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**THIRD SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS IN RESPECT OF THE
LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES DATED 23 AUGUST
2011**



The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

*(incorporated under the laws of Scotland with limited liability under the Companies Act 1948
to 1980, with registered number SC090312)*
(the **Issuer**)

RBS LaunchPAD Programme

1. This Supplement dated 23 August 2011 (the **Supplement**) constitutes the third supplement to the base prospectus dated 27 May 2011 in relation to the Issuer's LaunchPAD Programme for the issuance of Notes (the **Base Prospectus**) approved by the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets (*Stichting Autoriteit Financiële Markten*, the **AFM**) on 26 May 2011.
2. The Base Prospectus was approved as a base prospectus pursuant to Directive 2003/71/EC by the AFM. This Supplement constitutes a supplemental prospectus to the Base Prospectus for the purposes of Article 5:23 of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*).
3. This Supplement is supplemental to, and should be read in conjunction with, the Base Prospectus and any other supplements thereto issued by the Issuer. Terms defined in the Base Prospectus have the same meaning when used in this Supplement.
4. In accordance with Article 5:23(6) of the Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*), investors who have agreed to purchase or subscribe for securities issued under the Base Prospectus before the Supplement is published have the right, exercisable before the end of the period of two working days beginning with the working day after the date on which this Supplement was published, to withdraw their acceptances.
5. The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge of the Issuer (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this Supplement is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such

information.

6. In the section entitled “DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE” beginning on page 38;
 - (i) Section 5 shall be amended by correcting the sub-section numbering and in addition, deleting what is currently sub-section (xxi) “Impairment review on pages 336 to 367” ; and
 - (ii) The paragraph entitled “Material Changes” shall be amended by deleting the website address “<http://markets.rbs.com/EN/Showpage.aspx?pageID=1028>” and replacing it with “<http://markets.rbs.com/bparchive>”.
7. The section entitled “TAXATION” beginning on page 44 shall be amended in section 4 “UNITED STATES”, in the paragraph “Withholding on Dividend Equivalent Payments” beginning on page 50 by deleting the words “an Early Termination on Account of U.S. Withholding Tax” and replacing them with the words “an early termination in accordance with General Condition 3(b)”.
8. In the section entitled “GENERAL CONDITIONS” beginning on page 86;
 - (i) In section 11 “(ADJUSTMENTS FOR EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION)”, the definition of “Adjustment Date” shall be amended by deleting the words “Original Company” and replacing them with “Original Currency”; and
 - (ii) In section 18 “(EVENTS OF DEFAULT)”, the term “Early Redemption Amount” shall be replaced with “Early Termination Amount” in sub-section (c) and the definition appearing immediately below sub-section (c).
9. On the cover page of the pro forma Final Terms on page 536, the U.S. Securities legend shall be amended by removing the references to 144A and Equity Certificates. Following such amendment, the U.S. Securities legend shall read as follows:

“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.”
10. On the second page of the pro forma Final Terms beginning on page 536 the following paragraph shall be deleted:

“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.”.

11. In the section entitled “PRODUCT CONDITIONS” beginning on page 100, the following amendments are made:
 - (i) In the Product Conditions relating to Fund Linked Notes beginning on page 465:
 - (a) the definition of “Trading Day” shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“**Trading Day**” means (i) in respect of a Fund, any day on which dealing in the Fund can take place (or, but for the occurrence of a Fund Event, would have taken place) and (ii) in respect of a Fund that is an exchange traded fund any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Fund 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;
 - (b) the words “Fund Reference Asset” in Product Condition 4(b)(ii)(E)(i), 4(b)(iii)(B) and 4(d)(i) shall be deleted and replaced with “Reference Asset”.
 - (ii) In the Product Conditions relating to Autocallable Share Basket Notes, beginning on page 257 and Single Stock Exchangeables beginning on page 325, the following provisions in Product Condition 3, have been amended to provide for CREST settlement and to include additional references to the Swiss Agent: “Notice”, “Verification”, “Determinations” and “Late Delivery of Notice”. The Product Conditions, including amendments in black-line, are attached in full, as Annex A;
12. A copy of this Supplement, the Base Prospectus and all other supplements thereto and all documents incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus are accessible on <http://markets.rbs.com/bparchive> and can be obtained, on request, free of charge, at the registered office of the Issuer at 36 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YB, United Kingdom, telephone +33 131 523 3636.
13. To the extent that there is any inconsistency between (a) any statement in this Supplement or any statement incorporated by reference into the Base Prospectus by virtue of this Supplement and (b) any other statement in or incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus, the statements referred to in (a) above will prevail.
14. Save as disclosed in any previous supplement to the Base Prospectus or this Supplement, no other significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in the Base Prospectus (as supplemented at the date hereof) has arisen or has been noted since the publication of the Base Prospectus.

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CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS
RELATING TO AUTOCALLABLE SHARE BASKET NOTES

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 N.V., Amsterdam, 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;

“**Barrier Level**” means the level 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, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Basket**” means the basket of shares specified as such in the definition of the Series in the applicable Final Terms subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, (i) 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 and (ii) if Physical Settlement is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day on which the Exchange is open for business;

“**Cash Amount**” means in relation to the final Valuation Date 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. The Cash Amount shall be 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”**);

“Coupon” means, if the Securities are interest bearing, an interest coupon attached to each Security (if in definitive form) (if any) representing an entitlement in respect of an Interest Amount;

“Cut-off Date” means, if Physical Settlement is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, seven Business Days prior to the Settlement Date;

“Delivery Details” means, if Physical Settlement is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, where applicable, account details and/or name and address of any person into whose name evidence of the Share Amount is to be registered and/or any bank, broker or agent to whom documents evidencing title are to be delivered;

“Disruption Cash Settlement Price” means, if Physical Settlement is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the fair market value of each Security on such day as shall be selected by the Issuer less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangement, all as determined by the Issuer;

“Early Redemption Amount” means in relation to each Valuation Date other than the final Valuation Date, 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. The Early Redemption Amount shall be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“Early Redemption Event” occurs, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, when, in relation to any Valuation Date other than the final Valuation Date, the Final Reference Price on such Valuation Date is greater than the Initial Reference Price, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

“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, with respect to each Share, each exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of Basket for the Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“Exchange Rate” means, where the Underlying Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Underlying 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;

“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 (i) the exercise of such Security and/or (ii) 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, in respect of each Share, an amount equal to the price of the Share on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on a Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent provided that if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such value can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing, Final Reference Price means a value determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Share at such time 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, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

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

“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;

“Initial Reference Price” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Share, an amount equal to the price of the Share on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent provided that if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such value can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing, Initial Reference Price means a value determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Share at such time 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, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“Interest Amount” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period and each Nominal Amount, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent as follows:

$$\text{Nominal Amount} \times \text{Interest Rate} \times \text{Interest Rate Day Count Fraction};$$

“Interest Payment Dates” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Interest Period” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period commencing on (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Interest Payment Date;

“Interest Rate” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, the rate

specified as such, or determined in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Interest Rate Day Count Fraction” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, that interest shall be calculated on the basis specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“Issuer” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“Least Performing Share” means, if applicable, and the Share that performed the least well compared to the other Shares in the Basket according to the following formula:

$$\text{Final Reference Price} / \text{Initial Reference Price}$$

For the avoidance of doubt, the Least Performing Share may be a Share subject to a De-listing or a Share of a Share Company which is subject to Insolvency or Nationalisation. Where more than one Share is described as the Least Performing Share, the Issuer shall select one such Share as the Least Performing Share in its sole and absolute discretion. Notice to the Holders shall be delivered in accordance with General Condition 4;

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

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

“Nominal Amount” means the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“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 euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross-settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“Pricing Date” means the date specified 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 Price” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Related Exchange” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares 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;

“Relevant Percentage” means, if applicable, the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Securities” means the autocallable share basket notes specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such note a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“Series” mean 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;

“Settlement Disruption Event” means, if Physical Settlement is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in the determination of the Issuer, an event beyond the control of the Issuer as a result of which the Issuer cannot make delivery of the Share Amount in accordance with such market method as it decides at the relevant time for delivery of the relevant Share Amount;

“Share” means each of the shares specified as such in the definition of Basket in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4, and **“Shares”** shall be continued accordingly;

“Share Amount” means, if Physical Settlement is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in the determination of the Issuer, for each Nominal Amount, a number of Least Performing Shares determined by the Calculation Agent as being the Nominal Amount divided by the Initial Reference Price of the Least Performing Share. If the Share Amount is an amount comprising a fraction of any Least Performing Shares, the Holders will receive a Share Amount comprising of the nearest whole number (rounded down) of Least Performing Shares (taking into account that a Holder’s entire holding may be aggregated at the Issuer’s discretion for the purpose of delivering the relevant Share Amount), and an amount in the Settlement Currency equal to the value of the outstanding undelivered fraction of such Least Performing Share, as calculated by the Calculation Agent on the basis of the Final Reference Price of the Least Performing Share converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, 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 Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date for the purposes of calculating the value of any outstanding undelivered fraction of the Least Performing Share (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine such value having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price for the Least Performing Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant);

“Share Company” means, in relation to each Share, the share company specified as such in the definition of Basket 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;

“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;

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

“Valuation Date” means each of the 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 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) 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 Market Disruption Event) and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final 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;

“Valuation Time” means the close of trading on the relevant Exchange in relation to a Share or such other time as the Issuer may determine in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; and

“Weighting” means, in relation to each Share, the number specified as such in the definition of Basket in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product 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 in the denomination of the Nominal Amount. The Securities are 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 nominal amount of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the nominal amount 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 nominal amount 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**”).

(a) 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>.

(b) 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.

(c) 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) Redemption on the Settlement Date. Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled and subject as provided by the Conditions, each Security will be redeemed by the Issuer at:

- (i) If an Early Redemption Event has not occurred, the Cash Amount otherwise if Physical Settlement is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Share Amount; or
 - (ii) If an Early Redemption Event has occurred, the Early Redemption Amount,

such redemption to occur on the Settlement Date.
- (b) Interest Amount. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall bear interest at the Interest Rate. The Interest Amount is calculated by reference to the relevant Interest Period, the Interest Rate, the Nominal Amount and the Interest Rate Day Count Fraction, and is payable on each Interest Payment Date.
- (c) Interest Accrual. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall cease to accrue interest from and including the due date for redemption. No interest shall accrue after the Maturity Date or after the Valuation Date in respect of which an Early Redemption Event occurs, as the case may be, in the event that payment of any amount is postponed due to a Market Disruption Event.
- (d) 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 either (a) if "Modified Following" is specified in the definition of Business Day Convention for the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the next following Payment Day unless such Payment Day falls in the next calendar month in which case the date for payment will be the first preceding Payment Day or (b) if "Following" is specified in the definition of Business Day Convention for the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the next following Payment Day and, in either case, the Holder shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay or acceleration of payment.
- (e) 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 the Cash

Amount, Early Redemption Amount, any Interest Amount, the Share Amount, any Realised Share Amount or the Disruption Cash Settlement Price, in each case, if applicable.

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.

- (f) Notice. If Physical Settlement is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and the Securities are to be redeemed by delivery of the Share Amount then, in order to obtain delivery of the Share Amount the relevant Holder must deliver to the Agent (if the Securities are expressed to be in Definitive form) or the Clearing Agent, (if the Securities are expressed to be in Global form) in each case with a copy to the Principal Agent or Swiss Agent or deliver to the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer (where the Securities are cleared through CREST) a notice (the “**Notice**”) not later than close of business in the place of receipt thereof on the Cut-Off Date. No Notice may be withdrawn after receipt of it by a Clearing Agent, Agent or Principal Agent. After delivery of a Notice, Securities which are the subject of such Notice may not be transferred.

The Notice shall:

- (i) specify the aggregate Nominal Amount of the Securities which are the subject of such Notice;
- (ii) attach with the specified aggregate Nominal Amount of the Securities (if in Definitive form) or specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent ~~to be debited with such Securities~~(if in Global form) or the Operator and the Registrar (where the Securities are cleared through CREST), to be debited with such Securities and instruct the Clearing Agent or Operator and the Registrar, as applicable, to debit such account on such date;
- (iii) specify whether, if a Disruption Cash Settlement Price or any dividend is payable in a currency other than euro, it should be paid by or on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency (which, in the case of payment in Japanese yen to a non-resident of Japan, shall be a non-resident account) to an account maintained 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; or if such amount is payable in euro, payments will be made 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 and in any case specify the number of the account and other relevant information or, as the case may be, the address for delivery of the cheque;

- (iv) 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;

- (v) include an undertaking to pay all Expenses and an authority to debit the account with the Clearing Agent or where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar, in respect thereof or, as the case may be, to debit the account referred to in paragraph (iii) above or make a deduction from any cheque; and
 - (vi) specify the Delivery Details.
- (g) Late Delivery of Notice. If Physical Settlement is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and the Notice is delivered to the relevant Clearing Agent or the copy is delivered to the Principal Agent or the Swiss Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, delivered to the Registrar after the close of business in the place of receipt on the Cut-off Date, then the Share Amount will be delivered as soon as practicable after the Settlement Date (the date of delivery in relation to a Share Amount whether on or after the Settlement Date being for the purposes of the Conditions the “**Delivery Date**”) in the manner provided below. For the avoidance of doubt, no holder of Securities or any other person shall be entitled to any payment, whether of interest or otherwise, by reason of the Delivery Date for such Securities occurring after the Settlement Date due to such Notice (or the copy thereof) being delivered after close of business on the Cut-off Date as provided above. In the event that a Holder does not, in respect of a Security which is to be redeemed by delivery of the Share Amount, deliver or procure delivery of a Notice as set out above, prior to the date that is 30 calendar days after the Settlement Date, the Issuer shall have the right but not the obligation to sell the Shares comprised in the Share Amount in respect of such Security in the open market or otherwise at a price determined by the Issuer, in its sole discretion, to be the fair market value of the Shares, and shall hold the proceeds (the “**Realised Share Amount**”) for the account of the relevant Holder, until presentation of the relevant Notice. Upon payment of the Realised Share Amount as aforesaid, the Issuer’s obligations in respect of such Security shall be discharged.
- (h) Verification. If Physical Settlement is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of any 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) Delivery of the Share Amount. Subject as provided in the Conditions, if Physical Settlement is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the delivery of the Share Amount shall be made at the risk of the relevant Holder and shall be delivered and evidenced in such manner as the Issuer determines to be customary for the Shares or in such other commercially reasonable manner as the Issuer shall determine to be appropriate for such delivery. The Issuer shall be under no obligation to register or procure the registration of any Holder or any other person as the registered shareholder in respect of the Shares comprised in any Share Amount in the register of members of the Share Company. Where an amount equal to the value of the outstanding undelivered fraction of the Shares is payable but the Valuation Date for calculating such amount has been delayed due to a Market Disruption Event, then such amount will be payable three Business Days after the Valuation Date used for the purposes of calculating such amount.
- (j) Determinations. If Physical Settlement is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether any such 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 where applicable, 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 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 such time as correction is delivered to the Registrar. The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared

through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the 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) Intervening Period. If Physical Settlement is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and redemption of a Security is to be by delivery of the Share Amount, for such period of time after the Settlement Date as the Issuer or any person on behalf of the Issuer shall continue to be the legal owner of the Shares comprising the relevant Share Amount (the “**Intervening Period**”), neither the Issuer nor any other such person shall (i) be under any obligation to deliver or procure delivery to the relevant Holder or any subsequent beneficial owner of any of such Shares document or payment whatsoever received by that person in its capacity as the holder of such Shares (ii) be under any obligation to exercise or procure exercise of any or all rights (including voting rights) attaching to such Shares during the Intervening Period or (iii) be under any liability to the relevant Holder or any subsequent beneficial owner of such Shares or any other person in respect of any loss or damage which the relevant Holder or subsequent beneficial owner or any other person may sustain or suffers as a result, whether directly or indirectly, of the Issuer or any other such persons being the legal owner of such Shares during such Intervening Period.
- (l) Dividends. If Physical Settlement is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, any dividend in respect of any Share Amount to be delivered will be payable to the party, as determined by the Issuer, that would receive such dividend in accordance with market practice for a sale of the Shares executed on the Settlement Date and to be delivered in the same manner as such Share Amount. Any such dividend to be paid to a Holder shall be paid to the account specified in the relevant Notice.
- (m) Settlement Disruption. If Physical Settlement is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and the Securities are to settle by delivery of the Share Amount and

prior to delivery of the Share Amount in respect thereof in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, a Settlement Disruption Event is subsisting, then the Delivery Date for such Security shall be postponed to the first following Business Day on which no Settlement Disruption Event is subsisting. For so long as delivery of any Share Amount is not practicable by reason of a Settlement Disruption Event, then in lieu of physical settlement and notwithstanding any other provision hereof the Issuer may elect in its sole discretion to satisfy its obligations in respect of the relevant Security by payment of the Disruption Cash Settlement Price not later than on the third Business Day following the date that the notice of such election is given to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 that a Settlement Disruption Event has occurred. No Holder or any other person shall be entitled to any payment (including but not limited to interest) in respect of a Security in the event of any delay in the delivery of any Share Amount relating thereto due to the occurrence of a Settlement Disruption Event and no liability in respect thereof shall attach to the Issuer.

- (n) Settlement Risk. 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 as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, any Agent 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.
- (o) 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.

- (p) 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:

- (1) 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 (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):
 - (A) in the Shares on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed; or
 - (B) in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Shares on any Related Exchange if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material; or

- (2) 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:

- (1) 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
- (2) 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: (A) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Shares (unless a Merger Event) or a free distribution or dividend of such Shares to existing holders of the relevant Shares by way of bonus, capitalisation, recapitalisation or similar issue; (B) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the relevant Shares of (aa) such Shares, or (bb) 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 (cc) 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; (C) an extraordinary dividend; (D) 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; (E) a call by the Share Company in respect of relevant Shares that are not fully paid; (F) 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 (G) 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 (1), (2) or (3) below:

- (1) 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
- (2) 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 account fully 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

- (3) following any adjustment to the settlement of 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 the 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 exchange 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 (1) 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; (2) 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 of a Share Company); or (3) 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 relevant Valuation Date.

“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 (1) all the Shares are required to be transferred to a receiver, trustee, liquidator or other similar official or (2) holders of the Shares of that Share Company become legally prohibited from transferring them.

- (d) 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 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.

CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS
RELATING TO SINGLE STOCK EXCHANGEABLE NOTES

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 N.V., Amsterdam, 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 applicable Final Terms, (i) 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 and (ii) a day on which the Exchange is open for business;

“**Cash Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in the definition of Cash Amount for the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount payable to a Holder shall be 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**”);

“**Coupon**” means an interest coupon attached to each Security (if in definitive form) (if any) representing an entitlement in respect of an Interest Amount;

“Delivery Details” means, where applicable, account details and/or name and address of any person into whose name evidence of the Share Amount is to be registered and/or any bank, broker or agent to whom documents evidencing title are to be delivered;

“Disruption Cash Settlement Price” means the fair market value of the Security on such day as shall be selected by the Issuer less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangement, all as determined by the Issuer;

“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 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 Date” means the date of valid delivery of the Notice pursuant to the Holder’s Optional Exchange Right;

“Exchange Period” means the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Exchange Price” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Exchange Rate” means the rate of exchange between the Underlying 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;

“Exchange 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 depositary, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties, arising in connection with (i) the exercise of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“Final Reference Price” means, unless specified otherwise 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 Underlying Currency) equal to the price of the Share on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date or the Issuer Call Date, as the case may be, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent 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 Share 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;

“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;

“Holder” has the meaning set out in Product Condition 2;

“Interest Amount” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period and each Nominal Amount, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent as follows:

Nominal Amount x Interest Rate x Interest Rate Day Count Fraction;

“Interest Payment Dates” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Interest Period” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period commencing on (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Interest Payment Date. In respect of each Security, the Interest Period during which a Notice is delivered and each subsequent Interest Period shall be disregarded for this purpose;

“Interest Rate” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the rate per annum specified as such, or determined in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Interest Rate Day Count Fraction” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, that interest shall be calculated on the basis specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

“Issuer” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“Issuer Call” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3(d);

“Issuer Call Cash Amount” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the amount specified, or determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of Issuer Call Cash Amount for the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Issuer Call Cash Amount payable to a Holder shall be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“Issuer Call Commencement Date” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Issuer Call Date” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if no such date is specified, in the notice delivered in accordance with Product Condition 3(d) and, if any 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 Final 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, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period 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 Events specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

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

“Nominal Amount” means the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Optional Exchange Right” means the right of the Holder to exchange any Security, in whole but not in part, for the Share Amount in accordance with Product Condition 3(e);

“Optional Exchange Right Notice Period” means the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Payment Day” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the relevant place of presentation of the Securities and either (i) if the Settlement Currency is not euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the principal financial centre of the country of such currency (if other than the place of presentation of such Security) or (ii) if the Settlement Currency is euro, a day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross-settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“Pricing Date” means the date (if any) 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 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;

“Securities” means each Series of the single stock exchangeable securities specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such note a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“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;

“Settlement Disruption Event” means, in the determination of the Issuer, an event beyond the control of the Issuer as a result of which the Issuer cannot make delivery of the Share Amount in accordance with such market method as it decides at the relevant time for delivery of the relevant Share Amount;

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

“Share Amount” means for each Nominal Amount the number of Shares specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4. If the Share Amount is an amount comprising a fraction of any Share, the Holder will receive a Share Amount comprising the nearest whole number (rounded down) of Shares (taking into account that a Holder’s entire holding may be aggregated at the Issuer’s discretion for the purpose of delivering the relevant Share Amount) and an amount equal to the value of the outstanding undelivered fraction of such Share, as calculated by the Calculation Agent on the basis of the price of the Share on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or Exchange Date, as the case may be, (each a **“Relevant Date”**) converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is specified, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on the Relevant Date and each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the Relevant Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Relevant Date for the purposes of calculating the value of any outstanding undelivered fraction of the Share (regardless of the Market Disruption Event) and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine such value having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price for the Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“Share Company” means the 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;

“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 Exchange or any 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;

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

“Valuation Date” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a 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) would have been a 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 Market Disruption Event) and (ii) 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 the time with reference to which the Exchange publishes the official closing price of the Share 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 in the denomination of the Nominal Amount. The Securities are 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 nominal amount of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the nominal amount 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 nominal amount 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**”).

(d) 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>.

(e) 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.

(f) 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) Redemption on the Settlement Date. Unless previously exchanged, redeemed or purchased and cancelled and subject as provided by the Conditions and in the case of an Issuer Call (if applicable), each Security will be redeemed in respect of each Nominal Amount at:
- (i) the Cash Amount, on the Maturity Date;
 - (ii) by delivery of the Share Amount, in the event of there being an Optional Exchange Right;

- (iii) if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer Call Cash Amount in the event of there being an Issuer Call and the Issuer Call Cash Amount Condition specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms is satisfied; or
- (iv) if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, by delivery of the Share Amount in the event of there being an Issuer Call and the Issuer Call Share Amount Condition specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms is satisfied,

such redemption to occur, subject as provided below, on the Settlement Date.

- (b) Interest Amount. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, each Security shall bear interest at the Interest Rate. The Interest Amount is calculated by reference to the relevant Interest Period, the Interest Rate, the Nominal Amount and the Interest Rate Day Count Fraction and is payable on each Interest Payment Date. In respect of each Security, in the event that a Notice is delivered by the relevant Holder during an Interest Period then, in respect of that Interest Period and each subsequent Interest Period to the Maturity Date, no further Interest Amount shall be paid and any accrued unpaid Interest Amount shall be exchanged as provided in Product Condition 3(e).
- (c) Interest Accrual. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall cease to accrue interest (A) from and including the due date for redemption, or (B) if a Notice is delivered, from and including the last day of the immediately preceding Interest Period. No interest shall accrue after the Maturity Date or any earlier date, as the case may be, in the event that payment of any amount, or delivery of any Share Amount or payment of any fraction of a Share, is postponed due to the occurrence of a Settlement Disruption Event or a Market Disruption Event. Further, no Interest Amount will be paid in respect of the Interest Period in which the Exchange Date or, if applicable, the Issuer Call Date falls.

- (d) Issuer Call. If “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may terminate the Securities, in whole or 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.
- (e) Optional Exchange Right. Subject to an Issuer Call (if applicable), the Holder is entitled to exercise the Optional Exchange Right on any Business Day during the Exchange Period by giving at least the Optional Exchange Right Notice Period notice and by delivery of a valid Notice by the Exchange Time in accordance with Product Condition 3(h) at the specified office of any Agent. Upon any such valid exchange, the right of the relevant Holder to receive the Cash Amount and any Interest Amount not yet paid shall be extinguished and in consideration and exchange thereof the Issuer shall, except as otherwise provided in these Conditions, deliver the Share Amount on the Settlement Date.

In the event that the Holder does not hold an account with the Exchange on the Settlement Date, the Issuer shall use reasonable endeavours to sell the Share Amount on behalf of the Holder and pay the resultant proceeds of sale less Expenses to the Holder in such manner as it shall determine in its sole discretion.

- (f) 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 either (a) if "Modified Following" is specified in the definition of Business Day Convention for the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the next following Payment Day unless such Payment Day falls in the next calendar month in which case the date for payment will be the first preceding Payment Day or (b) if "Following" is specified in the definition of Business Day Convention for the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the next following Payment Day and, in either case, the Holder shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay or acceleration of payment.

- (g) 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 the Cash Amount, any Issuer Call Amount, any Interest Amount, the Share Amount or the Disruption Cash Settlement Price. 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.
- (h) Notice. Pursuant to Condition 3(e), to exercise the Optional Exchange Right, the relevant Holder must deliver to the Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent or Swiss Agent or deliver to the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer (where the Securities are cleared through CREST), a notice in the form obtainable from the Agents (the “**Notice**”). No Notice may be withdrawn after receipt of it by a Clearing Agent or the Principal Agent. After delivery of a Notice, Securities which are the subject of such Notice may not be transferred.

The Notice shall:

- (i) be dated and shall specify the aggregate Nominal Amount of the Securities which are the subject of such Notice;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent or the Operator and the Registrar (where the Securities are cleared through CREST) to be debited with such Securities and instruct the Clearing Agent or the Operator and the Registrar, as applicable, to debit such account on such date;
- (iii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be credited with any Disruption Cash Settlement Price;
- (iv) 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;

- (v) include an undertaking to pay all Expenses and an irrevocable authority to the Clearing Agent or where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Operator and the Registrar, to debit a specified account with the Clearing Agent in respect thereof or, as the case may be, to make a deduction from any amount payable; and
- (vi) specify the Delivery Details.
- (i) Late Delivery of Notice. Any Notice to exercise the Optional Exchange Right delivered after the Exchange Time in the place of receipt on any Trading Day during the Exchange Period or on a day which is not a Trading Day will be deemed exercised on the following Trading Day during the Exchange Period. Any Notice delivered outside the Exchange Period shall be null and void. For the avoidance of doubt, no holder of Securities or any other person shall be entitled to any payment, whether of interest or otherwise, by reason of such Notice (or the copy thereof) being delivered late.
- (j) Verification. In respect of any 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.

- (k) Delivery of the Share Amount. Subject as provided in the Conditions, the delivery of the Share Amount shall be made at the risk of the relevant Holder and shall be delivered and evidenced in such manner as the Issuer determines to be customary for the Share or in such other commercially reasonable manner as the Issuer shall determine to be appropriate for such delivery. The Issuer shall be under no obligation to register or procure the registration of any Holder or any other person as the registered holder in respect of the Shares comprised in any Share Amount in the register of members of the Share Company.
- (l) 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 any such 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, where applicable, 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 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 such time as correction is delivered to the Registrar. The Principal Agent or, where the Securities are cleared through CREST, the Registrar shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the 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.
- (m) Intervening Period. If redemption of a Security is to be by delivery of the Share Amount, for such period of time after the Maturity Date as the Issuer or any person on behalf of the Issuer shall continue to be the legal owner of the

Share comprising the relevant Share Amount (the “**Intervening Period**”), neither the Issuer nor any other such person shall (i) be under any obligation to deliver or procure delivery to the relevant Holder or any subsequent beneficial owner of any document or payment whatsoever received by that person in its capacity as the holder of such Share, (ii) be under any obligation to exercise or procure exercise of any or all rights (including voting rights) attaching to such Shares during the Intervening Period or (iii) be under any liability to the relevant Holder or any subsequent beneficial owner of such Share or any other person in respect of any loss or damage which the relevant Holder or subsequent beneficial owner or any other person may sustain or suffers as a result, whether directly or indirectly, of the Issuer or any other such persons being the legal owner of such Share during such Intervening Period.

- (n) Dividends. Any dividend in respect of any Share Amount to be delivered will be payable to the party that would receive such dividend according to market practice for a sale of the Shares executed on the Exchange Date or Issuer Call Date, as applicable, and to be delivered in the same manner as such Share Amount. Any such dividend to be paid to a Holder shall be paid to the account specified in the relevant Notice.
- (o) Settlement Disruption. If the Securities are to settle by delivery of the Share Amount and prior to the delivery of the Share Amount in respect thereof, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, a Settlement Disruption Event is subsisting, then the delivery date for such Security shall be postponed to the first following Business Day on which no Settlement Disruption Event is subsisting. For so long as delivery of any Share Amount is not practicable by reason of a Settlement Disruption Event, then in lieu of physical settlement and notwithstanding any other provision hereof the Issuer may elect in its sole discretion to satisfy its obligations in respect of the relevant Security by payment of the Disruption Cash Settlement Price not later than on the third Business Day following the date that the notice of such election is given to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 that a Settlement Disruption Event has occurred. No Holder or any other person shall be entitled to any payment (including but not limited to interest) in respect of a Security in the event of any delay in the

delivery of any Share Amount relating thereto due to the occurrence of a Settlement Disruption Event and no liability in respect thereof shall attach to the Issuer.

- (p) Settlement Risk. 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 as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, any Agent 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.
- (q) 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.
- (r) 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:

- (1) 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 (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):
 - (A) in the Shares on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed; or
 - (B) in 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
- (2) 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:

- (1) 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
- (2) 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: (A) 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; (B) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the relevant Shares of (aa) such Shares, or (bb) 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 (cc) 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; (C) an extraordinary dividend; (D) 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; (E) a call by the Share Company in respect of relevant Shares that are not fully paid; (F) 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 (G) 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 (1), (2) or (3) below:

- (1) 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
- (2) 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 account fully 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
- (3) following any adjustment to the settlement of 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 (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 (1) 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; (2) 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 (3) 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.

“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, (1) all the Shares are required to be transferred to a receiver, trustee, liquidator or other similar official or (2) holders of the Shares of that Share Company become legally prohibited from transferring them.

- (d) 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 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.