by financial intermediaries to their clients for the Securities deposited therewith. The stamp duty applies at a rate of 0.1 per cent. for year 2012 and at 0.15 per cent. for subsequent years; this stamp duty is determined on the basis of the market value or – if no market value figure is available – the nominal value or redemption amount of the Securities held. The stamp duty can be no lower than € 34.20 and, for the year 2012 only, it cannot exceed € 1,200. Although the stamp duty is already applicable, certain aspects of the relevant discipline should be clarified and implemented by a Decree of the Ministry of Economy and Finance. Under a preliminary interpretation of the law, it may be understood that the stamp duty applies both to Italian resident and non-Italian resident Holders, to the extent that the Securities are held with an Italian-based financial intermediary.

### *Wealth Tax on securities deposited abroad*

Pursuant to Article 19(18) of Decree 201, Italian resident individuals holding the Securities outside the Italian territory are required to pay an additional tax at a rate of 0.1 per cent. for 2011 and 2012, and at 0.15 per cent. for subsequent years. This tax is calculated on the market value of the Securities at the end of the relevant year or – if no market value figure is available – the nominal value or the redemption value of such financial assets held outside the Italian territory. Taxpayers are entitled to an Italian tax credit equivalent to the amount of wealth taxes paid in the State where the financial assets are held (up to an amount equal to the Italian wealth tax due). Although the wealth tax is already applicable, certain aspects of the relevant discipline should be clarified and implemented by a Decree of the Ministry of Economy and Finance.]

*[The following shall be applicable to all Final Terms.]*

### **NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE AND NO MATERIAL ADVERSE CHANGE**

There has been no significant change in the trading or financial position of the Group taken as a whole since 31 December 2011 (the end of the last financial period for which audited financial information of the Group has been published); and

There has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the Group taken as a whole since 31 December 2011 (the date of the last published audited financial information of the Group).

### **RESPONSIBILITY**

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in the Base Prospectus, as completed and/or amended by these Final Terms. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Issuer (which has taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Base Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. Material changes since the date of the Base Prospectus will trigger the need for a supplement under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC which will be filed with both the AFM and the SIX Swiss Exchange.

[The information relating to the Underlying has been extracted from external sources. The Issuer confirms that such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware, and is able to ascertain from information published by the external sources, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.]

*(Insert the following where Securities are sold to Italian investors)*

### **FURTHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- (i) Name of relevant third party distributor/s: The Securities shall be placed/offered in Italy through *[insert distributor name]* on behalf of The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (the “**Responsabile del**

**Collocamento**) and through any other bank which The Royal Bank of Scotland plc might appoint and indicate on the website [www.rbsbank.it/markets](http://www.rbsbank.it/markets).

- (ii) Pursuant to applicable laws and regulations, any potential conflict of interest of the third party distributor shall be immediately brought to the attention of prospective purchasers by the third party distributor referred to above.
- (iii) Minimum trading size: [1 Security][*specify other*].
- (iv) The Issue Price may be subdivided, from a financial viewpoint, into the components shown here below, as referred to at [*insert relevant date*]. [During the Subscription Period] [Before the Issue Date] the value of such components might change as a consequence of variations in the market conditions, save that (i) the Issue Price will in all cases be equal to [*insert issue price*] including the fees shown here below and (ii) the below placement fee will in all cases be fixed up to a maximum value of [*insert percentage*] of the Issue Price:

Issue Price: [*insert issue price*]

Value of the derivative component: [*insert percentage of issue price*]

Structuring fees: [*insert percentage of issue price*]

Placement fees: [*insert percentage of issue price*]

*(Insert the following where the Securities are listed on SeDeX)*

[Annex

**Modulo - Dichiarazione di rinuncia all'esercizio**

*(Facsimile)*

**“ ..... [INSERIRE LA DENOMINAZIONE DEL SECURITY IN RELAZIONE AL QUALE SI INTENDE RINUNCIARE ALL'ESERCIZIO] .....**”

I termini in lettere maiuscole avranno il significato a loro attribuito nelle General Conditions e nelle Product Conditions relative ai securities in oggetto

*La presente dichiarazione deve essere compilata a cura del portatore dei securities in oggetto.*

A [*Intermediario presso cui il portatore detiene il proprio conto*]

Nome e Ragione/denominazione sociale dell'Intermediario

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[Att: Nome del responsabile dell'ufficio titoli]

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**“ ..... [INSERIRE LA DENOMINAZIONE DEL SECURITY IN RELAZIONE AL QUALE SI INTENDE RINUNCIARE ALL’ESERCIZIO] .....” (di seguito, Securities)**

Il sottoscritto portatore (di seguito, il “Portatore”) con la presente dichiara:

- A. di rinunciare in modo irrevocabile all’esercizio dei Securities con le caratteristiche di seguito descritte;
- B. di essere consapevole che la presente Dichiarazione di Rinuncia non sarà ritenuta valida laddove non vengano rispettate le condizioni delle General Conditions e delle pertinenti Product Conditions, in particolare laddove la presente Dichiarazione di Rinuncia non pervenga nei termini indicati alla voce [*Insert the title of the section where the following wording shall be contained in the BP: ‘Renunciation of payment of the Cash Amount [and Issuer Call Cash Amount]’*] dei Final Terms relativi ai Securities. Inoltre, la presente Dichiarazione di Rinuncia non é da considerarsi valida nel caso in cui non siano identificati correttamente i Securities, di cui il Portatore intende rinunciare all’esercizio.

(Il Portatore dei Securities)

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(Cognome e nome o ragione/denominazione sociale)

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(Via e numero civico)

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(Comune, provincia)

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(Telefono)

Serie dei Securities

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Codice ISIN dei Securities

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Numero dei Securities, di cui si rinuncia all'esercizio.

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Il Portatore dei Securities accetta che la presente dichiarazione venga presentata ad enti ed altri uffici pubblici (anche fuori dalla Repubblica Italiana).

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Luogo e data

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Sottoscrizione (sottoscrizioni) del Portatore dei Securities