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**SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS IN RESPECT OF THE
LAUNCHPAD PROGRAMME FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES**



THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND N.V.
(Registered at Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
(the **Issuer**)

RBS LaunchPAD Programme

1. This Supplement dated 20 August 2010 (the **Supplement**) constitutes a supplementary prospectus to the documents set out below which have been prepared in connection with the LaunchPAD Programme established by Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. (the **Issuer**). Terms defined in the Base Prospectus (as defined below) have the same meaning when used in this Supplement.
2. This Supplement is the second supplement to the base prospectus dated 1 July 2010 in relation to the Issuer's LaunchPAD Programme for the Issuance of Certificates (the **Base Prospectus**) approved by the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets (*Stichting Autoriteit Financiële Markten*, the **AFM**) on 1 July 2010.
3. 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*).
4. This Supplement is supplemental to, and should be read in conjunction with, the Base Prospectus and any other supplements to the Base Prospectus issued by the Issuer.
5. 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.
6. The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge of the Issuer (which has 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.

7. The following amendments as also specified below and in Annex 1 to this Supplement are hereby made to the Base Prospectus:

(i) In the section headed “Risk Factors” on page 17 of the Base Prospectus under the heading “*Specific risks relating to Equity Certificates*” the country “Saudi Arabia” shall be added after India Taiwan, China, Korea so as to read:

“...Risks generally applicable where the Underlying is a share in a company listed in an emerging market. Investing in Securities where the Underlying is a share in a company listed in India, Taiwan, China, Korea, **Saudi Arabia** and other emerging markets involves substantial risks in addition to those....”

and the following new paragraph inserted at the end of the section headed “*Specific risks relating to Equity Certificates*” and above the section headed “*Risks related to foreign exchange controls*”

“*Risks relating to foreign ownership control in Saudi Arabia.* Potential investors should note that due to foreign ownership restrictions in Saudi Arabia the Issuer will enter into a hedging transaction locally in order to offer exposure to the Underlying Saudi Arabian Shares, foreign exchange control restrictions, including restrictions which prevent the conversion of the Underlying Currency into the Settlement Currency and the transfer of the Settlement Currency to accounts outside the jurisdiction of the Underlying which could result in a delay in the determination of the Final Reference Price and the Settlement Date, which delay could be lengthy. In certain circumstances including but not limited to, the insolvency of the hedging counterparty or the unenforceability of the associated hedging transaction, the risk of unenforceability of the associated hedging transaction returning the Final Reference Prices may mean that you lose some or all of your investment...”

(ii) In the section headed “Risk Factors” the following new paragraph inserted at the end of the section headed “*Actions taken by the Issuer may affect the value of the Securities*”

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

The Issuer will enter into a hedging transaction in the relevant jurisdiction of the Underlying in order to offer exposure to the Underlying. Foreign exchange control restrictions, including restrictions which prevent the conversion of the Underlying Currency into the Settlement Currency and the transfer of the Settlement Currency to accounts outside the jurisdiction of the Underlying which could result in a delay in the determination of the Final Reference Price and the Settlement Date, which delay could be lengthy.

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

(iii) In the section Selling Restrictions on page 74 of the Base Prospectus the references to ‘Group’ in the selling restriction wording relating to ‘India’ shall be deleted and replaced by the word ‘Issuer’;

(iv) In the section Selling Restrictions on page 75 of the Base Prospectus the following selling restriction shall be inserted:

“10. SAUDI ARABIA

Any purchase of the Securities relating to or linked to securities, whether or not listed on a stock exchange, in Saudi Arabia or indices that reference such

securities should be made on the understanding that the purchaser shall be deemed to acknowledge, represent, warrant and undertake to the Issuer that:

- (a) it consents to the provision by the Issuer to any Saudi Arabian governmental or regulatory authority, (such as the KSA Capital Markets Authority) of any information regarding it and its dealings in the Securities as required under applicable Saudi Arabian regulations and/or as requested by any Saudi Arabian governmental or regulatory authority;
- (b) it agrees to promptly provide to the Issuer, or directly to the relevant governmental or regulatory authority (and confirm to the Issuer when it has done so), such additional information that the Issuer deems necessary or appropriate in order for the Issuer to comply with any such regulations and/or requests;
- (c) the Securities are not being purchased for the account of or pursuant to or in connection with a “Non-resident foreign investor” for the purposes of any CMA or other governmental or regulatory authority resolution and it is not knowingly entering into a transaction for the purchase of Securities, on behalf of, or for the benefit or account of any person or entity that is not a non-resident foreign investor for the purposes of such resolution;

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

- (v) In the **Product Conditions relating to Equity Certificates** on page 433 of the Base Prospectus the definitions and amendments shall be inserted as set out in Annex 1; and
- (vi) In the **Final Terms relating to Equity Certificates** on page 577 of the Base Prospectus, the definitions and amendments shall be inserted as set out in Annex 1.

8. Copies of the Base Prospectus 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, by writing or telephoning, the Royal Bank of Scotland Group Investor Relations, 280 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4RB, United Kingdom, telephone +44 207 672 1758, e-mail investor.relations@rbs.com.

9. To the extent that there is any inconsistency between (a) any statement in this Supplement or any statement incorporated by reference into the Base Prospectuses by this Supplement and (b) any other statement in or incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectuses, the statements in (a) above will prevail.

10. Save as disclosed in this Supplement and any supplement to the Base Prospectus previously issued, there has been no other significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in the Base Prospectus since the publication of the Base Prospectus.

The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V.

ANNEX 1

to the Second Supplement to the Certificates Base Prospectus Dated 20 August 2010

RISK FACTORS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Each potential investor in the Securities should refer to the Risk Factors section in the Issuer's registration document dated 1 July 2010 (the "**Registration Document**") incorporated by reference into this Base Prospectus for a description of those factors which may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under Securities issued.

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

The Securities are certificates which entail particular risks

Certificates are investment instruments which, at maturity or expiration either pay an amount determined by reference to the level of the underlying currency, commodity, index (including in the case of an index, the index and its constituent elements), stock, bond or other product or deliver the Underlying, subject to the certificate entitlement. As such, certificates entail the same level of risk as a direct investment in the Underlying. Investors should be aware that their entire investment may be lost in the event that the Underlying is valued at zero. Unlike direct investments, investors are not able to hold certificates beyond their stated maturity or expiration date in the expectation of a recovery in the price of the Underlying.

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

Airbag certificates are similar to ordinary certificates except that the return to the Holder is subject to a minimum amount unless the Underlying drops below a predetermined level. The Holder is entitled to an increased return if the Underlying rises above its level as of the Pricing Date. These certificates cannot be exercised by the Holder but instead are automatically exercised at maturity.

Discount certificates are similar to ordinary certificates, except that the return to the Holder is effectively capped. These certificates cannot be exercised by the Holder but instead are automatically exercised at maturity.

Bonus certificates are similar to ordinary certificates except that the Underlying is monitored during the life of the certificates. If a knock-out event occurs (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) at any point during the life of the certificates then at expiration or maturity the Holder will receive an amount equivalent to the value of the Underlying as of the expiration or maturity. If a knock-out event has not occurred at any point during the life of the certificates then the Holder will receive at least the amount originally invested, and possibly more, as specified in the relevant Final Terms. These certificates cannot be exercised by the Holder but instead are automatically exercised at maturity.

Double-up certificates are similar to ordinary certificates except that a Strike Price is set at the issue of the certificates equal to or around the level of the Underlying at that time. If the Underlying on expiration or maturity is at or above the Strike Price, then the Holder will receive an amount equal to the value of the Underlying plus the difference between the value of the Underlying and the Strike Price, effectively “doubling-up” the increase performance of the Underlying. The amount received by the Holder will however be subject to a maximum amount. These certificates cannot be exercised by the Holder but instead are automatically exercised at maturity.

Express certificates are similar to ordinary certificates except that the certificates may provide that they will be subject to automatic early termination in certain circumstances. To the extent that, at the maturity of the certificates, the Underlying has risen above its level at the Pricing Date, the Holder will participate in such rise, but such returns may be subject to a maximum amount. To the extent that, at the maturity of the certificates, the Underlying has fallen below its level at the Pricing Date, the Holder may receive less than the amount invested and, in certain cases, could lose its entire investment.

Equity certificates are certificates where the Underlying is a share. Equity certificates are not open end certificates. Equity certificates may be cash settled or physically settled. Cash settled certificates pay, upon exercise, a cash amount determined by reference to the value of the Underlying. Physically settled certificates entitle the holder, upon exercise, to delivery of a defined amount of the Underlying and a cash payment in respect of any fractional entitlement.

The Securities may not be a suitable investment for all investors

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

- (a) have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Securities, the merits and risks of investing in the Securities and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus or any applicable Final Terms;
- (b) have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the Securities and the impact the Securities will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- (c) have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the Securities, including Securities with principal or interest payable in one or more currencies, or where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the potential investor's currency;
- (d) understand thoroughly the terms of the Securities and be familiar with the behaviour of any relevant indices and financial markets; and

- (e) be able to evaluate (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks.

Some Securities are complex financial instruments. Sophisticated institutional investors generally do not purchase complex financial instruments as stand-alone investments. They purchase complex financial instruments as a way to reduce risk or enhance yield with an understood, measured, appropriate addition of risk to their overall portfolios. A potential investor should not invest in Securities which are complex financial instruments unless it has the expertise (either alone or with a financial adviser) to evaluate how the Securities will perform under changing conditions, the resulting effects on the value of the Securities and the impact this investment will have on the potential investor's overall investment portfolio.

The value of the Securities may fluctuate

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

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

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

exchangeability of such currencies. There can be no assurance that rates of exchange between any relevant currencies which are current rates at the date of issue of any Securities will be representative of the relevant rates of exchange used in computing the value of the relevant Securities at any time thereafter. Where Securities are described as being “quantoed”, the value of the Underlying will be converted from one currency (the “**Original Currency**”) into a new currency (the “**New Currency**”) on the date and in the manner specified in, or implied by, the Conditions using a fixed exchange rate. The cost to the Issuer of maintaining such a fixing between the Original Currency and the New Currency will have an implication on the value of the Securities. The implication will vary during the term of the Securities. No assurance can be given as to whether or not, taking into account relative exchange rate and interest rate fluctuations between the Original Currency and the New Currency, a quanto feature in a Security would at any time enhance the return on the Security over a level of a similar security issued without such a quanto feature.

- (e) *Disruption.* If so indicated in the Conditions, the Calculation Agent may determine that a Market Disruption Event (which includes Emerging Market Disruption Events), Fund Event, Potential Adjustment Event and/or De-listing has occurred or exists at a relevant time. Any such determination may affect the value of the Securities and/or may delay settlement in respect of the Securities. In addition, if so indicated in the Conditions, a Calculation Agent may determine that a Settlement Disruption Event has occurred or exists at any relevant time in relation to a physically settled certificate. Any such determination may cause a delay in delivery of the Underlying and, where a cash price equivalent to the value of the Underlying is paid in lieu of delivery of the Underlying, the cash price paid may be adversely affected.

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

- (f) *Creditworthiness.* Any person who purchases the Securities is relying upon the creditworthiness of the Issuer and of RBS Holdings (pursuant to its declaration under Article 2:403 of the Netherlands Civil Code) and has no rights against any other person. The Securities constitute general, unsecured, contractual obligations of the Issuer and of no other person. The Securities rank *pari passu* among themselves.

There may not be a secondary market in the Securities

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

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

- (a) providing a large bid/offer spread determined by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion by reference to the Issuer’s own appreciation of the risks involved in providing such secondary market;
- (b) normal market conditions prevailing at such date; and

- (c) limiting the number of Securities in respect of which it is prepared to offer such secondary market.

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

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

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

Purchasing the Securities as a hedge may not be effective

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

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

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

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

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

The Issuer will enter into a hedging transaction in the relevant jurisdiction of the Underlying in order to offer exposure to the Underlying. Foreign exchange control restrictions, including restrictions which prevent the conversion of the Underlying Currency into the Settlement Currency and the transfer of the Settlement Currency to accounts outside the jurisdiction of the Underlying which could result in a delay in the determination of the Final Reference Price and the Settlement Date, which delay could be lengthy.

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

Holders have no ownership interest in the Underlying

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

Actions taken by the Calculation Agent may affect the Underlying

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

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

- (a) ***Maximum Exercise Amount.*** If so indicated in the Conditions, the Issuer will have the option to limit the number of Securities exercisable on any date (other than the final exercise date) to the maximum number so specified and, in conjunction with such limitation, to limit the number of Securities exercisable by any person or group of persons (whether or not acting in concert) on such date. In the event that the total number of Securities being exercised on any date (other than the final exercise date) exceeds such maximum number and the Issuer has elected to limit the number of Securities exercisable on such date, a holder of Securities may not be able to exercise on such date all the Securities that it desires to exercise. In any such case, the number of Securities to be exercised on such date will be reduced until the total number of Securities exercised on such date no longer exceeds such maximum (unless the Issuer otherwise elects), such Securities being selected as specified in the Conditions. Securities tendered for exercise but not exercised on such date will be automatically exercised on the next date on which Securities may be exercised, subject to the same daily maximum limitation and delayed exercise provisions.

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

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

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

There may be delays in effecting settlement

If the Securities are subject to provisions relating to exercise, then upon their exercise, there will be a time lag between the time a holder of the Securities gives instructions to exercise and the time the applicable Cash Amount (if the Securities are Cash Settled Securities) relating to such exercise is determined. If the Securities are Physical Delivery Securities there will be a time lag following exercise of the Securities until the Share Amount is delivered to the relevant Holder's account. Any such delay between the time of exercise and the determination of the Cash Amount or delivery of the Share Amount will be specified in the Conditions. However, such delay could be significantly longer, particularly in the case of a delay in exercise of such Securities arising from, as described above, any

daily maximum exercise limitation or, as described above, any delay consequent upon the determination by the Calculation Agent that a Market Disruption Event (which includes Emerging Market Disruption Events) or a Settlement Disruption Event occurred at any relevant time. The applicable Cash Amount or Share Amount could decrease or increase from what it would have been but for such delay.

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

If the Securities are subject to provisions concerning delivery of a Notice and such Notice is received by the relevant Clearing Agent, with a copy to the Principal Agent after the latest time specified in the Conditions, it will be deemed to be duly delivered on the next following Business Day. Such deemed delay may in the case of Cash Settled Securities increase or decrease the Cash Amount from what it would have been but for such deemed delivery. In the case of Securities which are exercisable on one day only or only during an exercise period any Notice, if not delivered by the latest time specified in the Conditions, shall be void.

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

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

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

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

Taxes may be payable by investors

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

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

No tax gross-up

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

The Securities may be terminated prior to their stated date

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

Risks associated with Securities held in global form

The Securities (other than equity certificates issued in registered form) will initially be held by or on behalf of one or more clearing systems specified in the applicable Final Terms (each a “**Relevant Clearing System**”), either in the form of a global bearer Security which will be exchangeable for definitive Securities only in the event of the closure of all Relevant Clearing Systems or in dematerialised form depending on the rules of the Relevant Clearing System. For as long as any Securities are held by or on behalf of a Relevant Clearing System, payments of principal, interest (if any) and any other amounts will be made through the Relevant Clearing System, where required, against presentation or surrender (as the case may be) of any relevant global Security and, in the case of a temporary global Security in bearer form, certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership. The risk is that the bearer or the registered holder, as the case may be, of the relevant global Security, typically a depository or a nominee for a depository for the Relevant Clearing System, or, in the case of Securities in dematerialised form, the Relevant Clearing System and not the Holder itself, shall be treated by the Issuer and any Agent (as defined in the Conditions) as the sole holder of the relevant Securities with respect to the payment of principal, interest (if any) and any other amounts payable in respect of the Securities or any securities deliverable in respect of the Securities. Holders therefore are required to look to the Relevant Clearing System in respect of payments made to it by the Issuer in respect of Securities in global or dematerialised form.

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

Risk associated with nominee arrangements

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

In addition, such a Holder will only be able to sell any Securities held by it prior to their stated maturity date with the assistance of the relevant nominee service provider.

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

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

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

Change of law and jurisdiction

The Conditions are based on English law in effect as at the date of this Base Prospectus. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible change to English law or administrative practice after the date of this Base Prospectus. Prospective investors in the Securities should note that the courts of England and Wales shall have jurisdiction in respect of any disputes involving the Securities. Holders may, however, take any suit, action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with the Securities against the Issuer in any court of competent jurisdiction. English law may be

materially different from the equivalent law in the home jurisdiction of prospective investors in its application to the Securities.

Credit ratings may not reflect all risks

One or more independent credit rating agencies may assign credit ratings to the Issuer or the Securities. The ratings may not reflect the potential impact of all risks related to structure, market, additional factors discussed above, and other factors that may affect the value of the Securities. A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be revised or withdrawn by the rating agency at any time.

Legal investment considerations may restrict certain investments

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

Modification, waivers and substitution

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

- (a) for the purpose of curing any ambiguity or of curing, correcting or supplementing any manifest error or other defective provision; or
- (b) in any other manner which is not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Holders; or
- (c) for the purpose of the substitution of another company as principal debtor under any Securities in place of the Issuer, in the circumstances described in General Condition 8.

Specific risks relating to Equity Certificates

Risks generally applicable where the Underlying is a share in a company listed in an emerging market. Investing in Securities where the Underlying is a share in a company listed in India, Taiwan, China, Korea, Saudi Arabia and other emerging markets involves substantial risks in addition to those risks normally associated with making investments in other countries and other investment products. Accordingly, investment in the equity certificates is only suitable for those investors who are aware of the risks of investing in these countries and who have the knowledge and experience in financial matters necessary to enable them to evaluate the risks and merits of an investment in the equity certificates.

Potential investors should note that the securities markets in emerging market jurisdictions are generally substantially smaller and at times have been more volatile and illiquid than the major securities markets in more developed countries. No assurance can be given that such volatility or illiquidity will not occur in the future. Many such securities markets also have clearance and settlement procedures that are less developed, less reliable and less efficient than those in more developed countries. There may also be generally less governmental supervision and regulation of the securities exchanges and securities professionals in emerging markets than exists in more developed countries.

Disclosure and regulatory standards in emerging markets are in many respects less stringent than standards in more developed countries and there may be less publicly available information about companies in such markets than is regularly published by or about companies in more developed countries. Companies in emerging markets may be subject to accounting standards and requirements that may differ in significant respects from those applicable to companies in more developed countries. The assets and liabilities and profits and losses appearing in the financial statements of such companies may not reflect their financial position or results of operations in the way they would be reflected had such financial statements been prepared in accordance with generally accepted international accounting principles in more developed countries. The valuation of assets, depreciation, exchange differences, deferred taxation, contingent liabilities and consolidation may also be treated differently than under

generally accepted international accounting standards, all of which may affect the valuation of the Underlying.

Risks relating to foreign ownership control in Saudi Arabia. Potential investors should note that due to foreign ownership restrictions in Saudi Arabia the Issuer will enter into a hedging transaction locally in order to offer exposure to the Underlying Saudi Arabian Shares, foreign exchange control restrictions, including restrictions which prevent the conversion of the Underlying Currency into the Settlement Currency and the transfer of the Settlement Currency to accounts outside the jurisdiction of the Underlying which could result in a delay in the determination of the Final Reference Price and the Settlement Date, which delay could be lengthy. In certain circumstances the risk of unenforceability of the associated hedging transaction returning the Final Reference Prices may mean that you lose some or all of your investment.

Risks related to foreign exchange controls. Potential investors should note that payments by the Issuer of the Cash Amount in respect of equity certificates is subject to the ability of the Issuer to sell the Underlying and to there being no foreign exchange control restrictions, including restrictions which prevent the conversion of the Underlying Currency into the Settlement Currency and the transfer of the Settlement Currency to accounts outside the jurisdiction of the Underlying. If any such event occurs at the Valuation Date, it could result in a delay in the determination of the Final Reference Price and the Settlement Date, which delay could be lengthy.

Market disruption. In the event of the occurrence of Market Disruption Event on a Valuation Date, a Payment Date or the Settlement Date, the obligations of the Issuer which are due on such date may be delayed, which delay could be lengthy. A Market Disruption Event includes, but is not limited to, any suspension or limitation of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange, the declaration of a general moratorium in respect of banking activities in the country where the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located, the inability of the Issuer (or its affiliate) to unwind its hedge or related trading position relating to the Underlying due to illiquidity and any Emerging Market Disruption Event.

Force majeure. The Issuer reserves the right to delay payments and other obligations to the holder of equity certificates where events occur outside the reasonable control of the Issuer or any of its affiliates and result in the Issuer being unable to fulfil its obligations when such obligations are due including (without limitation) failure of telecommunication or computer facilities, industrial disputes, civil unrest or acts of governmental, regulatory or supranational bodies subject to a maximum period specified in the applicable Final Terms. After such date, all obligations of the Issuer in respect of the relevant Securities shall be discharged.

SELLING RESTRICTIONS

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

1. GENERAL

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

2. PUBLIC OFFER SELLING RESTRICTION UNDER THE PROSPECTUS DIRECTIVE

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

- (a) if the final terms in relation to the Securities specify that an offer of those Securities may be made other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in that Relevant Member State (a “**Non-exempt Offer**”), following the date of publication of a prospectus in relation to such Securities which has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant Member State provided that any such prospectus has subsequently been completed by the final terms contemplating such Non-exempt Offer, in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, in the period beginning and ending on the dates specified in such prospectus or final terms, as applicable;
- (b) at any time to legal entities which are authorised or regulated to operate in the financial markets or, if not so authorised or regulated, whose corporate purpose is solely to invest in securities;
- (c) at any time to any legal entity which has two or more of (1) an average of at least 250 employees during the last financial year; (2) a total balance sheet of more than €43,000,000 and (3) an annual net turnover of more than €50,000,000, as shown in its last annual or consolidated accounts;
- (d) at any time to fewer than 100 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive); or
- (e) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive;

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

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

3. THE NETHERLANDS

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

- (a) the initial issue of those Securities to the first holders thereof;
- (b) any transfer and delivery by individuals who do not act in the conduct of a profession or trade; and
- (c) the issue and trading of those Securities, if they are physically issued outside The Netherlands and are not distributed in The Netherlands in the course of primary trading or immediately thereafter.

4. UNITED STATES

The Selling Restrictions set out herein apply only to those Securities which are not Equity Certificates issued in registered form.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notice to Purchasers and Holders of Restricted Securities and Transfer Restrictions

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

- (a) that trading in the Securities has not been and will not be approved by the CFTC under the CEA;
- (b) that it will not at any time offer, sell, resell or deliver, directly or indirectly, any Securities of such Series so purchased in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person or to others for offer, sale, resale or delivery, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person;
- (c) that it is not purchasing any Securities of such Series for the account or benefit of any U.S. person;
- (d) that it will not make offers, sales, resales or deliveries of any Securities of such Series (otherwise acquired), directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person;
- (e) that it will send each person who purchases any Securities of such issue from it a written confirmation (which shall include the definitions of **United States** and **U.S. person** set forth herein) stating that the Securities have not been registered under the Securities Act, that trading in the Securities has not been approved by the CFTC under the CEA and stating that such purchaser agrees that it will not at any time offer, sell, resell or deliver any of such Securities, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person;
- (f) that no U.S. person or person in the United States may at any time trade or maintain a position in the instruments and that a person entitled to receive an interim payment or

exercising (or entitled to receive any amount at maturity or exercise under) the instrument will be required to certify that neither it nor the beneficial owner of the instrument is a U.S. person or is located in the United States;

- (g) that any person exercising a Security will be required to represent that it is not a U.S. person; and
- (h) if it is outside the United States and is not a U.S. person, that if it should resell or otherwise transfer the Securities prior to 40 days after the closing of the offer of the relevant Securities, it will do so only (a) outside the United States in compliance with Rule 903 or 904 under the Securities Act and (b) in accordance with all applicable United States state securities laws; and it acknowledges that the Global Securities will bear a legend to the following effect unless otherwise agreed to by the Issuer:

THE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE “SECURITIES ACT”) AND THE SECURITIES MAY NOT BE EXERCISED, OFFERED, SOLD, TRANSFERRED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, ANY U.S. PERSON AS DEFINED IN REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT. FURTHERMORE, TRADING IN THE SECURITIES HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION UNDER THE UNITED STATES COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT, AS AMENDED AND NO U.S. PERSON MAY AT ANY TIME TRADE OR MAINTAIN A POSITION IN THE SECURITIES.

5. UNITED KINGDOM

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

6. INDIA

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

- (a) it consents to the provision by the Issuer to any Indian governmental or regulatory authority of any information regarding it and its dealings in the Securities as required under applicable Indian regulations and/or as requested by any Indian governmental or regulatory authority;
- (b) it agrees to promptly provide to the Issuer, or directly to the relevant Indian governmental or regulatory authority (and confirm to the Issuer when it has done so), such additional information that the Issuer deems necessary or appropriate in order for the Issuer to comply with any such regulations and/or requests;
- (c) the Securities are not being purchased for the account of or pursuant to or in connection with any back-to-back transaction with: (i) a Person Resident in India as the term is used in the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999; or (ii) a “Non-Resident Indian”, a “Person of Indian Origin” or an “Overseas Corporate Body”, as such terms are used in the Foreign Exchange Management (Deposit) Regulations

2000 as notified by the Reserve Bank of India; or (iii) any entity or person that is not regulated (as such term is used in the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Foreign Institutional Investors Amendment) Regulations, 2004) (each, a “Restricted Entity”) or a nominee of a Restricted Entity;

- (d) it is not a Restricted Entity or a nominee of a Restricted Entity;
- (e) it will not, directly or indirectly, sell, transfer, assign, novate or otherwise dispose of the Securities to or for the account of any Restricted Entity or to any nominee of any Restricted Entity; and
- (f) any sale, transfer, assignment, novation or other disposal of the Securities by it, whether direct or indirect, will be subject to the acquiring entity giving substantially the same representations and warranties to it as set out in sub-paragraphs (c) to (f) (inclusive).

The Securities have not been approved by the Securities and Exchange Board of India, Reserve Bank of India or any other regulatory authority of India, nor have the foregoing authorities approved this Base Prospectus or confirmed the accuracy or determined the adequacy of the information contained in this Base Prospectus. This Base Prospectus has not been and will not be registered as a prospectus or a statement in lieu of prospectus with the Registrar of Companies in India.

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

7. HONG KONG

The Securities may not be offered or sold in Hong Kong, by means of any document, other than (i) to persons whose ordinary business is to buy and sell shares and debentures (whether as principal or agent); or (ii) to “professional investors” within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder (the “SFO”); or (iii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a “prospectus” within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 32 of the Laws of Hong Kong) or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of that Ordinance. Unless permitted to do so under the laws of Hong Kong, no Holder may issue or have in its possession for the purpose of issue any advertisement, invitation or document relating to the Securities whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong other than with respect to the Securities intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong, or only to “professional investors” within the meaning of the SFO.

8. SINGAPORE

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

conditions specified in Section 275 of the SFA; or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Each of the following relevant persons specified in Section 275 of the SFA which has subscribed or purchased Securities, namely a person who is:

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

should note that shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest in that trust shall not be transferable for 6 months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the Securities under Section 275 of the SFA except:

- (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the SFA or to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A) of the SFA, and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA;
- (ii) where no consideration is given for the transfer;
- (iii) by operation of law; or
- (iv) pursuant to Section 276(7) of the SFA.

9. TAIWAN

The Securities may not be sold, offered or issued in Taiwan unless they are made available for purchase through the non discretionary trust services of licensed Taiwan banks or the brokerage services of licensed Taiwan brokers acting as trustees or agents, as applicable, of their customers and not as agent of the Issuer or any other party.

10. SAUDI ARABIA

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

- (a) it consents to the provision by the Issuer to any Saudi Arabian governmental or regulatory authority, (such as the KSA Capital Markets Authority) of any information regarding it and its dealings in the Securities as required under applicable Saudi Arabian regulations and/or as requested by any Indian governmental or regulatory authority;
- (c) it agrees to promptly provide to the Issuer, or directly to the relevant governmental or regulatory authority (and confirm to the Issuer when it has done so), such additional information that the Issuer deems necessary or appropriate in order for the Issuer to comply with any such regulations and/or requests;
- (c) the Securities are not being purchased for the account of or pursuant to or in connection with a "Non-resident foreign investor" for the purposes of any CMA or other governmental or regulatory authority resolution and it is not knowingly entering

into a transaction for the purchase of Securities, on behalf of, or for the benefit or account of any person or entity that is not a non-resident foreign investor for the purposes of such resolution;

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

CONDITIONS: GENERAL CONDITIONS

The General Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the Product Conditions and the Final Terms. The Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities or attached to any Global Security representing the Securities. The Final Terms applicable to each Series may specify amendments to the General Conditions and/or the relevant Product Conditions as they apply to that Series.

1. DEFINITIONS

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

2. STATUS

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

3. EARLY TERMINATION

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

4. NOTICES

- (a) Notices to Holders shall be given by the delivery of the relevant notice to the Clearing Agent(s) with an instruction from the Issuer to the Clearing Agent(s) to communicate such notice to the Holders. The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly published, to the extent required, in a manner which complies (i) with the rules of any stock exchange or other relevant authority on which the Securities are for the time being listed or in the country in which such Securities have been admitted to trading and (ii) with any relevant legislation.

- (b) Any such notice issued pursuant to General Condition 4(a) by being delivered to the Clearing Agent(s) will be deemed to have been given on the date of the delivery of such notice to the Clearing Agent(s). Any such notice issued pursuant to General Condition 4(a) by being published will be deemed to have been given on the date of the first publication (for the avoidance of doubt, such notice having been published by any valid means) or, where required to be published in more than one newspaper, on the date of the first publication in all required newspapers.

5. HEDGING DISRUPTION

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

In the Conditions:

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

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

- (c) Consequences. The Issuer, in the event of a Hedging Disruption Event, may determine to:
- (i) terminate the Securities. In such circumstances the Issuer will, however, if and to the extent permitted by the Applicable Law, pay to each Holder in respect of each Security held by such Holder an amount calculated by it as the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such termination less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements. Where the Securities contain provisions which provide a minimum assured return of principal, howsoever expressed, on the Settlement Date or Maturity Date as applicable, or a minimum assured return of interest or coupons having regard to prevailing market rates, credit spreads and market liquidity, howsoever expressed, on a relevant Interest Payment Date (if applicable), any such amount to be paid under this General Condition shall not be less than the present value of such minimum assured return of principal and/or interest or coupons, such present value being determined by the Calculation Agent. Payment will be made to the Holder in such manner as shall be notified to the Holder in accordance with General Condition 4;
 - (ii) make an adjustment in good faith to the relevant reference asset by removing the Disrupted Instrument at its fair market value (which may be zero). Upon any such removal the Issuer may: (A) hold any notional proceeds (if any) arising as a consequence thereof and adjust the terms of payment and/or delivery in respect of the Securities; or (B) notionally reinvest such proceeds in other reference asset(s) if so permitted under the Conditions (including the reference asset(s) to which the Securities relate);
 - (iii) make any other adjustment to the Conditions as it considers appropriate in order to maintain the theoretical value of the Securities after adjusting for the relevant Hedging Disruption Event. Where the Securities contain provisions which provide a minimum assured return of principal, howsoever expressed, on the Settlement Date or Maturity Date as applicable, or a minimum assured return of interest or coupons, howsoever expressed, on a relevant Interest Payment Date, any such adjustment will in no way affect the Issuer’s obligations to make payment to the Holders not less than the minimum assured return of principal and/or interest or coupons on the relevant Settlement Date or Maturity Date, or Interest Payment Date, as applicable.
- (d) The Issuer may also make adjustments to the Conditions if it determines that an event has occurred which, whilst not a Hedging Disruption Event or other disruption event as specified in Product Condition 4, is likely to have a material adverse effect on the Issuer’s Hedge Position. Where the Issuer makes adjustments to the Conditions pursuant to this General Condition 5(d), the Issuer shall notify the Holders thereof and shall offer to purchase from Holders for a period of not less than 10 days any

Securities held by them at their fair market value (as determined by the Calculation Agent acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner and taking into account the proposed adjustment) less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements.

6. PURCHASES, FURTHER ISSUES BY THE ISSUER AND PRESCRIPTION

- (a) Purchases. The Issuer or any affiliate may purchase Securities at any price in the open market or by tender or private treaty. Any Securities so purchased may be held, surrendered for cancellation or reissued or resold, and Securities so reissued or resold shall for all purposes be deemed to form part of the original series of Securities.
- (b) Further Issues. The Issuer shall be at liberty from time to time without the consent of the Holders or any of them to create and issue further securities so as to be consolidated with and form a single series with the Securities.
- (c) Prescription. Any Security or Coupon which is capable of presentation and is not so presented by its due date for presentation shall be void, and its value reduced to zero, if not so presented within five years of such due date. For the avoidance of doubt, any Securities which are subject to provisions relating to their exercise shall be void, and their value shall be zero, if not exercised in accordance with their provisions.

7. DETERMINATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

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

methodology set out in the terms and conditions as it considers necessary in order to reflect the timing and amounts that would be applicable were the Issuer or the Calculation Agent physically implementing the methodology set out in the Securities.

- (b) Modifications. The Issuer may, without the consent of the Holders or any of them, modify any provision of the Conditions which is: (i) of a formal, minor or technical nature; (ii) made to correct a manifest error; or (iii) in its absolute discretion, not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Holders. Notice of any such modification will be given to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 but failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of any such modification.

8. SUBSTITUTION

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

- (A) The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, registered in Scotland under No. 90312, with its registered office at 36 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YB, (“**RBS plc**” or the “**Substitute**”) subject to the Issuer having given at least 30 days’ prior notice of the date of such substitution to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; or

- (B) any entity other than RBS plc (also, the “**Substitute**”), subject to:

either (x):

- (i) the Issuer having given at least 30 days’ prior notice of the date of such substitution to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; and

- (ii) the Issuer or RBS plc having issued a legal, valid and binding guarantee of the obligations and liabilities of the Substitute under the Securities for the benefit of each and any of the Holders;

or (y):

- (i) the Issuer having given at least three months’ prior notice of the date of such substitution to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; and

- (ii) each Holder, from (and including) the date of such notice, to (and including) the date of such substitution, being entitled to terminate the Securities held by such Holder without any notice period in which event the Issuer will, if and to the extent permitted by Applicable Law, pay to such Holder with respect to each Security held by such Holder an amount calculated by the Issuer as the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such termination less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements. Where the Securities contain provisions which provide for a minimum assured return of principal or a minimum assured return of interest or other payments, howsoever expressed, on the Settlement Date or Maturity Date as applicable, or a minimum assured return of interest or coupons, howsoever expressed, on a relevant Interest Payment Date (if applicable) any such amount to be paid shall not be less than the present value

of the minimum assured return of principal and/or interest or coupons having regard to prevailing market rates, credit spreads and market liquidity, such present value being determined by the Calculation Agent. Payment will be made to the Holder in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4;

and in each case subject to all actions, conditions and things required to be taken, fulfilled and done (including the obtaining of any necessary consents) to ensure that the Securities represent legal, valid and binding obligations of the Substitute having been taken, fulfilled and done and being in full force and effect.

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

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

9. TAXATION

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

10. REPLACEMENT OF SECURITIES AND COUPONS

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

11. ADJUSTMENTS FOR EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION

- (a) Redenomination. The Issuer may, without the consent of any Holder, on giving notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 elect that, with effect from the Adjustment Date specified in such notice, certain terms of the Securities shall be redenominated in euro. The election will have effect as follows:
 - (i) where the Settlement Currency is the National Currency Unit of a country which is participating in the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to the Treaty, such Settlement Currency shall be deemed to be an amount of euro converted from the original Settlement Currency into euro at the Established Rate, subject to such provisions (if any) as to rounding as the Issuer may decide and as may be specified in the notice, and after the

Adjustment Date, all payments in respect of the Securities will be made solely in euro as though references in the Securities to the Settlement Currency were to euro;

- (ii) where the Conditions contain a rate of exchange or any of the Conditions are expressed in a National Currency Unit (the “**Original Currency**”) of a country which is participating in the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to the Treaty, such rate of exchange and/or any other terms of the Conditions shall be deemed to be expressed in or, in the case of a rate of exchange, converted for or, as the case may be into, euro at the Established Rate; and
 - (iii) such other changes shall be made to the Conditions as the Issuer may decide to conform them to conventions then applicable to instruments expressed in euro.
- (b) **Adjustment to Conditions.** The Issuer may, without the consent of the Holders, on giving notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 make such adjustments to the Conditions as the Issuer may determine to be appropriate to account for the effect of the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to the Treaty on the Conditions.
 - (c) **Euro Conversion Costs.** Notwithstanding General Condition 11(a) and/or General Condition 11(b), none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall be liable to any Holder or other person for any commissions, costs, losses or expenses in relation to or resulting from the transfer of euro or any currency conversion or rounding effected in connection therewith.
 - (d) **Definitions Relating to European Economic and Monetary Union.** In this General Condition, the following expressions have the meanings set out below.

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

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

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

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

12. AGENTS

- (a) **Principal Agent and Agents.** The Issuer reserves the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of any Agent and to appoint further or additional Agents, provided that no termination of appointment of the principal agent (the “**Principal Agent**”) shall become effective until a replacement Principal Agent shall have been

appointed and provided that, if and to the extent that any of the Securities are listed on any stock exchange or publicly offered in any jurisdiction, there shall be an Agent having a specified office in each country required by the rules and regulation of each such stock exchange and each such jurisdiction and provided further that, if and to the extent that any of the Securities are in registered form, there shall be a Registrar and a Transfer Agent (which may be the Registrar), if so specified in the relevant Product Conditions. Notice of any appointment, or termination of appointment, or any change in the specified office, of any Agent will be given to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. Each Agent acts solely as agent of the Issuer and does not assume any obligation or duty to, or any relationship of agency or trust for or with, the Holders or any of them. Any calculations or determinations in respect of the Securities made by an Agent shall (save in the case of manifest error) be final, conclusive and binding on the Holders.

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

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

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

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

13. SURRENDER OF UNMATURED COUPONS

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

14. CONTRACTS (RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES) ACT 1999

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

15. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

- (a) The Securities and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Securities, are governed by and shall be construed in accordance with English law.

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

16. METHOD OF PAYMENT

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

17. COMMISSIONS, FEES AND REBATES

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

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

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

18. EVENTS OF DEFAULT

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

- (a) default is made for more than 30 days in the payment of interest or principal in respect of the Securities; or
- (b) the Issuer fails to perform or observe any of its other obligations under the Securities and such failure has continued for the period of 60 days next following the service on the Issuer of notice requiring the same to be remedied; or

- (c) an order is made or an effective resolution is passed for the winding up of the Issuer (excluding a solvent winding up solely for the purposes of a reconstruction, amalgamation, reorganisation, merger or consolidation in connection with which The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc or any of its subsidiaries assumes the obligations of the Issuer as principal debtor in respect of the Securities),

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

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

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CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS
RELATING TO EQUITY CERTIFICATES

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 the Definitive Securities or attached to the Global Security representing the Securities. The Final Terms applicable to each Series may specify amendments to the General Conditions and/or the relevant Product Conditions as they apply to that Series.

1. DEFINITIONS

“Additional Market Disruption Event” if applicable, shall have the meaning specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Agent” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, 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;

“Applicable Taxes and Costs” means, for the purpose of calculating any Dividend Amount, an amount as the Issuer deems to be appropriate to reflect any tax deducted or payable by the Hedge Holder in respect of the relevant cash dividend or other cash distribution included within the computation of such Dividend Amount and any costs and expenses incurred by the Hedge Holder in relation to the receipt of the relevant cash dividend or other cash distribution included within the computation of such Dividend Amount;

“Business Day” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business and, in addition, if Physical Delivery Securities is specified as 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 an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses, provided that the Cash Amount shall not be less than zero. The Cash Amount shall be 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”**);

“Delivery Details” means, if Physical Delivery Securities is specified as 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 Delivery Securities is specified as 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;

“Distribution Compliance Period” means, if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period expiring 40 days after completion of the distribution of the Securities, in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act;

“Dividend Amount” means, in respect of each Security, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent to be equal to the sum of the net cash dividends or other cash distributions which are paid in respect of one Share, less any Applicable Taxes and Costs, where the Record Date in respect of such dividend or distribution falls on a date during the period from and including the Issue Date to but excluding the Exercise Date (save that where a Record Date falls on or after the Exercise Date, the Issuer may, in its sole and absolute discretion, determine that such Record Date shall be a qualifying Record Date for the purposes of calculating the Dividend Amount), multiplied by the Entitlement and converted, where applicable, into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate on or around the date of receipt of such Dividend Amount by the Hedge Holder, as determined by the Calculation Agent. For the avoidance of doubt, each Dividend Amount shall be construed as a separate amount in relation to each such cash dividend or other cash distribution;

“Early Termination Amount” means the amount or amounts (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Early Termination Date” means the date or dates specified in a notice to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4;

“Early Termination Event” means the event or events specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

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

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

“Exchange Rate” means, where the Underlying Currency is not the same as 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;

“Exercise 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 Business Day, the next following Business Day, save that if Exercise Date Extension Option is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may, in its sole and absolute discretion, by giving the notice specified in the definition of Exercise Date Extension Option in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, extend the Exercise Date to a date specified in such notice, and such date will be deemed to be the Exercise Date;

“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;

“Expiration Date” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms provided that if the Issuer shall have discharged all its obligations in respect of the Securities on a date (the **“End Date”**) prior to such date, then the Expiration Date shall be deemed to be the End Date;

“Final Reference Price” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, equal to the weighted average price per Share of the sale of a number of Shares equal to the number of Securities outstanding on the Valuation Date (the **“Parcel”**) where the Parcel is sold on the Exchange and at such times on the Valuation Date as the Hedge Holder (on behalf of the Issuer) in its sole and absolute judgement determines (converted, where applicable, into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate on the Valuation Date, less Expenses). Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Market Disruption Event or, where an FX Market Disruption Event is specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an FX Market Disruption Event occurs on the Valuation Date, the Issuer shall have sole discretion to (i) procure that the Hedge Holder does not sell on the Exchange all or any of the Parcel on the Valuation Date and those Shares comprising the Parcel not sold on the Valuation Date shall be sold by the Hedge Holder on the Exchange as soon thereafter as the Issuer determines in its reasonable judgement, which determination shall be conclusive and (ii) procure that, where applicable, the Hedge Holder converts the weighted average Parcel price less Expenses using the prevailing Exchange Rate on the Valuation Date and/or the Exchange Rate as soon thereafter as the Issuer determines in its reasonable judgement, which determination shall be conclusive. In the event that the sale of all Shares comprising the Parcel is not completed within the period specified as the Final Reference Price Period in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Final Reference Price shall be deemed to be the product of (a) the weighted average price per Share of the Share(s) sold and (b) the number of Share(s) sold, such product divided by the total number of Shares in the Parcel (converted, where applicable, into the Settlement Currency at the Exchange Rate as the Issuer determines in its reasonable judgement, which determination shall be conclusive, less Expenses);

“Force Majeure Event” means an event or events in the jurisdiction in which the Exchange is located that are outside the reasonable control of the Issuer or any of its affiliates including, but not limited to, the failure of telecommunications or computer facilities, industrial disputes, civil unrest, failure of third parties in the jurisdiction in which the Exchange is located to carry out their obligations (provided that such third parties were appointed by the Issuer or any of its affiliates in good faith after taking due care) or the acts of governmental, regulatory or supranational bodies. For the avoidance of doubt, the insolvency of the Hedge Holder shall not constitute a Force Majeure Event;

“Form” means the form specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“FX Market Disruption Event” means the event specified in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“Hedge Holder” means, as determined by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion, the Issuer or any affiliate of the Issuer which is the holder of record of the Shares at any relevant time;

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

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

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

“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 as such in, or the 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 Issuer Call Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“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, the day specified as such in the notice delivered by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3 or if, in respect of any Security, any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the applicable Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the 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 (i) 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 (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 Certificate 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 applicable Final Terms, the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

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

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

“Participation” means the rate 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;

“QIBs” means, if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, qualified institutional buyers within the meaning of Rule 144A under the Securities Act;

“Registrar” means, if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Principal Agent;

“Record Date” means the earliest date on which the register of the Share Company shows the holders of Shares who are entitled to the relevant dividend payment;

“Regulation S” means Regulation S under the Securities Act;

“Regulation S Global Security” means, if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a Global Security in registered form sold in an offshore transaction in reliance on Regulation S;

“Relevant Number of Trading Days” means the number 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;

“Rule 144A” means, if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, Rule 144A under the Securities Act;

“Rule 144A Global Security” means, if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a Global Security in registered form sold in a private transaction to a QIB in accordance with the requirements of Rule 144A;

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

“Securities Act” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended;

“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 applicable Final Terms;

“Settlement Disruption Event” means, if Physical Delivery Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an event determined by the Issuer to be 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, and **“Shares”** shall be construed accordingly;

“Share Amount” means, if Physical Delivery Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, one Share, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, multiplied by the Entitlement. If the Share Amount is an amount comprising a fraction of any Share, the Holders 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 in the Settlement Currency (using, where applicable, the Exchange Rate) equal to the value of the outstanding undelivered fraction of Share, as calculated by the Calculation Agent on the basis of the Final Reference Price;

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

“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;

“Transfer Agent” means, if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Registrar;

“Transfer Certificate” means, if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the written certification in the form available for collection from the specified office of any Transfer Agent;

“Transfer Documents” means, if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Transfer Certificate, which a Holder desiring to transfer an interest in a Regulation S Global Security or a Rule 144A Global Security, or any beneficial interest therein, may, in certain circumstances, be required to submit or to cause the proposed transferee thereof to submit to any Transfer Agent;

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

“U.S. person” has the meaning set out in Product Condition 3(g)(vii); and

“Valuation Date” means the Exercise Date or, if such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter.

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

2. FORM

If the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, then the Securities will be represented by a global security in registered form (a **“Global Security”**) which will be deposited with the Clearing Agent (and be registered in the name of a common nominee of the Clearing Agent) and will be transferable only in accordance with the provisions of Product Condition 5, applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred.

If the Form is specified as Global Bearer in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, then the Securities will be represented by a global security in bearer form (also a **“Global Security”**) which will be deposited with the Clearing Agent and will be transferable only in accordance with applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred.

Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term **“Holder”** shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and/or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the registered holder (if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) or the bearer (if the Form is specified as Global Bearer in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) of the Global Security.

3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. The Securities will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.
- (b) Cash Settlement. If Cash Settled Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security upon due Exercise, subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership (save that, in the case of Regulation S Securities, such certification will only be required during the Distribution

Compliance Period), entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date the Cash Amount.

- (c) 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, subject to a valid Exercise or the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities, in whole but not in part on any Business Day, by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date. Each Security upon an Issuer Call entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Issuer Call Date the Issuer Call Cash Amount.
- (d) Early Termination Event. If an Early Termination is specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, upon the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities will terminate automatically and the Issuer will give notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 where such notice shall specify the Early Termination Date. An Early Termination Event will override an Issuer Call and/or the automatic Exercise of the Securities under 3(a) above, if the Early Termination Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be. Each Security upon the occurrence of an Early Termination Event entitles its Holders to receive from the Issuer on the Early Termination Date the Early Termination Amount.
- (e) Dividend Amount. The Holder, subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership (save that, in the case of Regulation S Securities, such certification will only be required during the Distribution Compliance Period), is entitled to receive the Dividend Amount the number of days specified as Dividend Amount Days in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms following the receipt by the Issuer or the Hedge Holder of the dividend and/or cash distribution to which it relates and the person entitled to receive such Dividend Amount shall be the person who is shown in the records of the Clearing Agent as the beneficial holder of such Security as represented by the Global Security on the Record Date for the relevant dividend or cash distribution; *provided that* in no event shall either the Issuer or the Hedge Holder be obligated (a) to take any action whatsoever in pursuit of payment of any dividend or cash distribution as a result of the Share Company failing to pay any such dividend or cash distribution when due or (b) to make any payment to a Holder in respect of any such dividend received by the Issuer or the Hedge Holder after the Expiration Date; *provided further that* if any dividend or cash distribution has not been received by the Hedge Holder by the Expiration Date, all obligations of the Issuer under the Securities in respect thereof shall be discharged and the Issuer shall have no further obligation in respect thereof.
- (f) Share Settlement. The Securities may not be physically delivered to a U.S. person (as defined below). If Physical Delivery Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and if a Holder gives notice to the Issuer before the Exercise Date that it wishes to receive delivery of the Share Amount in lieu of the Cash Amount (“**Share Settlement**”), the Securities of such holder may be redeemed by delivery of the Share Amount in lieu of payment of the Cash Amount and the Issuer shall be required to agree to such request unless the Issuer shall have determined in its sole and absolute discretion that delivery of the Share Amount is or would be impractical, inadvisable, impossible or unduly onerous to the Issuer or is or would be unlawful in whole or in part as a result of compliance with any applicable present or future law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or directive of any governmental, administrative, legislative or judicial authority or

power. The inability or failure, as the case may be, of the Holder to give any relevant certification required or requested by the Issuer or any Clearing Agent in connection with such delivery shall allow the Issuer to redeem the Securities by payment of the Cash Amount and not by delivery of the Share Amount. The Issuer will give notice to the Holder not later than the Settlement Date if, following a notice from the Holder for delivery of the Share Amount, such delivery will not take place for any of the reasons aforementioned. If the Securities of any Holder are to be redeemed by delivery of the Share Amount, then such Holder shall be liable for Expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Issuer in connection with the delivery of the Share Amount to such Holder and no such delivery shall take place until all Expenses have been paid or accounted for to the satisfaction of the Issuer. The Share Amount is deliverable on the Settlement Date.

- (g) **Payment Day.** If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay. Where FX Market Disruption Event is specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and if a FX Market Disruption Event occurs on or around any day on which any amount is due to be paid hereunder the effect of which makes it, in the sole determination of the Issuer, impossible, impracticable or inadvisable to make the relevant payment, then no payment shall be made until as soon as practicable thereafter, provided that if such a FX Market Disruption Event is subsisting for the period specified as the Payment Day Period in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, then all obligations of the Issuer in respect of the Securities shall be discharged and the Issuer shall have no further obligations in respect thereof.

- (h) **General.** In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent and any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, Dividend Amount, Share Amount or Disruption Cash Settlement Price, as 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.

- (i) **Notice.** All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent. A Notice shall:
 - (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
 - (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
 - (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
 - (iv) if Physical Delivery Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, include an undertaking to pay all Expenses and an irrevocable authority to the Clearing Agent to debit a specified account with the Clearing Agent in respect thereof or, as the case may be, to debit the account referred to in paragraph (ii) above;
 - (v) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be credited with any Cash Amount (if any) for such Securities or, as the case may be, any Disruption Cash Settlement Price and any dividends payable pursuant to Product Condition 3(o);

- (vi) if Physical Delivery Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, include the Delivery Details;
- (vii) if the Form is specified as Global Bearer in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, 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) any person who is a U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act;
 - (b) any person or entity other than one of the following:
 - (1) a natural person who is not a resident of the United States;
 - (2) a partnership, corporation or other entity, other than an entity organised principally for passive investment, organised under the laws of a jurisdiction other than the United States and which has its principal place of business in a jurisdiction other than the United States;
 - (3) an estate or trust, the income of which is not subject to United States income tax regardless of source;
 - (4) an entity organised principally for passive investment such as a pool, investment company or other similar entity, provided that units of participation in the entity held by U.S. persons represent in the aggregate less than 10 per cent. of the beneficial interest in the entity, and that such entity was not formed principally for the purpose of facilitating investment by U.S. persons; or
 - (5) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of an entity organised and with its principal place of business outside the United States; and
- (viii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (j) Late Delivery of Notice. If Physical Delivery Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and if the Notice is delivered to the relevant Clearing Agent or the copy is delivered to the Principal Agent after the close of business in the place of receipt on the Exercise 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 Exercise 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. The Holder shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such Realised Share Amount.

- (k) Verification. In respect of any Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent of its holding of such Securities.
- (l) Delivery of the Share Amount. If Physical Delivery Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and 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 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 on the Settlement Date.
- (m) Settlement. If Cash Settled Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount (if any) for each Security with respect to which a Notice has been delivered to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date.
- (n) 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 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 as provided in the Conditions shall be void. If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent 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. The Principal Agent 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 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.
- (o) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (p) Intervening Period. If Physical Delivery Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, for such period of time after the Exercise 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 such Shares or any other person any letter, certificate, notice, circular or any other 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 suffer as a result, whether directly or indirectly, of the Issuer or any other such person being the legal owner of such Shares during such Intervening Period.

- (q) Dividends. If Physical Delivery Securities is specified as 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 that would receive such dividend according to market practice for a sale of the Shares executed on the Exercise 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.
- (r) Settlement Disruption. If Physical Delivery Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and if, prior to the delivery in accordance with the Conditions of the Share Amount in respect of any Security, in the determination 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 and of the method of payment of the Disruption Cash Settlement Price. 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.
- (s) Exercise and Settlement Risk. Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and neither the Issuer nor any Agent shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. Neither the Issuer nor the Agents 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.
- (t) 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.

- (u) Presentation and Surrender. 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.

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 at any time on any Trading Day on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading (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;
- (2) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located; or
- (3) the inability of the Hedge Holder to unwind its hedge or related trading position relating to the Securities due to illiquidity if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, that illiquidity is material.

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: (i) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Shares (unless a Merger Event), or a free distribution or dividend of such Shares to existing holders by way of bonus, capitalisation, recapitalisation or similar issue; (ii) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the relevant Shares of (A) such Shares, or (B) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the Share Company equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of such Shares, or (C) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (cash or other) at less than the prevailing market price as determined by the Calculation Agent; (iii) an extraordinary dividend; (iv) a distribution of cash dividends on the Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (v) a call by the Share Company in respect of relevant Shares that are not fully paid; (vi) a repurchase by the Share Company of relevant Shares whether out of profits or capital and whether the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise; or (vii) any other similar event that may have a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares.

- (c) De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation and Insolvency. If a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to the Share Company, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (i), (ii) or (iii) below:
- (i) require the Calculation Agent to determine in its sole and absolute discretion the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any of the other terms of these Conditions to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, and determine the effective date of that adjustment. The Calculation Agent may (but is under no obligation to) determine the appropriate adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency made by any Related Exchange to options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on such Related Exchange; or
 - (ii) cancel the Securities by giving notice to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. If the Securities are to be cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each Security held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a Security (taking into account the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be)) on the day selected for cancellation as shall be selected by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion adjusted to 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
 - (iii) 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 of 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) Force Majeure Event. If a Force Majeure Event occurs on any day resulting in the Issuer being unable to fulfil its obligations when such obligations are due, then such obligations shall be postponed until the first immediately succeeding Business Day on which the Force Majeure Event is no longer subsisting provided that if a Force Majeure Event is subsisting for the period specified as the Force Majeure Event Period in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, then all the obligations of the Issuer in respect of the Securities shall be discharged and the Issuer shall have no further obligations in respect thereof.
- (e) 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. TRANSFERS

- (a) Transfers of interests in Regulation S Global Securities. Transfers of a Regulation S Global Security or a beneficial interest therein may only be made:

- (1) prior to the expiry of the applicable Distribution Compliance Period:

to a non-U.S. person who is outside the United States in an offshore transaction in accordance with Regulation S.

- (2) after the expiry of the applicable Distribution Compliance Period:

to a person who is outside the United States in an offshore transaction in accordance with Regulation S.

- (3) otherwise, at any time, pursuant to the Securities Act or an exemption therefrom, subject to receipt by the Issuer of such satisfactory evidence as the Issuer may reasonably require, which may include an opinion of U.S. counsel, that such transfer is in compliance with any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States,

and, in all cases, in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States or any other jurisdiction.

- (b) In the case of Product Condition 5(a)(1) or Product Condition 5(a)(2) above, such transferee shall take delivery through a Regulation S Global Security; and in the case of a transfer of any Regulation S Global, or any beneficial interest therein, the applicable Transfer Documents, if any, must be duly executed by the proposed transferee or such proposed transferee's duly authorised attorney-in-fact, at least three Business Days prior to the date the transfer of such Securities is desired. Any attempted transfer in which any required Transfer Documents and the proposed transfer was not effected in accordance with the foregoing procedures shall not be valid or binding on the Issuer. In addition, if any Transfer Agent subsequently determines or is subsequently notified by the Issuer that:

- (1) a transfer or attempted or purported transfer of any interest in a Security was consummated on the basis of an incorrect form or certification from the transferee or purported transferee as set forth in the relevant Transfer Documents, or

- (2) the relevant Holder was in breach, at the time given, of any representation or agreement set forth in any Transfer Document,

the purported transfer shall be absolutely null and void *ab initio* and shall vest no rights in the purported transferee and the last preceding Holder that was not a such a disqualified transferee shall be restored to all rights as a Holder thereof retroactively to the date of transfer of such interest by such Holder.

6. 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.

FORM OF FINAL TERMS

DATED []



The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V.

(incorporated in The Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam)

[NUMBER] [UNDERLYING] [TYPE OF PRODUCT] [CERTIFICATES]

[INDICATIVE] ISSUE PRICE: [] []

THE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE 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, EXERCISED, SOLD, TRANSFERRED OR DELIVERED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, IN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, ANY U.S. PERSON AS DEFINED IN REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, 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: (I) 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; AND (II) ONLY WITH RESPECT TO THE EQUITY CERTIFICATES (AS DEFINED HEREIN) IN REGISTERED FORM TO U.S. PERSONS WHO ARE “QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS” (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A OF THE SECURITIES ACT). FURTHERMORE, TRADING IN THE SECURITIES HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION UNDER THE UNITED STATES COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT, AS AMENDED AND NO U.S. PERSON MAY AT ANY TIME TRADE OR MAINTAIN A POSITION IN THE SECURITIES.

FINAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the General Conditions and the Product Conditions applicable to each Series of Securities described herein (the “relevant Product Conditions”) as set forth in the Base Prospectus relating to Certificates dated 1 July 2010 (the “Base Prospectus”) as supplemented from time to time which constitutes a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (the “Prospectus Directive”). This document constitutes the Final Terms of each Series of the Securities described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus as so supplemented. Full information on the Issuer and each Series of the Securities described herein is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus as so supplemented. The Base Prospectus as so supplemented is available for viewing at the office of the Issuer at 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA, United Kingdom and copies may be obtained from the Issuer at that address.

These Final Terms relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the General Conditions and the relevant Product Conditions contained in the Base Prospectus as so supplemented. These Final Terms, the relevant Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of each Series of the Securities described herein and will be attached to any Global Security representing each such Series of the Securities. In the event of any inconsistency between these Final Terms and the General Conditions or the relevant Product Conditions, these Final Terms will govern.

The Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets has provided the [names of competent authorities of host Member States] with a certificate of approval attesting that the Base Prospectus has been drawn up in accordance with the Prospectus Directive.

So far as the Issuer is aware, no person (other than the Issuer in its separate capacities as Issuer and Calculation Agent, see “Risk Factors – Actions taken by the Calculation Agent may affect the Underlying” and “Risk Factors – Actions taken by the Issuer may affect the value of the Securities” in the Base Prospectus) involved in the issue of the Certificates has an interest material to the offer. [NB: Amend as appropriate if there are interests]

Issuer:	The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. acting through [its principal office at Gustav Mahlerlaan 10, 1082 PP Amsterdam, The Netherlands][its London branch at 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA][other]
Clearing Agents:	[Clearstream Banking AG] [Centraal Instituut voor Giraal Effectenverkeer B.V. (Euroclear Netherlands)] [Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. as operator of the Euroclear

	system] [Clearstream Banking, société anonyme] [SIS SegInterSettle AG] [The Depository Trust Company] [Other, including address]
Launch Date:	[]
Subscription Period:	[]
As, if and when issued trading:	[]
Issue Date:	[]
Listing:	[]
Listing Date:	[]
Pricing Date:	[]
Admission to trading:	[Application has been made for the Securities to be admitted to trading on [] with effect from [].] [No application for admission to trading has been made.]
Announcements to Holders:	Delivered to Clearing Agents
Principal Agent:	[The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V., 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA]
Registrar:	[JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., Trinity Towers, 9 Thomas More Street, London E1 9YT, United Kingdom][specify other][None]
Agent(s) [and Transfer Agent(s)]:	[ABN AMRO Bank N.V. N.V. MF 2020 Kemelstede 2, P.O. Box 3200, 4800 DE Breda, The Netherlands] [Citibank International Plc, Netherlands Branch, Global Transaction Services, Hoge Mosten 2, 4822 NH Breda, The Netherlands]
Calculation Agent:	The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V., 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA, United Kingdom
Indication of yield:	Not Applicable
Form of the Securities	[Global Security] [Dematerialised form] [Global Security transformed into Intermediated Securities] (<i>Only applicable to Securities where the Clearing Agent is SIX SIS Ltd</i>) Dematerialised Securities transformed into Intermediated Securities] (<i>Only applicable to Securities where the Clearing Agent is SIX SIS Ltd</i>)

EQUITY CERTIFICATES

Series:	[Share] Certificates due [] Series []
Issue Price:	[]
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] [specify]
Business Day:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]
Cash Amount:	[Participation x Final Reference Price x Entitlement] [specify other] [less any expenses incurred by the Issuer in unwinding or enforcing its Hedge Positions]
Cash Settled Securities:	[Applicable][Not Applicable]
Dividend Amount Days:	[five][three][specify other] Business Days
<u>Early Termination Amount:</u>	<u>[an amount equal to the proceeds (if any) received by the Issuer under its Hedge Positions, less any expenses incurred by the Issuer in unwinding or enforcing its Hedge Positions]</u> [specify other]
<u>Early Termination Event:</u>	<u>[The Issuer's Hedge Position has become unenforceable (in whole or in part) or the Hedge Provider has in the determination of the Calculation Agent, become insolvent or any other events which would result in the Issuer not receiving in full its entitlement under the Hedge Position]</u> [specify other]
Entitlement:	[]
Exchange:	[]
Exercise Date:	[]
Exercise Date Extension Option:	[Applicable: [10 Business Days' notice][notice prior to the Exercise Date][specify other]] [Not Applicable]
Expiration Date:	[The date falling 3 months after the Settlement Date] [specify other]
Final Reference Price:	[As stated in Product Condition 1 applies][specify other]
Final Reference Price Period:	[a period of twenty four continuous months commencing from and including the Valuation Date] [specify other]

Force Majeure Event Period:	[either (i) a period of twelve continuous months from and including the day by which the sale of all Shares comprising the Parcel has been completed or (ii) in the event that the sale of all Shares comprising the Parcel has not been completed by the last day of a twenty four continuous month period commencing from and including the Valuation Date, for a period of twelve continuous months from but excluding the last day of such twenty four continuous month period] <i>[specify other]</i>
Form:	[Global Registered] [Global Bearer]
FX Market Disruption Event:	[Any of the following: [(A) it becomes impossible to obtain the prevailing Exchange Rate on the Valuation Date; or (B) the occurrence of any event which (i) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Settlement Currency or Underlying Currency or (ii) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Settlement Currency or Underlying Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Settlement Currency or Underlying Currency, respectively, to accounts outside such jurisdiction or between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or (C) 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] Any determination by the Calculation Agent that at any time a FX Market Disruption Event has occurred shall be final and binding on the Issuer and the Holder] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable] ¹
<u>Issuer Call:</u>	<u>[Applicable]/[Not Applicable]</u>
<u>Issuer Call Cash Amount:</u>	<u>[specify amount or provide formula]</u>
<u>Issuer Call Commencement Date:</u>	<u>[specify]</u>
<u>Issuer Call Date:</u>	<u>[specify]</u>
<u>Issuer Call Notice Period:</u>	<u>[specify]</u>
Selling Restrictions	The text set out in the Base Prospectus applies[, subject to <i>[specify any relevant amendments]</i>][<u>India</u>] [<u>Saudi</u>]

¹ insert Not Applicable if not Taiwan, Chinese or Indian underlying

Arabia [*specify other*]

Participation: [] per cent.

Payment Day Period: [a period of twelve continuous months from and including the day on which the Final Reference Price is determined] [*specify other*]

Physical Delivery Securities: [Applicable][Not Applicable] Equity certificates may only be physically settled by non-U.S. persons.

Relevant Number of Trading Days: [*specify*]

Settlement Currency: [US dollars][*specify other*]

Settlement Date: [second][tenth][eleventh][*specify other*] Business Day following the Valuation Date, save that in the event that a Market Disruption Event [or a FX Market Disruption Event]² causes the Final Reference Price to be computed later than the Valuation Date as provided in the definition of Final Reference Price, the Settlement Date shall be the [*specify*] Business Day after the Final Reference Price is determined

Share: The [ordinary][*specify other*] share of the Share Company (ISIN: [])

Share Company: []

[Potential investors in the Securities are referred to the Indian selling restriction contained in the Base Prospectus [and the amendments to such selling restriction detailed under “Selling Restrictions - India” above]]³

Underlying Currency: []

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions: [Amendments to the General Conditions and/or Product Conditions as required by applicable consumer protection and other laws and/or clearing system and exchange rules. Such amendments may be (i) deletion of one or more General Conditions and/or Product Conditions in part or in its entirety; (ii) addition of disclosure and/or publication requirements; (iii) changes to pay off and other formula's; (iv) addition of clearing system details and applicable clearing rules and arrangements agreed between the Issuer and the relevant clearing system; (v) disclosure of fees applicable in connection with any exercise rights the Holders of Securities may have and (vi) other changes which are not materially prejudicial to the interest of the

² insert if Taiwan, Chinese or Indian underlying
³ insert if Indian Share Company

holders of Securities.]

(When making any such amendments consideration should be given to as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)

ISIN: []

Common Code: []

Fondscore: []

WKN: []

Other Securities Code: []

Sales Restriction: 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: (i) 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 (**Regulation S**); and (ii) only with respect to the Securities in registered form, to U.S. persons who are “qualified institutional buyers” (as defined in Rule 144A of the Securities Act). Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.

INFORMATION ON THE UNDERLYING

Page where information about the past and future performance of the Underlying and its volatility can be obtained: []

Series: [Share] Certificates due [] Series []

[repeat as above for each new Series]