



STATKRAFT AS

(a limited company registered under number 987 059 699 with the Norwegian Register of Business Enterprises)

€6,000,000,000

EURO MEDIUM TERM NOTE PROGRAMME

Under this €6,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme (the **Programme**), Statkraft AS (the **Issuer**) may from time to time issue notes (the **Notes**) denominated in any currency agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer (as defined below).

The maximum aggregate nominal amount of all Notes from time to time outstanding will not exceed €6,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated as described in the Programme Agreement described herein), subject to increase as described herein. A description of the restrictions applicable at the date of this Offering Circular relating to the maturity of certain Notes is set out on page 8.

The Notes may be issued on a continuing basis to one or more of the Dealers specified on page 7 and any additional Dealer appointed under the Programme from time to time (each a **Dealer** and together the **Dealers**), which appointment may be for a specific issue or on an ongoing basis. References in this Offering Circular to the **relevant Dealer** shall, in the case of an issue of Notes being (or intended to be) subscribed by more than one Dealer, be to all Dealers agreeing to purchase such Notes.

Notes may be issued in bearer form (**Bearer Notes**), registered form (**Registered Notes**) or uncertificated book entry form cleared through the Norwegian Central Securities Depository, the *Verdipapirsentralen* (**VPS Notes** and the **VPS**, respectively).

An investment in Notes issued under the Programme involves certain risks. For a discussion of these risks see “Risk Factors”.

Application has been made to the Financial Services Authority in its capacity as competent authority under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the **UK Listing Authority**) for Notes issued under the Programme during the period of 12 months from the date of this Offering Circular to be admitted to the official list of the UK Listing Authority (the **Official List**) and to the London Stock Exchange plc (the **London Stock Exchange**) for such Notes to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market.

References in this Offering Circular to Notes being **listed** (and all related references) shall mean, in the case of Notes other than VPS Notes, that such Notes have been admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market and have been admitted to the Official List, and in the case of VPS Notes, that such Notes have been admitted to listing on the Oslo Stock Exchange. The London Stock Exchange's regulated market is a regulated market for the purposes of Directive 2004/39/EC (the **Markets in Financial Instruments Directive**).

Notice of the aggregate nominal amount of Notes, interest (if any) payable in respect of Notes, the issue price of Notes and any other terms and conditions not contained herein which are applicable to each Tranche (as defined under “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*”) of Notes will be set out in a final terms supplement (the **Final Terms**) which, with respect to Notes to be listed on the London Stock Exchange, will be delivered to the UK Listing Authority and the London Stock Exchange.

The Programme provides that Notes may be listed or admitted to trading, as the case may be, on such other or further stock exchanges or markets as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer. The Issuer may also issue unlisted Notes and/or Notes not admitted to trading on any market.

The Notes of each Tranche will initially be represented by either a Temporary Global Note, a Permanent Global Note, a Regulation S Global Note, a Restricted Global Note and/or Definitive Registered Notes (each as defined below) as indicated in the applicable Final Terms. See “*Form of the Notes*” below.

The Issuer may agree with any Dealer and the Trustee (as defined herein) that Notes may be issued in a form not contemplated by the Terms and Conditions of the Notes herein, in which event a new Offering Circular, in the case of listed Notes only, if appropriate, will be made available which will describe the effect of the agreement reached in relation to such Notes.

As at the date of this Offering Circular, the Issuer has been rated A- (stable outlook) by Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services Europe Ltd (**S&P**) and Baa1 (stable outlook) by Moody's Investors Service Ltd (**Moody's**). Each of S&P and Moody's is established in the European Union and is registered under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended) (the **CRA Regulation**).

The rating of certain Series of Notes to be issued under the Programme may be specified in the applicable Final Terms. Whether or not each credit rating applied for in relation to relevant Series of Notes will be issued by a credit rating agency established in the European Union and Registered under the CRA Regulation will be disclosed in the Final Terms. Please also refer to “*Credit ratings may not reflect all risks*” in the “*Risk Factors*” section of this Offering Circular.

Arranger

The Royal Bank of Scotland

Dealers

Barclays
Commerzbank
Deutsche Bank
Goldman Sachs International
J.P. Morgan
SEB
The Royal Bank of Scotland

BNP PARIBAS
Danske Bank
DNB Nor Bank
Handelsbanken Capital Markets
Nordea
Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking
UniCredit Bank

This Offering Circular comprises a base prospectus for the purposes of Article 5.4 of Directive 2003/71/EC (the **Prospectus Directive**).

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Offering Circular. To the best of the knowledge of the Issuer (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Offering Circular is in accordance with the facts as at the date of this Offering Circular and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

Copies of the Final Terms will be available from the registered office of the Issuer and from the specified office set out below of each of the Paying Agents (as defined below).

This Offering Circular is to be read in conjunction with all documents which are incorporated herein by reference (see “*Documents Incorporated by Reference*” below). This Offering Circular shall be read and construed on the basis that such documents are incorporated into and form part of this Offering Circular.

Neither the Dealers nor the Trustee have separately verified the information contained herein. Accordingly, no representation, warranty or undertaking, express or implied, is made and no responsibility or liability is accepted by the Dealers or the Trustee as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained or incorporated in this Offering Circular or any other information provided by the Issuer in connection with the Programme or the Notes or their distribution. No Dealer or the Trustee accepts any liability in relation to the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Offering Circular or any other information provided by the Issuer in connection with the Programme. The statements made in this paragraph are made without prejudice to the responsibility of the Issuer under the Programme.

Subject as provided in the applicable Final Terms, the only persons authorised to use this Offering Circular in connection with an offer of Notes are the persons named in the applicable Final Terms as the relevant Dealer or the Managers, as the case may be.

No person is or has been authorised by the Issuer or the Trustee to give any information or to make any representation not contained in or not consistent with this Offering Circular or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the Notes and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer, any of the Dealers or the Trustee.

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

Neither the delivery of this Offering Circular nor the offering, sale or delivery of any Notes shall in any circumstances imply that the information contained herein concerning the Issuer is correct at any time subsequent to the date hereof or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct as of any time subsequent to the date indicated in the document containing the same. The Dealers and the Trustee expressly do not undertake to review the financial condition or affairs of the Issuer during the life of the Programme or to advise any investor in the Notes of any information coming to their attention. Investors should review, *inter alia*, the most recently published documents incorporated by reference into this Offering Circular when deciding whether or not to purchase any Notes.

This Offering Circular does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any Notes in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make the offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. The distribution of this Offering Circular and the offer or sale of Notes may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions. The Issuer, the Dealers and the Trustee do not represent that this document may be lawfully distributed, or that any Notes may be lawfully offered, in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any such jurisdiction, or pursuant to an exemption available thereunder, or assume any responsibility for facilitating any such distribution or offering. In particular, unless specifically indicated to the contrary in the applicable Final Terms, no action has been taken by the Issuer, the Dealers or the Trustee which would permit a public offering of any Notes outside the UK or

distribution of this document in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. Accordingly, no Notes may be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and neither this Offering Circular nor any advertisement or other offering material may be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations. Persons into whose possession this Offering Circular or any Notes come must inform themselves about, and observe, any such restrictions on the distribution of this Offering Circular and the offering and sale of Notes. In particular, there are restrictions on the distribution of this Offering Circular and the offer or sale of Notes in the United States, the European Economic Area (including the United Kingdom and Norway) and Japan (see “*Subscription and Sale*” below).

The Notes have not been nor will be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the **Securities Act**), or with any securities regulatory authority of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States and may include Notes in bearer form that are subject to U.S. tax law requirements. Subject to certain exceptions, the Notes may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act (**Regulation S**)). See “*Subscription and Sale*” below.

This Offering Circular has been prepared by the Issuer for use in connection with the offer and sale of the Notes in reliance upon Regulation S outside the United States to non-U.S. persons and, with respect to Notes in registered form only, within the United States (1) in reliance upon Rule 144A under the Securities Act (**Rule 144A**) to qualified institutional buyers within the meaning of Rule 144A (**QIBs**), (2) to institutional accredited investors (as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act (**Institutional Accredited Investors**) pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act or (3) in transactions otherwise exempt from registration. Prospective purchasers are hereby notified that sellers of the Notes may be relying on the exemption from the provisions of Section 5 of the Securities Act provided by Rule 144A.

NOTICE TO NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS

NEITHER THE FACT THAT A REGISTRATION STATEMENT OR AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE HAS BEEN FILED UNDER CHAPTER 421-B OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE REVISED STATUTES WITH THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE NOR THE FACT THAT A SECURITY IS EFFECTIVELY REGISTERED OR A PERSON IS LICENSED IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE CONSTITUTES A FINDING BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE THAT ANY DOCUMENT FILED UNDER RSA 421-B IS TRUE, COMPLETE AND NOT MISLEADING. NEITHER ANY SUCH FACT NOR THE FACT THAT AN EXEMPTION OR EXCEPTION IS AVAILABLE FOR A SECURITY OR A TRANSACTION MEANS THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS PASSED IN ANY WAY UPON THE MERITS OR QUALIFICATIONS OF, OR RECOMMENDED OR GIVEN APPROVAL TO, ANY PERSON, SECURITY, OR TRANSACTION. IT IS UNLAWFUL TO MAKE, OR CAUSE TO BE MADE, TO ANY PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER, CUSTOMER, OR CLIENT ANY REPRESENTATION INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

To permit compliance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act in connection with any resales or other transfers of Notes that are “restricted securities” within the meaning of the Securities Act, the Issuer has undertaken in the Trust Deed (as defined below) to furnish, upon the request of a holder of such Notes or any beneficial interest therein, to such holder or to a prospective purchaser designated by such holder, the information required to be delivered under Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act, if at the time of the request, any of the Notes remain outstanding as “restricted securities” within the meaning of Rule 144(a)(3) of the Securities Act and the Issuer is neither a reporting company under Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act nor exempt from reporting pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Exchange Act.

Unless otherwise provided with respect to a particular Series of Registered Notes, Registered Notes of each Tranche of such Series sold outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S will be represented by a permanent global note in registered form, without interest coupons (a **Regulation S Global Note**), deposited with a custodian for, and registered in the name of a nominee of, The Depository Trust Company (**DTC**). With respect to all offers or sales by a Dealer of an unsold allotment or subscription and in any case prior to expiry of the period that ends 40 days after the later of the date of issue and completion of the distribution of each Tranche of Notes, as certified by the relevant Dealer, in the case of a non-syndicated issue, or the Lead Manager, in the case of a syndicated issue (the **Distribution Compliance Period**), beneficial interests in a Regulation S Global Note may not be offered or sold to, or

for the account or benefit of, a U.S. person (save as otherwise provided in Condition 2) and may be held only through Euroclear Bank SA/NV as operator of the Euroclear system (**Euroclear**) and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme (**Clearstream, Luxembourg**). Registered Notes of each Tranche sold in private transactions to QIBs pursuant to Rule 144A will be represented by a restricted permanent global note in registered form, without interest coupons (a **Restricted Global Note** and, together with a Regulation S Global Note, **Registered Global Notes**), deposited with a custodian for, and registered in the name of a nominee of, DTC. Registered Notes of each Tranche sold to Institutional Accredited Investors will be in definitive registered form (**Definitive Registered Notes**), registered in the name of the holder thereof. Definitive Registered Notes will, at the request of the holder (save to the extent otherwise indicated in the applicable Final Terms), be issued in exchange for interests in a Registered Global Note upon compliance with the procedures for exchange as described in “*Form of the Notes*” below.

Each Tranche of Bearer Notes will initially be represented by a temporary global Note (a **Temporary Global Note**) or a permanent global Note (a **Permanent Global Note**) as specified in the applicable Final Terms, which will be deposited on the issue date thereof with a common safekeeper or a common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other agreed clearance system. Beneficial interests in a Temporary Global Note will be exchangeable for either beneficial interests in a Permanent Global Note or definitive Bearer Notes upon certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership as required by U.S. Treasury regulations. The applicable Final Terms will specify that a Permanent Global Note either (i) is exchangeable (in whole but not in part) for definitive Notes upon not less than 60 days’ notice or (ii) is only exchangeable (in whole but not in part) for definitive Bearer Notes following the occurrence of an Exchange Event (as defined in “*Form of the Notes*” below), all as further described in “*Form of the Notes*” below. For further details of clearing and settlement of the Notes issued under the Programme see “*Book-Entry Clearance Systems*” below.

Each Tranche of VPS Notes will be issued in uncertificated book entry form, as more fully described under “*Form of the Notes*” below. On or before the issue date of each Tranche of VPS Notes entries may be made with the VPS to evidence the debt represented by such VPS Notes to accountholders with the VPS. VPS Notes will be issued in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable to VPS Notes from time to time.

The Notes may not be a suitable investment for all investors. Each potential investor in the Notes must determine the suitability of that investment in light of its own circumstances. In particular, each potential investor should:

- (i) have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Notes, the merits and risks of investing in the Notes and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Offering Circular or any applicable supplement;
- (ii) have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the Notes and the impact the Notes will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- (iii) have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the Notes, including Notes with principal or interest payable in one or more currencies, or where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the potential investor’s currency;
- (iv) understand thoroughly the terms of the Notes and be familiar with the behaviour of any relevant indices and financial markets; and
- (v) 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 Notes 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 Notes which are complex financial instruments unless it has the expertise (either alone or with a financial adviser) to evaluate how the Notes will perform under changing conditions, the resulting effects on the value of the Notes and the impact this investment will have on the potential investor’s overall investment portfolio.

All references in this document to **U.S. dollars** and **U.S.\$** refer to the currency of the United States of America, references to **NOK** or **Norwegian Kroner** are to the lawful currency of the Kingdom of Norway, those to **Japanese Yen** and **Yen** refer to the currency of Japan and those to **Sterling** and **£** refer to the

currency of the United Kingdom. In addition, references to **euro** and **€** refer to the currency introduced at the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union, as amended.

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMME

The following overview does not purport to be complete and is taken from, and is qualified in its entirety by, the remainder of this Offering Circular and, in relation to the terms and conditions of any particular Tranche of Notes, the applicable Final Terms. Words and expressions defined in “Form of the Notes” and “Terms and Conditions of the Notes” below shall have the same meanings in this overview.

Issuer:	Statkraft AS
Description:	Euro Medium Term Note Programme
Arranger:	The Royal Bank of Scotland plc
Dealers:	Barclays Bank PLC BNP Paribas Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft Danske Bank A/S Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch DnB NOR Bank ASA Goldman Sachs International J.P. Morgan Securities Ltd. Nordea Bank Danmark A/S Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) Société Générale Svenska Handelsbanken AB (publ) The Royal Bank of Scotland plc UniCredit Bank AG and any other Dealers appointed in accordance with the Programme Agreement.
Risk Factors:	There are certain factors that may affect the Issuer’s ability to fulfil its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme. These are set out under “ <i>Risk Factors</i> ” below and include risks relating to electricity generation capacity, weather related risks, environmental risks, policy risks (as the Issuer is a state owned entity), regulatory risks and risks relating to hedging, trading and structured sales. In addition, there are certain factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Notes issued under the Programme. These are set out under “ <i>Risk Factors</i> ” and include certain risks relating to the structure of particular Series of Notes and certain market risks.
Certain Restrictions:	Each issue of Notes denominated in a currency in respect of which particular laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements apply will only be issued in circumstances which comply with such laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements from time to time (see “ <i>Subscription and Sale</i> ” below), including the following restrictions applicable at the date of this Offering Circular. Notes having a maturity of less than one year Notes having a maturity of less than one year will, if the proceeds of the issue are accepted in the United Kingdom, constitute deposits for the purposes of the prohibition on accepting deposits contained in section 19 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 unless they are issued to a limited class of professional investors and have a denomination of at least £100,000 or its equivalent (see “ <i>Subscription and Sale</i> ” below).
Trustee:	Citicorp Trustee Company Limited
Issuing and Principal Paying Agent:	Citibank, N.A.

Exchange Agent and Transfer Agent:	Citibank, N.A.
Registrar:	Citigroup Global Markets Deutschland AG
VPS Account Manager:	DnB NOR Bank ASA, Verdepapirservice
Size:	Up to €6,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated as described in the Programme Agreement) outstanding at any time. The Issuer may increase the amount of the Programme in accordance with the terms of the Programme Agreement.
Distribution:	Notes may be distributed by way of private or public placement and in each case on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis.
Currencies:	Subject to any applicable legal or regulatory restrictions, such currencies as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer, including, without limitation, Australian dollars, Canadian dollars, Czech koruna, Danish kroner, euro, Hong Kong dollars, Japanese Yen, New Zealand dollars, Norwegian kroner, Sterling, South African Rand, Swedish kronor, Swiss francs and United States dollars (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms).
Redenomination:	If so specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may redenominate Notes issued in the currency of a country that subsequently participates in the third stage of European economic and monetary union, or otherwise participates in European economic and monetary union in a manner with similar effect to such third stage, into euro. The provisions relating to any such redenomination will be contained in the applicable Final Terms.
Maturities:	The Notes will have such maturities as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer, subject to such minimum or maximum maturities as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the Issuer or the relevant Specified Currency.
Issue Price:	Notes may be issued on a fully-paid or a partly-paid basis and at an issue price which is at par or at a discount to, or premium over, par.
Form of Notes:	Notes may be issued in bearer form, registered form or, in the case of VPS Notes, uncertificated book entry form, as specified in the applicable Final Terms. Notes in bearer form will not be exchangeable for Notes in registered form, and Notes in registered form will not be exchangeable for Notes in bearer form. VPS Notes will not be evidenced by any physical note or document of title. Entitlements to VPS Notes will be evidenced by the crediting of VPS Notes to accounts with the VPS. See “<i>Form of the Notes</i>” below. Each Tranche of Bearer Notes will initially be represented by a Temporary Global Note or a Permanent Global Note (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) which in either case, will (a) if the Global Notes are intended to be issued in new global note (NGN) form, as stated in the applicable Final Terms, be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche to a common safekeeper (the Common Safekeeper) for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg; and (b) if the Global Notes are not intended to be issued in NGN Form, be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche to a common depositary (the Common Depositary) for, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, and subject, in each case, to such restrictions as are contained in the relevant Global Note and summarised below. Temporary Global

Notes will be exchanged not earlier than 40 days after their issue only upon certification of non-U.S. beneficial ownership as required by U.S. Treasury regulations. The applicable Final Terms will specify that a Permanent Global Note either (i) is exchangeable (in whole but not in part) for definitive Notes upon not less than 60 days' notice or (ii) is only exchangeable (in whole but not in part) for definitive Notes upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event, as described in "*Form of the Notes*" below. Any interest in a Temporary Global Note or a Permanent Global Note will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other agreed clearance system, as appropriate.

Each Tranche of Registered Notes which is sold outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S will, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, be represented by a Regulation S Global Note which will be deposited with a custodian for, and registered in the name of a nominee of, DTC on its Issue Date for the accounts of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. With respect to all offers or sales by a Dealer of an unsold allotment or subscription and in any case prior to the expiry of the Restricted Period beneficial interests in a Regulation S Global Note of such Tranche may be held only through Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear. After the expiry of the Distribution Compliance Period (as defined in Condition 1), beneficial interests in a Regulation S Global Note may be held through DTC directly by a participant in DTC or indirectly through a participant in DTC. Regulation S Global Notes will be exchangeable for Definitive Registered Notes only in the limited circumstances as more fully described in Condition 2.

Registered Notes of any Series sold in private transactions to QIBs and subject to the transfer restrictions described in "*Notice to Purchasers and Holders of Restricted Notes and Transfer Restrictions*" will, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, be represented by a Restricted Global Note which will be deposited with a custodian for, and registered in the name of a nominee of, DTC on its Issue Date.

Notes represented by the Registered Global Notes will trade in DTC's same day fund settlement system and secondary market trading activity in such Notes will therefore settle in immediately available funds. Beneficial interests in a Regulation S Global Note and a Restricted Global Note will be shown on, and transfers thereof will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC and its direct or indirect participants, including Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear. See "*Book-Entry Clearance Systems*" below.

Notes initially offered and sold in the United States to Institutional Accredited Investors pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act or in a transaction otherwise exempt from registration under the Securities Act and subject to the transfer restrictions described in "*Notice to Purchasers and Holders of Restricted Notes and Transfer Restrictions*", will be issued only in definitive registered form and will not be represented by a global Note or Notes. Persons holding beneficial interests in Registered Global Notes will be entitled or required, as the case may be, under the circumstances described in Condition 2, to receive physical delivery of Definitive Registered Notes

Fixed Rate Notes:	Fixed interest will be payable on such date or dates as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) and on redemption and will be calculated on the basis of such Fixed Day Count Fraction as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer.
Floating Rate Notes:	Floating Rate Notes will bear interest at a rate determined: (i) on the same basis as the floating rate under a notional interest-rate swap transaction in the relevant Specified Currency governed by an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions, as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., and as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes of the relevant Series; or (ii) on the basis of a reference rate appearing on the agreed screen page of a commercial quotation service; or (iii) on such other basis as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer, as indicated in the applicable Final Terms. The Margin (if any) relating to such floating rate will be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer for each Series of Floating Rate Notes.
Index Linked Notes:	Payments of principal in respect of Index Linked Redemption Notes or of interest in respect of Index Linked Interest Notes will be calculated by reference to such index and/or formula as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer may agree (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) or to changes in the prices of securities or commodities or to other factors.
Other provisions in relation to Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes:	Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes may also have a maximum interest rate, a minimum interest rate or both (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms). Interest on Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes in respect of each Interest Period, as selected prior to issue by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer, will be payable on the Interest Payment Dates specified in, or determined pursuant to, the applicable Final Terms and will be calculated on the basis of the relevant Floating Day Count Fraction unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Final Terms.
Dual Currency Notes:	Payments (whether in respect of principal or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Dual Currency Notes will be made in such currencies, and based on such rates of exchange, as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer may agree (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms).
Zero Coupon Notes:	Zero Coupon Notes will be offered and sold at a discount to their nominal amount and will not bear interest other than in the case of late payment.
Redemption:	The Final Terms relating to each Tranche of Notes will indicate either that the Notes of such Tranche cannot be redeemed prior to their stated maturity (other than in specified instalments, if applicable, or for taxation reasons or following an Event of Default) or that such Notes will be redeemable at the option of the Issuer and/or the Noteholders upon giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' irrevocable notice (or such other notice period (if any) as is indicated in the applicable Final Terms) to the Noteholders or the Issuer, as the case may be, on a date or dates specified prior to

such stated maturity and at a price or prices and on such terms as are indicated in the applicable Final Terms.

In addition, if Change of Control Put is specified as being applicable in the relevant Final Terms, the Notes may be redeemed before their stated maturity at the option of the Noteholders in the circumstances described in Condition 7(d)(ii).

The applicable Final Terms may provide that Notes may be redeemable in two or more instalments of such amounts and on such dates as are indicated in the applicable Final Terms.

Notes having a maturity of less than one year may be subject to restrictions on their denomination and distribution, see “*Certain Restrictions – Notes having a maturity of less than one year*” above.

Denomination of Notes:

Notes will be issued in such denominations as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer and as indicated in the applicable Final Terms save that the minimum denomination of each Note will be such as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant Specified Currency and save that the minimum denomination of each Note admitted to trading on a regulated market within the European Economic Area or offered to the public in a Member State of the European Economic Area in circumstances which would otherwise require the publication of a prospectus under the Prospectus Directive will be €100,000 (or, if the Notes are denominated in a currency other than euro, the equivalent amount in such currency at the time of issue of such Notes).

Notes in registered form sold pursuant to Rule 144A shall be issued in denominations of U.S.\$100,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency) and higher integral multiples of U.S.\$10,000 (or its equivalent as aforesaid). Definitive Registered Notes sold in the United States to Institutional Accredited Investors pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act or in a transaction otherwise exempt from registration under the Securities Act shall be issued in minimum denominations of U.S.\$500,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency) and higher integral multiples of U.S.\$1,000 (or its equivalent as aforesaid).

Taxation:

All payments in respect of the Notes will be made without deduction for or on account of withholding taxes imposed within the Kingdom of Norway, subject as provided in Condition 8. In the event that any such deduction is made, the Issuer will, save in certain limited circumstances provided in Condition 8, be required to pay additional amounts to cover the amounts so deducted.

Negative Pledge:

The terms of the Notes will contain a negative pledge provision as further described in Condition 4.

Cross Default:

The terms of the Notes will contain a cross-default provision as further described in Condition 10.

Status of the Notes:

The Notes will constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and, subject to the provisions of Condition 4, unsecured obligations of the Issuer and will rank *pari passu* among themselves and (save for certain obligations required to be preferred by law) equally with all other unsecured obligations (other than subordinated obligations, if any) of the Issuer, from time to time outstanding.

Rating:

The rating of certain Series of Notes to be issued under the Programme may be specified in the applicable Final Terms. Whether or not each credit rating applied for in relation to relevant Series of Notes will be issued by a credit rating agency established in the

European Union and registered under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended) will be disclosed in the Final Terms.

Listing and admission to trading: Application has been made to the UK Listing Authority for Notes issued under the Programme (other than VPS Notes) to be admitted to the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange for such Notes to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market.

Applications may be made to list VPS Notes on the Oslo Stock Exchange. Any such applications will be in accordance with applicable laws and regulations governing the listing of VPS Notes on the Oslo Stock Exchange from time to time.

Notes may be listed or admitted to trading, as the case may be, on other or further stock exchanges or markets agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer in relation to the Series. Notes which are neither listed nor admitted to trading on any market may also be issued.

The applicable Final Terms will state whether or not the relevant Notes are to be listed and/or admitted to trading and, if so, on which stock exchanges and/or markets.

Governing Law: The Notes and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Notes will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law.

VPS Notes must comply with the Norwegian Securities Register Act of 5 July 2002 no. 64, as amended from time to time, and the holders of VPS Notes will be entitled to the rights and are subject to the obligations and liabilities which arise under this Act and any related regulations and legislation.

Selling Restrictions: There are restrictions on the offer, sale and transfer of the Notes in the United States, the European Economic Area (including the United Kingdom and Norway) and Japan and such other restrictions as may be required in connection with the offering and sale of a particular Tranche of Notes. See "*Subscription and Sale*" and "*Notice to Purchasers and Holders of Restricted Notes and Transfer Restrictions*" below.

RISK FACTORS

The Issuer believes that the following factors may affect its ability to fulfil its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme. 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 Notes issued under the Programme are also described below.

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

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

Risk factors specific to the Issuer

General

The Issuer operates in a capital intensive, competitive market. In addition to the traditional hydro-power based production and supply of electricity within the domestic market, the Issuer has over time expanded into the international markets, and made significant investments into renewable energy projects. Statkraft's performance and prospects depend on a number of factors, some of which may be beyond its control, in whole or in part, such as general market trends and developments, changes in the competitive landscape, regulatory changes and/or developments regarding stimuli for alternative energy sources, implicit dependency on climate and resulting exposure to changes in climate or precipitation patterns and general market conditions. No assurance can be given that the Issuer will be able to continue its profitable track-record on a consistent basis in the medium term.

Competitive situation

Statkraft is increasingly competing in the international marketplace where renewable energy and other sources of power are on the rise in a competitive marketplace. Domestically, the Norwegian competition authority is monitoring the Norwegian electricity market. Competition law requirements as well as the general commercial competition may affect the Group's ability to maintain and develop its business.

State-ownership of Statkraft

Political and economic policies of the Norwegian State could affect Statkraft's business and financial condition. This may be reflected in decisions relating to the pursuance of Statkraft's commercial and financial interests, including those relating to dividend distribution policy and/or its strategy on development, production and trading of electricity.

Business specific risk factors

Regulatory Issues

The business framework within which Statkraft operates is influenced by political decisions, including tax regulations (including environmental taxes), grid regulation (including the revenue scheme), the reversion scheme, changes in the minimum water flow regulations and instructions from the Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate (NVE), as well as the general conditions and regulations set for the industry at large in the Norwegian and other relevant markets. These factors may influence Statkraft's hydro power production capacity, revenue or profits.

In addition, the EU and international regulatory framework may influence the supply and demand for electricity and hence the price of electricity as well as generation costs. This is true both for greenhouse gas emission allowances and for support schemes for new renewable generation capacity. Although Statkraft's hydropower and wind production is carbon dioxide free, the price of emission rights is transferred into the wholesale electricity market and will influence Statkraft indirectly through the power price. Governments within and outside Europe have high ambitions to increase the share of renewables in the electricity generation mix. In order to incentivize investments in new renewables, attractive support schemes have been established to enhance the profitability of otherwise non-competitive technologies. For many investments, Statkraft is relying on such support. Therefore, the retention of support schemes

and markets is important, and changes in or abolishment of these schemes have a direct influence on Statkraft's revenue or profits.

Environmental Issues

Statkraft is subject to a number of different environmental laws, regulations, environmental expectations and reporting requirements. Costs are incurred for prevention, control, abatement or elimination of releases into the air and water, as well as in the disposal and handling of wastes at operating facilities. Expenditures of a capital nature include remedial measures on existing power facilities, measures arising from the construction of new power facilities and power lines and the regulation of water flow all of which could impact materially on Statkraft's results, as could liability due to failure for any reason to satisfy applicable requirements.

Generation

Hydrological balance

A major part of the current electricity generation capacity of Statkraft and its subsidiaries (the **Group**) comes from hydropower plants, most of which are situated in Norway. The hydro reservoir levels can vary considerably from year to year, and the hydrological balance may affect both the price of electricity and the capacity available and may significantly impact upon Statkraft's revenues.

Gas fired generation facilities

Besides the hydropower plants, the gas fired generation facilities account for a substantial portion of Statkraft's total generation capacity. Through these facilities Statkraft is exposed to risk factors such as the differential between gas and electricity prices. A negative development in the price differential between electricity and gas may negatively impact upon Statkraft's financial performance. The plants also emit carbon dioxide and other so called greenhouse gases. Availability and price changes on emission rights may also negatively impact upon Statkraft's financial performance.

Generation asset downtime and Third Party Liability

Operational irregularities or failure to keep hydro generation or other production assets running (whether due to accident or otherwise) may cause a drop in generation revenues.

Potential dam-break flooding following damage to Statkraft's water reservoirs and appurtenant structures represents a potential hazard to third parties. Accidents related to other parts of Statkraft's operations and products may also cause damage to third party property or persons. Such claims may not be recoverable through applicable insurance cover or otherwise.

Substitute energy sources

Different energy sources are substitutes for each other and can be correlated in a manner which may influence Statkraft's revenues and/or profitability. Coal, gas and oil are important drivers for electricity prices in Europe, and the price level in Europe influences the electricity prices in Norway and the Nordic region. New technologies and new generation methods may also influence the future price development and hence the competitiveness of hydro power generators.

Weather Related Risks

Statkraft's operations, including its generation capacity, can be affected by climate changes relating, inter alia, to changes in precipitation patterns. Furthermore, severe weather conditions can impact on Statkraft's ongoing operations as well as on its capex levels. Both climate change and severe weather conditions may negatively impact upon Statkraft's financial performance.

Counterparty Risks

The Group has major customers and substantial counter party exposures in its energy sales and trading operations. Default by one or more of such customers or counterparties may adversely affect the financial results of the Group.

Demand for electricity

Statkraft is predominantly exposed to the wholesale electricity market, which is considered as being more volatile in nature than the retail market. There is also a risk of reduction in demand for electricity caused

by *inter alia* structural changes within the energy intensive process industry, with potential impact on the Group's future profits.

Risks Related to Investment Activities

The Group runs ongoing investment programmes to update and renew its portfolio of assets. The ability to manage these investment programmes within set time and cost frames is vital for profitability.

In order to prepare for the future, and to comply with its stated strategy of being an innovative and leading player in the energy market, the Group has invested in projects within renewable energy. Inherent project risk, and changes to regulatory conditions, financing regimes and political trends, may affect the liability of these investments, and as a result, the financial condition of the Group.

Hedging, Trading and Structured Sales

The main goal for Statkraft's hedging operation is to identify and manage financial risk in connection with the electricity market. Losses in relation to these hedging operations could be caused by the occurrence of (but not limited to) the following events:

- (i) Statkraft uses forward instruments in its management of its exposure to the electricity market. Major movements in forward prices caused by events in the relevant market could prove that the assumptions made in the risk models were insufficient and, as a consequence, losses could occur.
- (ii) Incorrect trade collection and/or reporting, intentional or unintentional, caused by errors in either the front or back-offices could have the effect that internal risk measurement systems are unable to correctly measure the Group's exposure, which in turn could lead to unexpected losses.

The Group frequently trades financial energy products with industrial enterprises, power producers and distribution companies on a bilateral basis and via power exchanges throughout Europe. The Group furthermore enters into contracts with large customers specially designed to accommodate the needs of the individual customer. Trading activities and structured sales may have a negative effect on Statkraft's profitability.

Risk of Losses in Treasury Operations

Losses in relation to treasury operations could be caused by the occurrence of (but not limited to) the following events:

- (i) Statkraft uses interest rate and currency instruments in its management of its interest rate and foreign exchange exposure. Movements in interest rates and/or the value of currencies could cause losses on the hedging transactions.
- (ii) Incorrect trade collection and/or reporting, intentional or unintentional, caused by errors in either the front or back-offices could have the effect that internal risk measurement systems are unable to correctly measure the Group's exposure, which in turn could lead to unexpected losses.
- (iii) Statkraft may assume counterparty exposure in its treasury operations by entering into financial contracts. Default by a counterparty under such a contract could put Statkraft's claims at risk and/or cause losses by settlement exposure with such counterparty.

Funding and refinancing risk

Statkraft depends on the availability of funding and credit to finance future development plans and projects and/or to refinance existing facilities and debt. No assurance can be given that the capital markets and/or syndication markets in which banks operate will be accessible and able to provide debt finance in such amounts and on such terms as may be required at the relevant time.

Factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Notes issued under the Programme

Risks related to the structure of a particular issue of Notes

A wide range of Notes may be issued under the Programme. A number of these Notes may have features which contain particular risks for potential investors. Set out below is a description of the most common such features:

Notes subject to optional redemption by the Issuer

An optional redemption feature of Notes is likely to limit their market value. During any period when the Issuer may elect to redeem Notes, the market value of those Notes generally will not rise substantially above the price at which they can be redeemed. This also may be true prior to any redemption period.

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

Index Linked Notes and Dual Currency Notes

The Issuer may issue Notes with principal or interest determined by reference to an index or formula, to changes in the prices of securities or commodities, to movements in currency exchange rates or other factors (each, a **Relevant Factor**). In addition, the Issuer may issue Notes with principal or interest payable in one or more currencies which may be different from the currency in which the Notes are denominated. Potential investors should be aware that:

- (i) the market price of such Notes may be volatile;
- (ii) they may receive no interest;
- (iii) payment of principal or interest may occur at a different time or in a different currency than expected;
- (iv) they may lose all or a substantial portion of their principal;
- (v) a Relevant Factor may be subject to significant fluctuations that may not correlate with changes in interest rates, currencies or other indices;
- (vi) if a Relevant Factor is applied to Notes in conjunction with a multiplier greater than one or contains some other leverage factor, the effect of changes in the Relevant Factor on principal or interest payable likely will be magnified; and
- (vii) the timing of changes in a Relevant Factor may affect the actual yield to investors, even if the average level is consistent with their expectations. In general, the earlier the change in the Relevant Factor, the greater the effect on yield.

The historical experience of an index should not be viewed as an indication of the future performance of such index during the term of any Index Linked Notes. Accordingly, each potential investor should consult its own financial and legal advisers about the risk entailed by an investment in any Index Linked Notes and the suitability of such Notes in light of its particular circumstances.

Partly-paid Notes

The Issuer may issue Notes where the issue price is payable in more than one instalment. Failure to pay any subsequent instalment could result in an investor losing all of his investment.

Variable rate Notes with a multiplier or other leverage factor

Notes with variable interest rates can be volatile investments. If they are structured to include multipliers or other leverage factors, or caps or floors, or any combination of those features or other similar related features, their market values may be even more volatile than those for securities that do not include those features.

Inverse Floating Rate Notes

Inverse Floating Rate Notes have an interest rate equal to a fixed rate minus a rate based upon a reference rate such as LIBOR. The market values of those Notes typically are more volatile than market values of other conventional floating rate debt securities based on the same reference rate (and with otherwise comparable terms). Inverse Floating Rate Notes are more volatile because an increase in the reference rate not only decreases the interest rate of the Notes, but may also reflect an increase in prevailing interest rates, which further adversely affects the market value of these Notes.

Fixed/Floating Rate Notes

Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may bear interest at a rate that converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate, or from a floating rate to a fixed rate. Where the Issuer has the right to effect such a conversion, this will affect the secondary market and the market value of the Notes since the Issuer may be expected to convert the rate when it is likely to produce a lower overall cost of borrowing. If the Issuer converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate in such circumstances, the spread on the Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may be less favourable than then prevailing spreads on comparable Floating Rate Notes tied to the same reference rate. In addition, the new floating rate at any time may be lower than the rates on other Notes. If the Issuer converts from a floating rate to a fixed rate in such circumstances, the fixed rate may be lower than then prevailing rates on its Notes.

Notes issued at a substantial discount or premium

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

Risks related to Notes generally

Set out below is a brief description of certain risks relating to the Notes generally:

Modification and Waiver

The conditions of the Notes contain provisions for calling meetings of Noteholders to consider matters affecting their interests generally. These provisions permit defined majorities to bind all Noteholders including Noteholders who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting and Noteholders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority.

The conditions of the Notes also provide that the Trustee may, without the consent of Noteholders, agree to (i) any modification of, or to the waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach of, any of the provisions of Notes or (ii) determine without the consent of the Noteholders that any Event of Default or potential Event of Default shall not be treated as such.

EU Savings Directive

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

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

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

Change of law

The conditions of the Notes are based on English law in effect as at the date of this Offering Circular. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible judicial decision or change to English law or administrative practice after the date of this Offering Circular.

Notes where denominations involve integral multiples: definitive Notes

In relation to any issue of Notes which have denominations consisting of a minimum Specified Denomination plus one or more higher integral multiples of another smaller amount, it is possible that

such Notes may be traded in amounts that are not integral multiples of such minimum Specified Denomination. In such a case a holder who, as a result of trading such amounts, holds an amount which is less than the minimum Specified Denomination in his account with the relevant clearing system at the relevant time may not receive a definitive Note in respect of such holding (should definitive Notes be printed) and would need to purchase a principal amount of Notes such that its holding amounts to a Specified Denomination.

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

Reliance on DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg procedures

Notes issued under the Programme may be represented on issue by one or more Global Notes that may be deposited with a common depositary, or as the case may be, a common safekeeper for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg or may be deposited with a custodian for and registered in the name of a nominee of DTC. Interests in a Global Note will only be exchangeable for Notes in definitive form in the circumstances described in the relevant Global Note. Each of DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and their respective direct and indirect participants will maintain records of the beneficial interests in each Global Note held through it. While the Notes are represented by a Global Note, investors will be able to trade their beneficial interests only through the relevant clearing systems and their respective participants.

While the Notes are represented by Global Notes, the Issuer will discharge its payment obligation under the Notes by making payments through the relevant clearing systems. A holder of a beneficial interest in a Global Note must rely on the procedures of the relevant clearing system and its participants to receive payments under the Notes. The Issuer has no responsibility or liability for the records relating to, or payments made in respect of, beneficial interests in any Global Note.

Holders of beneficial interests in a Global Note will not have a direct right to vote in respect of the Notes so represented. Instead, such holders will be permitted to act only to the extent that they are enabled by the relevant clearing system and its participants to appoint appropriate proxies.

Risks related to the market generally

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

The secondary market generally

Notes may have no established trading market when issued, and one may never develop. If a market does develop, it may not be very liquid. Therefore, investors may not be able to sell their Notes easily or at prices that will provide them with a yield comparable to similar investments that have a developed secondary market. This is particularly the case for Notes that are especially sensitive to interest rate, currency or market risks, are designed for specific investment objectives or strategies or have been structured to meet the investment requirements of limited categories of investors. These types of Notes generally would have a more limited secondary market and more price volatility than conventional debt securities. Illiquidity may have a severely adverse effect on the market value of Notes.

Exchange rate risks and exchange controls

The Issuer will pay principal and interest on the Notes in the Specified Currency. This presents certain risks relating to currency conversions if an investor's financial activities are denominated principally in a currency or currency unit (the **Investor's Currency**) other than the Specified Currency. These include the risk that exchange rates may significantly change (including changes due to devaluation of the Specified Currency or revaluation of the Investor's Currency) and the risk that authorities with jurisdiction over the Investor's Currency may impose or modify exchange controls. An appreciation in the value of the Investor's Currency relative to the Specified Currency would decrease (1) the Investor's Currency-equivalent yield on the Notes, (2) the Investor's Currency-equivalent value of the principal payable on the Notes and (3) the Investor's Currency-equivalent market value of the Notes.

Government and monetary authorities may impose (as some have done in the past) exchange controls that could adversely affect an applicable exchange rate. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected, or no interest or principal.

Interest rate risks

Investment in Fixed Rate Notes involves the risk that subsequent changes in market interest rates may adversely affect the value of the Fixed Rate Notes.

Credit ratings may not reflect all risks

One or more independent credit rating agencies may assign credit ratings to the Notes. 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 Notes. 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.

In general, European regulated investors are restricted under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended) (the **CRA Regulation**) from using credit ratings for regulatory purposes, unless such ratings are issued by a credit rating agency established in the EU and registered under the CRA Regulation (and such registration has not been withdrawn or suspended), subject to transitional provisions that apply in certain circumstances whilst the registration application is pending. Such general restriction will also apply in the case of credit ratings issued by non-EU credit rating agencies, unless the relevant credit ratings are endorsed by an EU-registered credit rating agency or the relevant non-EU rating agency is certified in accordance with the CRA Regulation (and such endorsement action or certification, as the case may be, has not been withdrawn or suspended). Certain information with respect to the credit rating agencies and ratings will be disclosed in the Final Terms.

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 (1) Notes are legal investments for it, (2) Notes can be used as collateral for various types of borrowing and (3) other restrictions apply to its purchase or pledge of any Notes. Financial institutions should consult their legal advisors or the appropriate regulators to determine the appropriate treatment of Notes under any applicable risk-based capital or similar rules.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The following documents, which have previously been published and have been filed with the Financial Services Authority, shall be incorporated in, and form part of, this Offering Circular:

- (a) the auditors report and audited consolidated and non-consolidated annual financial statements of the Issuer for each of the financial years ended 31 December 2011 (which appear on pages 26 to 83 of the annual report of the Issuer for the year ended 31 December 2011) and 31 December 2010 (which appear on pages 26 to 89 of the annual report of the Issuer for the year ended 31 December 2010) together with the unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Issuer for the three months ended 31 March 2012; and
- (b) the Terms and Conditions of the Notes contained in the previous Offering Circulars dated 27 May 2010 (on pages 34 to 61 (inclusive)), 28 May 2009 (on pages 34 to 61 (inclusive)), 23 May 2008 (on pages 34 to 61 (inclusive)), 27 June 2007 (on pages 33 to 58 (inclusive)) and 15 June 2006 (on pages 32 to 56 (inclusive)) prepared by the Issuer in connection with the Programme.

Following the publication of this Offering Circular a supplement may be prepared by the Issuer and approved by the UK Listing Authority in accordance with Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive. Statements contained in any such supplement (or contained in any document incorporated by reference therein) shall, to the extent applicable (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise), be deemed to modify or supersede statements contained in this Offering Circular or in a document which is incorporated by reference in this Offering Circular. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not, except as so modified or superseded, constitute a part of this Offering Circular.

Copies of documents incorporated by reference in this Offering Circular can be obtained from the registered office of the Issuer and from the specified offices of the Paying Agent for the time being in London.

Any documents themselves incorporated by reference in the documents incorporated by reference in this Offering Circular shall not form part of this Offering Circular.

Any non-incorporated parts of a document referred to herein are either deemed not relevant for an investor or are otherwise covered elsewhere in this Offering Circular.

The Issuer will, in the event of any significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in this Offering Circular which is capable of affecting the assessment of any Notes, prepare a supplement to this Offering Circular or publish a new Offering Circular for use in connection with any subsequent issue of Notes. The Issuer has undertaken to the Dealers in the Programme Agreement (as defined in “*Subscription and Sale*”) that it will comply with section 87G of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

FORM OF THE NOTES

The Notes of each Series will be in bearer form, with or without interest coupons attached, registered form, without interest coupons attached or, in the case of VPS Notes, uncertificated book entry form. Bearer Notes will be issued outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S and Registered Notes will be issued both outside the United States in reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Regulation S and within the United States in reliance on Rule 144A or otherwise in private transactions that are exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

Unless otherwise provided with respect to a particular Series of Registered Notes, the Registered Notes of each Tranche of such Series offered and sold in reliance on Regulation S, which will be sold to non-U.S. persons outside the United States, will initially be represented by a Regulation S Global Note which will be deposited with a custodian for, and registered in the name of a nominee of, the Depositary Trust Company (**DTC**) for the accounts of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. With respect to all offers or sales by a Dealer of an unsold allotment or subscription and in any case prior to expiry of the Distribution Compliance Period applicable to each Tranche of Notes, beneficial interests in a Regulation S Global Note may not be offered or sold to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. person (save as otherwise provided in Condition 2) and may not be held otherwise than through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg and such Regulation S Global Note will bear a legend regarding such restrictions on transfer. Regulation S Global Notes will be exchangeable for Definitive Registered Notes only in the limited circumstances as more fully described in Condition 2. Terms used in this paragraph shall have the meanings given to them by Regulation S.

Registered Notes of each Tranche may only be offered and sold in the United States or to U.S. persons in private transactions: (i) to QIBs; or (ii) to Institutional Accredited Investors and who execute and deliver an IAI Investment Letter (as defined in the *Terms and Conditions of the Notes*) in which they agree to purchase the Notes for their own account and not with a view to the distribution thereof.

The Registered Notes of each Tranche sold to QIBs will be represented by a Restricted Global Note which will be deposited with a custodian for, and registered in the name of a nominee of, DTC. Persons holding beneficial interests in Registered Global Notes will be entitled or required, as the case may be, under the circumstances described in Condition 2 to receive physical delivery of Definitive Registered Notes.

The Registered Notes of each Tranche sold to Institutional Accredited Investors will be in definitive form, registered in the name of the holder thereof. Such Definitive Registered Notes issued to Institutional Accredited Investors and any Restricted Global Notes will be subject to certain restrictions on transfer set forth therein and will bear a legend regarding such restrictions.

Payments of principal of the Registered Notes will, in the absence of provision to the contrary, be made to the persons shown on the Register at the close of business on the business day immediately prior to the relevant payment or delivery date. Payments of interest on Registered Notes will be made on the relevant payment date to the person in whose name such Notes are registered on the Record Date (as defined in Condition 6) immediately preceding such payment date. None of the Issuer, the Principal Paying Agent, any Paying Agent, the Exchange Agent or the Registrar will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments or deliveries made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the Registered Global Notes or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

Each Tranche of Bearer Notes will be initially represented by a Temporary Global Note or a Permanent Global Note (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) without receipts, interest coupons or talons. If the Global Notes are intended to be issued in new global note (**NGN**) form, as stated in the applicable Final Terms, the Temporary Global Note will be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche to a common safekeeper (the **Common Safekeeper**) for Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (**Euroclear**) and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme (**Clearstream, Luxembourg**), and if the Global Notes are not intended to be issued in NGN form, the Temporary Global Note will be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche to a common depositary (the **Common Depositary**) for, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other agreed clearing system. Whilst any Bearer Note is represented by a Temporary Global Note, payments of principal and interest (if any) and any other amount payable in respect of the Notes prior to the Exchange Date (as defined below) will be made (against presentation of the Temporary Global Note if the Temporary Global Note is not intended to be issued in NGN form) only to the extent that certification (in a form to be provided) to the effect that the beneficial owners of interests in such Note are not U.S. persons or persons who have purchased for resale

to any U.S. person, as required by U.S. Treasury regulations, has been received by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, has given a like certification (based on the certifications it has received) to the Principal Paying Agent.

On and after the date (the **Exchange Date**) which is 40 days after a Temporary Global Note is issued, interests in such Temporary Global Note will be exchangeable (free of charge) upon a request as described therein either (a) for interests in a Permanent Global Note of the same series without receipts, interest coupons or talons or (b) for definitive Bearer Notes of the same series with, where applicable, receipts, interest coupons and talons attached (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms and subject, in the case of definitive Bearer Notes, to such notice period as is specified in the applicable Final Terms) in each case against certification of beneficial ownership as described in the second sentence of the immediately preceding paragraph unless such certification has already been given. The holder of a Temporary Global Note will not be entitled to collect any payment of interest or principal due on or after the Exchange Date unless, upon due certification, exchange of the Temporary Global Note for an interest in a Permanent Global Note or for definitive Bearer Notes is improperly withheld or refused. Each exchange of an interest in a Temporary Global Note for an interest in a Permanent Global Note or definitive Bearer Notes, as the case may be, and each exchange of an interest in a Permanent Global Note for definitive Bearer Notes, shall be made outside the United States.

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

The applicable Final Terms will specify that a Permanent Global Note will be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole but not in part, for definitive Notes with, where applicable, receipts, interest coupons and talons attached only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event as described therein. **Exchange Event** means (i) an Event of Default (as defined in Condition 10) has occurred and is continuing, (ii) the Issuer has been notified that either Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg has been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or has announced an intention permanently to cease business or has in fact done so and no alternative clearing system satisfactory to the Trustee is available or (iii) the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay additional amounts as provided for or referred to in Condition 8 which would not be required were the Notes represented by the Permanent Global Note in definitive form and a certificate to such effect signed by two Directors of the Issuer is given to the Trustee. The Issuer will promptly give notice to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 if an Exchange Event occurs. In the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg or the common depositary or the common safekeeper for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, on their behalf (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Permanent Global Note) or the Trustee may give notice to the Principal Paying Agent requesting exchange and, in the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event as described in (iii) above, the Issuer may also give notice to the Principal Paying Agent requesting exchange. Any such exchange shall occur not later than 60 days after the date of receipt of the first relevant notice by the Principal Paying Agent.

Pursuant to the Agency Agreement (as defined under “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*” below) the Principal Paying Agent shall arrange that, where a further Tranche of Notes is issued which is intended to form a single Series with an existing Tranche of Notes, the Notes of such further Tranche shall be assigned (where applicable) a CUSIP number, a common code and/or an ISIN which are different from the CUSIP number, common code and/or ISIN assigned to Notes of any other Tranche of the same Series until the end of the Distribution Compliance Period. At the end of the Distribution Compliance Period, the CUSIP number, common code and ISIN, as the case may be, thereafter applicable to the Notes of the relevant Series will be notified by the Principal Paying Agent to the relevant Dealer.

All Notes, other than VPS Notes, will be issued pursuant to the Agency Agreement.

For so long as any of the Notes is represented by a bearer global Note deposited with a common safekeeper or a common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg or so long as DTC or its nominee is the registered holder of a Registered Global Note or so long as a Note is a VPS Note, each person who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear or of Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC or the VPS, as the case may be, as entitled to a particular nominal amount of Notes (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC or its nominee or the VPS as to the nominal amount of Notes standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest error) shall be deemed to be the holder of such

nominal amount of such Notes for all purposes other than (in the case only of Notes not being VPS Notes) with respect to the payment of principal or interest on the Notes, for which purpose such common depositary or common safekeeper or, as the case may be, DTC or its nominee shall be deemed to be the holder of such nominal amount of such Notes in accordance with and subject to the terms of the relevant global Note and the Agency Agreement (and the expression **Noteholder** and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

No beneficial owner of an interest in a Registered Global Note will be able to exchange or transfer that interest, except in accordance with the applicable procedures of DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, in each case, to the extent applicable.

Each Tranche of VPS Notes will be issued in uncertificated and dematerialised book entry form. Legal title to the VPS Notes will be evidenced by book entries in the records of the VPS. Issues of VPS Notes will be constituted by the Trust Deed. On the issue of such VPS Notes, the Issuer will send a letter to the Trustee, with copies sent to the Issuing and Principal Paying Agent and the VPS Account Manager (the **VPS Letter**), which letter will set out the terms of the relevant issue of VPS Notes in the form of Final Terms attached thereto. On delivery of a copy of such VPS Letter, including the applicable Final Terms, to the VPS and notification to the VPS of the subscribers and their VPS account details by the relevant Dealer, the account operator acting on behalf of the Issuer will credit each subscribing account holder with the VPS with a nominal amount of VPS Notes equal to the nominal amount thereof for which it has subscribed and paid.

Settlement of sale and purchase transactions in respect of VPS Notes in the VPS will take place three Oslo business days after the date of the relevant transaction. Transfers of interests in the relevant VPS Notes will take place in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of the VPS.

The following legend will appear on all global Bearer Notes and definitive Bearer Notes which have an original maturity of more than 365 days, and on all receipts, interest coupons and talons relating to such Notes:

“Any United States person who holds this obligation will be subject to limitations under the United States income tax laws, including the limitations provided in Sections 165(j) and 1287(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.”

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

Any reference in this section “*Form of the Notes*” to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or DTC and/or the VPS shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system specified in the applicable Final Terms or as may otherwise be approved by the Issuer, the Principal Paying Agent and the Trustee.

No Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder shall be entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer unless the Trustee, having become bound so to proceed, fails so to do within a reasonable period and the failure shall be continuing.

APPLICABLE FINAL TERMS

Set out below is the form of Final Terms which will be completed for each Tranche of Notes issued under the Programme.

[Date]

STATKRAFT AS

**Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Notes]
under the €6,000,000,000
Euro Medium Term Note Programme**

PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions set forth in the Offering Circular dated 12 June 2012 which[, as modified by a supplement to the Offering Circular dated [date of supplement],] constitutes a base prospectus for the purposes of Directive 2003/71/EC (the **Prospectus Directive**). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the Offering Circular [and such supplement to the Offering Circular]. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms [./and] the Offering Circular [and such supplement to the Offering Circular]. The Offering Circular [and such supplement] [is/are] available for viewing during normal business hours at and copies may be obtained from the registered office of the Issuer and at the specified offices of the Paying Agents.

[The following alternative language applies if the first tranche of an issue which is being increased was issued under an Offering Circular with an earlier date.]

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the **Conditions**) set forth in the Offering Circular dated [original date] which are incorporated by reference in the Offering Circular dated 12 June 2012 and are attached hereto. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of Directive 2003/71/EC (the **Prospectus Directive**) and must be read in conjunction with the Offering Circular dated 12 June 2012 [as modified by the supplement to the Offering Circular dated [date of supplement],] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms [./and] the Offering Circular dated 12 June 2012 [and the supplement to the Offering Circular dated [date of supplement]]. Copies of such Offering Circular [and such supplement] are available for viewing during normal business hours at and copies may be obtained from the registered office of the Issuer and the specified offices of the Paying Agents.]

[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as “Not Applicable” (N/A). Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if “Not Applicable” is indicated for individual paragraphs or sub-paragraphs. Italics denote directions for completing the Final Terms.]

[When adding any other final terms or information consideration should be given as to whether such terms or information constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Offering Circular under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.]

[If the Notes have a maturity of less than one year from the date of their issue, the minimum denomination may need to be £100,000 or its equivalent in any other currency.]

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| 1. | Issuer: | Statkraft AS |
| 2. | (i) Series Number: | [] |
| | (ii) Tranche Number: | [] |
| | | <i>(If fungible with an existing Series, details of that Series, including the date on which the Notes become fungible)</i> |
| 3. | Specified Currency or Currencies: | [] |

4. Aggregate Nominal Amount:
- (i) Series: []
- (ii) Tranche: []
5. Issue Price: [] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from *[insert date]* (if applicable)]
6. (a) Specified Denominations: []
(in the case of Registered Notes, this means the minimum integral amount in which transfers can be made) []
(Note – where Bearer Notes with multiple denominations above [€100,000] or equivalent are being used the following sample wording should be followed: “[€100,000] and integral multiples of [€1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [€199,000]. No Notes in definitive form will be issued with a denomination above [€199,000].”)¹
(N.B. If an issue of Notes is (i) NOT admitted to trading on an European Economic Area exchange; and (ii) only offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is not required to be published under the Prospectus Directive the €100,000 minimum denomination is not required.)
- (b) Calculation Amount: []
(If only one Specified Denomination, insert the Specified Denomination).
(If more than one Specified Denomination, insert the highest common factor. Note: There must be a common factor in the case of two or more Specified Denominations.)
7. (i) Issue Date: []
- (ii) Interest Commencement Date: [Specify/Issue Date/Not Applicable]
(N.B. An Interest Commencement Date will not be relevant for certain Notes, for example Zero Coupon Notes)
8. Maturity Date: *[Fixed rate – specify date/
Floating rate – Interest Payment Date
falling in or nearest to [specify month]]*
9. Interest Basis: [[] per cent. Fixed Rate]
[[LIBOR/EURIBOR] +/- [] per cent. Floating Rate]
[Zero Coupon]
[Index Linked Interest]
[Dual Currency Interest]
[specify other]
(further particulars specified below)

¹ Delete if notes being issued are in registered form.

10. Redemption/Payment Basis: [Redemption at par]
[Index Linked Redemption]
[Dual Currency Redemption]
[Partly Paid]
[Instalment]
[specify other]
(N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value the Notes will be derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation will apply.)
11. Change of Interest Basis or Redemption/Payment Basis: [Specify details of any provision for change of Notes into another Interest Basis or Redemption/Payment Basis]
12. Put/Call Options: [Investor Put]
[Change of Control Put]
[Issuer Call]
[(further particulars specified below)]
13. (a) Status of the Notes: Senior
(b) [Date [Board] approval for issuance of Notes obtained: []]
(N.B. Only relevant where Board (or similar) authorisation is required for the particular tranche of Notes)
14. Method of distribution: [Syndicated/Non-syndicated]

PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE

15. **Fixed Rate Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
- (i) Rate(s) of Interest: [] per cent. per annum [payable [annually/semi-annually/quarterly/other (specify)] in arrear]
(If payable other than annually, consider amending Condition 5)
- (ii) Interest Payment Date(s): [[] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date]/[specify other]
(NB: This will need to be amended in the case of long or short coupons)
- (iii) Fixed Coupon Amount(s): [] per Calculation Amount
(Applicable to Notes in Definitive form)
- (iv) Broken Amount(s): [] per Calculation Amount, payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] []
(Applicable to Notes in Definitive form)
- (v) Day Count Fraction: [30/360 or Actual/Actual (ICMA) or [specify other]]

- (vi) [Determination Date(s): [] in each year
 [(Insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date or maturity date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon)
 (NB: This will need to be amended in the case of regular interest payment dates which are not of equal duration)
 (NB: Only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA))]
- (vii) Other terms relating to the method of calculating interest for Fixed Rate Notes: [None/Give Details]
16. **Floating Rate Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
 (If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
- (i) Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest Payment Dates: []
- (ii) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention/[specify other]]
- (iii) Additional Business Centre(s): []
- (iv) Manner in which the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount is to be determined: [Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination/specify other]
- (v) Party responsible for calculation the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount (if not the Principal Paying Agent): []
- (vi) Screen Rate Determination:
- Reference Rate: []
 (Either LIBOR, EURIBOR or other, although additional information is required if other – including fallback provisions in the Agency Agreement)
 - Interest Determination Date(s): []
 (Second London business day prior to the start of each Interest Period if LIBOR (other than sterling or euro LIBOR), first day of each Interest Period if Sterling LIBOR and the second day on which the TARGET2 System is open prior to the start of each Interest Period if EURIBOR or euro LIBOR)
 - Relevant Screen Page: []
 (In the case of EURIBOR, if not Reuters EURIBOR 01 ensure it is a page which shows a composite rate or amend the fallback provisions appropriately)
- (vii) ISDA Determination:
- Floating Rate Option: []
 - Designated Maturity: []
 - Reset Date: []
- (viii) Margin(s): [+/-] [] per cent. per annum

- (ix) Minimum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum
- (x) Maximum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum
- (xi) Day Count Fraction: [Actual/Actual (ISDA)
Actual/365 (Fixed)
Actual/365 (Sterling)
Actual/360
30/360 or 360/360 or Bond Basis
30E/360 or Eurobond Basis
30E/360 (ISDA)
Other]
(See Condition 5 for alternatives)
- (xii) Fall back provisions, rounding provisions and any other terms relating to the method of calculating interest on Floating Rate Notes, if different from those set out in the Conditions: []
17. **Zero Coupon Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
- (i) Accrual Yield: [] per cent. per annum
- (ii) Reference Price: []
- (iii) Any other formula/basis of determining amount payable: []
- (iv) Day Count Fraction in relation to Early Redemption Amounts and late payment: [Conditions 7(e)(iii) and 7(j) apply/specify other]
(Consider applicable day count fraction if not U.S. dollar denominated)
18. **Index Linked Interest Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
(N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value the Notes will be derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation will apply.)
- (i) Index/Formula: [give or annex details]
- (ii) Calculation Agent: [give name (and, if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies, address)]
- (iii) Party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest (if not the Calculation Agent) and Interest (if not the Agent): []
- (iv) Provisions for determining coupon where calculation by reference to Index and/or Formula is impossible or impracticable: [need to include a description of market disruption or settlement disruption events and adjustment provisions]
- (v) Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest Payment Dates: []

- (vi) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention/*specify other*]
- (vii) Additional Business Centre(s): []
- (viii) Minimum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum
- (ix) Maximum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum
- (x) Day Count Fraction: []
19. **Dual Currency Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
(N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value the Notes will be derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation will apply.)
- (i) Rate of Exchange/method of calculating Rate of Exchange: [give or annex details]
- (ii) Party, if any, responsible for calculating the principal and/or interest due (if not the Agent): []
- (iii) Provisions applicable where calculation by reference to Rate of Exchange impossible or impracticable: *[need to include a description of market disruption or settlement disruption events and adjustment provisions]*
- (iv) Person at whose option Specified Currency(ies) is/are payable: []
- PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION**
20. Issuer Call [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): []
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [[] per Calculation Amount/*specify other/see Appendix*]
- (iii) If redeemable in part:
- (a) Minimum Redemption Amount: []
- (b) Higher Redemption Amount: []
- (iv) Notice period (if other than as set out in the Conditions): []
(N.B. If setting notice periods which are different to those provided in the Conditions, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and the Agent or Trustee)

21. Investor Put [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): []
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) and method, if any, of calculating such amount(s): [[] per Calculation Amount/specify other/see Appendix]
- (iii) Notice period (if other than as set out in the Conditions): []
(N.B. If setting notice periods which are different to those provided in the Conditions, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and the Agent or Trustee)
22. Change of Control Put: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
23. Final Redemption Amount: [] per Calculation Amount
(N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value the Notes will be derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation will apply.)
24. Early Redemption Amount(s) payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on event of default and/or the method of calculating the same (if required or if different from that set out in Condition 7): [] [per Calculation Amount/specify other/see Appendix]

GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES

25. Form of Notes:
- (a) Form [Bearer Notes:
- [Temporary Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note which is exchangeable for Definitive Notes only upon an Exchange Event]
- [Temporary Bearer Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes on and after the Exchange Date]
- [Permanent Bearer Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes only upon an Exchange Event]
- [Notes shall not be physically delivered in Belgium, except to a clearing system, a depository or other institution for the purpose of their immobilisation in accordance with article 4 of the Belgian Law of 14 December 2005.]*

- [Registered Notes:
Regulation S Global Note ([currency][] nominal amount)/Rule 144A Global Note ([currency][] nominal amount)/
Definitive IAI Registered Notes (*specify nominal amounts*)]
- (Ensure that this is consistent with the wording in the “Form of the Notes” section in the Offering Circular and the Notes themselves. N.B. The exchange upon notice/ at any time options should not be expressed to be applicable if the Specified Denomination of the Notes in paragraph 6 includes language substantially to the following effect: “[€100,000] and integral multiples of [€1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [€199,000].” Furthermore, such Specified Denomination construction is not permitted in relation to any issue of Notes which is to be represented on issue by a Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes.)*
- [VPS Notes issued in uncertificated book entry]
- (b) New Global Note: [Yes][No]
26. Additional Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to Payment Dates: [Not Applicable/give details]
(Note that this paragraph relates to the place of payment and not Interest Period end dates to which sub-paragraphs 16(iii) and 18(vii) relate)
27. Talons for future Coupons or Receipts to be attached to Definitive Notes (and dates on which such Talons mature): [Yes/No. If yes, give details]
28. Details relating to Partly Paid Notes: amount of each payment comprising the Issue Price and date on which each payment is to be made and consequences of failure to pay, including any right of the Issuer to forfeit the Notes and interest due on late payment: [Not Applicable/give details.
NB: a new form of Temporary Global Note and/or Permanent Global Note may be required for Partly Paid issues]
29. Details relating to Instalment Notes:
- (i) Instalment Amount(s): [Not Applicable/give details]
- (ii) Instalment Date(s): [Not Applicable/give details]
30. Redenomination applicable: Redenomination [not] applicable
(if Redenomination is applicable, specify the terms of Redenomination in an Annex to the Final Terms)
31. Other final terms: [Not Applicable/give details]
(When adding any other final terms consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Offering Circular under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)

DISTRIBUTION

32. (i) If syndicated, names of Managers:

[Not Applicable/give names]
(If the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies, include names of entities agreeing to underwrite the issue on a firm commitment basis and names of the entities agreeing to place the issue without a firm commitment or on a “best efforts” basis if such entities are not the same as the Managers.)
- (ii) Date of Subscription Agreement:

[]
- (iii) Stabilising Manager(s) (if any):

[Not Applicable/give name(s)]
33. If non-syndicated, name of relevant Dealer:

[Not Applicable/give name]
34. U.S. Selling Restrictions:

[Reg. S Compliance Category: TEFRA D/TEFRA C/TEFRA not applicable]
35. Additional selling restrictions:

[Not Applicable/give details]

PURPOSE OF FINAL TERMS

These Final Terms comprise the final terms required for issue and admission to trading on the London Stock Exchange’s regulated market and listing on the Official List of the UK Listing Authority of the Notes described herein pursuant to the €6,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme of Statkraft AS.

RESPONSIBILITY

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in these Final Terms. *[[Relevant third party information, for example in compliance with Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation in relation to an index or its components]* has been extracted from *[specify source]*. The Issuer confirms that such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by *[specify source]*, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading].

Signed on behalf of Statkraft AS:

By
Duly authorised

PART B – OTHER INFORMATION

1. LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING

(i) Listing and Admission to trading:

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

(ii) Estimate of total expenses related to admission to trading:

[]

2. RATINGS

Ratings:

The Notes to be issued [[have been]/[are expected to be]] rated [insert details] by [insert the legal name of the relevant credit rating agency entity(ies)].

(The above disclosure should reflect the rating allocated to Notes of the type being issued under the Programme generally or, where the issue has been specifically rated, that rating.)

[[Insert the legal name of the relevant credit rating agency entity] is established in the European Union and is registered under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended). [As such [insert the legal name of the relevant credit rating agency entity] is included in the list of credit rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority on its website in accordance with such Regulation.]]

[[Insert the legal name of the relevant non-EU credit rating agency entity] is not established in the European Union and is not registered in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended). [[Insert the legal name of the relevant non-EU credit rating agency entity] is therefore not included in the list of credit rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority on its website in accordance with such Regulation.]]

[[Insert the legal name of the relevant non-EU credit rating agency entity] is not established in the European Union and has not applied for registration under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended) (the **CRA Regulation**). The ratings have been endorsed by [insert the legal name of the relevant EU-registered credit rating agency entity] in accordance with the CRA Regulation. [Insert the legal name of the relevant EU-registered credit rating agency entity] is established in the European Union and registered under the CRA Regulation. [As such [insert the legal name of the relevant EU credit rating agency entity] is included in the list of credit rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority on its website in accordance with the CRA Regulation.]]

[[Insert the legal name of the relevant non-EU credit rating agency entity] is not established in the European Union and has not applied for registration under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended) (the **CRA Regulation**) but it is certified in accordance with the CRA Regulation[[EITHER:] and it is included in the list of credit rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority on its website in accordance with the CRA Regulation] [[OR:] although notification of the corresponding certification decision has not yet been provided by the European Securities and Markets Authority and [insert the legal name of the relevant non-EU credit rating agency entity] is not included in the list of credit rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority on its website in accordance with the CRA Regulation]].]

3. **INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE**

[Save for any fees payable to the [Managers/Dealers], so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the issue of the Notes has an interest material to the offer. – *Amend as appropriate if there are other interests*]

[(When adding any other description, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Offering Circular under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)]

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

[(i) Reasons for the offer: []]

[(ii)] Estimated net proceeds: []]

[(iii)] Estimated total expenses:

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(N.B.: Delete unless the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies, in which case (i) above is required where the reasons for the offer are different from making profit and/or hedging certain risks regardless of the minimum denomination of the securities and where this is the case disclosure of net proceeds and total expenses at (ii) and (iii) above are also required.)

5. YIELD (Fixed Rate Notes only)

Indication of yield:

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

6. PERFORMANCE OF INDEX/FORMULA AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE UNDERLYING (Index-Linked Notes only)

[Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the index/formula can be obtained.]

[Where the underlying is an index need to include the name of the index and a description if composed by the Issuer and if the index is not composed by the Issuer need to include details of where the information about the index can be obtained.]

[Include other information concerning the underlying required by paragraph 4.2 of Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation.]

[(When completing the above paragraphs, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Offering Circular under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)]

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

(N.B. This paragraph 6 only applies if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies.)

7. PERFORMANCE OF RATE[S] OF EXCHANGE (Dual Currency Notes only)

[Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the relevant rates can be obtained.]

[(When completing this paragraph, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Offering Circular under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)]

(N.B. This paragraph 7 only applies if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies.)

8. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

(i) ISIN Code:

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(ii) Common Code:

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(iii) US ISIN Code:

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(iv) 144A CUSIP:

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(v) Regulation S CINS:

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- (vi) Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank SA/NV and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme and the relevant identification number(s): [Not Applicable/give name(s) and number(s)/Verdipapirsentralen, Norway. VPS identification number: []. The Issuer shall be entitled to obtain certain information from the register maintained by the VPS for the purposes of performing its obligations under the issue of VPS Notes]
- (vii) Delivery: Delivery [against/free of] payment
- (viii) Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any): []
- (ix) Intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility: [Yes] [No]
- [Note that the designation “yes” simply means that the Notes are intended upon issue to be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper and does not necessarily mean that the Notes will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any or all times during their life. Such recognition will depend upon satisfaction of the Eurosystem eligibility criteria.] *[include this text if “yes” selected in which case Bearer Notes must be issued in NGN form]*

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

The following are the Terms and Conditions of the Notes to be issued by the Issuer which will be incorporated by reference into each global Note and each definitive Note, in the latter case only if permitted by the relevant stock exchange or other relevant authority (if any) and agreed by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer at the time of issue, but if not so permitted and agreed such definitive Note will have endorsed thereon or attached thereto such Terms and Conditions. The following Terms and Conditions will, to the extent practicable and/or in the absence of any statement to the contrary, be applicable to each VPS Note. VPS Notes will not be evidenced by any physical note or document of title other than statements of account made by the VPS. Ownership of VPS Notes will be recorded and transfer effected only through the book entry system and register maintained by the VPS. The applicable Final Terms in relation to any Tranche of Notes (including VPS Notes) may specify other terms and conditions which shall to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the following Terms and Conditions, replace or modify the following Terms and Conditions for the purpose of such Notes. The applicable Final Terms (or the relevant provisions thereof) will be endorsed upon, or attached to, each Temporary Global Note, Permanent Global Note, Regulation S Global Note, Restricted Global Note and definitive Note. Reference should be made to “Applicable Final Terms” above for a description of the content of Final Terms which will include the definitions of certain terms used in the following Terms and Conditions or specify which of such terms are to apply in relation to the relevant Notes.

This Note is one of a Series (as defined below) of Notes issued by Statkraft AS (the **Issuer**) constituted by a Trust Deed (such Trust Deed as modified and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the **Trust Deed**) dated 15 June 2006 made between the Issuer and Citicorp Trustee Company Limited (the **Trustee**, which expression shall include any successor as Trustee). References herein to the **Notes** shall be references to the Notes of this Series and shall mean (i) in relation to any Notes represented by a global Note, units of the lowest Specified Denomination in the Specified Currency, (ii) definitive Bearer Notes issued in exchange for a global Note, (iii) any global Note, (iv) in relation to any Notes represented by definitive Registered Notes, units of the lowest Specified Denomination in the Specified Currency, (v) any definitive Registered Notes, and (vi) Notes cleared through the Norwegian Central Securities Depository, the *Verdipapirsentralen* (**VPS Notes** and the **VPS**, respectively). References herein to **NGN** shall mean a Temporary Global Note or a Permanent Global Note in either case where the applicable Final Terms specify the Notes as being in NGN form. The Notes (other than the VPS Notes), the Receipts (as defined below) and the Coupons (as defined below) have the benefit of an Agency Agreement dated 26 May 2011 (as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the **Agency Agreement**) made between the Issuer, the Trustee, Citibank, N.A., as principal paying agent (the **Principal Paying Agent**, which expression shall include any successor principal paying agent) and as exchange agent (the **Exchange Agent**, which expression shall include any successor exchange agent) and as transfer agent (the **Transfer Agent** and, together with Citigroup Global Markets Deutschland AG, the **Transfer Agents**, which expressions shall include any successors in their capacity as such and any substitute or any additional transfer agents appointed in accordance with the Agency Agreement), Citigroup Global Markets Deutschland AG, as registrar (the **Registrar**, which expression shall include any successor registrar) and Citigroup Global Markets Deutschland AG as paying agent (together with the Principal Paying Agent, the **Paying Agents**, which expression shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include any successors in their capacity as such and any substitute or any additional paying agents appointed in accordance with the Agency Agreement). Each Tranche of VPS Notes will be created and held in uncertificated book entry form in accounts with the VPS. DnB NOR Bank ASA, Verdipapirservice (the **VPS Account Manager**) will act as agent of the Issuer in respect of all dealings with the VPS in respect of VPS Notes.

Interest bearing definitive Bearer Notes (unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Final Terms) have interest coupons (**Coupons**) and, if indicated in the applicable Final Terms, talons for further Coupons (**Talons**) attached on issue. Any reference herein to Coupons or coupons shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to include a reference to Talons or talons. Definitive Bearer Notes repayable in instalments have receipts (**Receipts**) for the payment of the instalments of principal (other than the final instalment) attached on issue. Definitive Registered Notes do not have Receipts or Coupons attached on issue.

The final terms for this Note (or the relevant provisions thereof) are set out in Part A of the Final Terms, and which are (except in the case of VPS Notes) attached to or endorsed on this Note, which supplement these Terms and Conditions and may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with these Terms and Conditions, replace or modify these Terms and Conditions for the purposes of this Note. References to the **applicable Final Terms** are to Part A of

the Final Terms (or the relevant provisions thereof) which (except in the case of VPS Notes) are attached to or endorsed on this Note.

The Trustee acts for the benefit of the holders for the time being of the Notes (the **Noteholders**, which expression shall, in relation to any Notes represented by a Global Note, and in relation to VPS Notes, be construed as provided below), the holders of the Receipts (the **Receiptholders**) and the holders of the Coupons (the **Couponholders**, which expression shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include the holders of the Talons), in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed. Any reference to **Noteholders** or **holders** in relation to any Notes shall mean (in the case of Bearer Notes) the holders of the Notes and (in the case of Registered Notes) the persons in whose name the Notes are registered in the register and shall, in relation to any VPS Notes or Notes represented by a global Note, be construed as provided below. VPS Notes are in dematerialised form: any references in these Terms and Conditions to Receipts, Coupons and Talons shall not apply to VPS Notes and no global or definitive Notes will be issued in respect thereof. These Terms and Conditions shall be construed accordingly.

As used herein, **Tranche** means Notes which are identical in all respects (including as to listing and admission to trading) and **Series** means a Tranche of Notes together with any further Tranche or Tranches of Notes which are (i) expressed to be consolidated and form a single series and (ii) identical in all respects (including as to listing and admission to trading) except for their respective Issue Dates, Interest Commencement Dates and/or Issue Prices.

Copies of the Agency Agreement and the Trust Deed are available for inspection during normal business hours at the registered office for the time being of the Trustee being at 12 June 2012 at Citigroup Centre, Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5LB and at the specified office of each of the Paying Agents, the Registrar and the Transfer Agents. Copies of the applicable Final Terms are available for viewing at and copies may be obtained from the registered office of the Issuer and from the specified office of each of the Paying Agents, the Registrar and the Transfer Agents save that, if this Note is neither admitted to trading on a regulated market in the European Economic Area nor offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is required to be published under the Prospectus Directive, the applicable Final Terms will only be obtainable by a Noteholder holding one or more Notes and such Noteholder must produce evidence satisfactory to the Registrar, the Trustee or the relevant Paying Agent or Transfer Agent, as the case may be, as to its holding of Notes and as to identity. The Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders are deemed to have notice of, and are entitled to the benefit of, all the provisions of the Agency Agreement, the Trust Deed and the applicable Final Terms which are applicable to them. The statements in these Terms and Conditions include summaries of, and are subject to, the detailed provisions of the Trust Deed.

Words and expressions defined in the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement or used in the applicable Final Terms shall have the same meanings where used in these Terms and Conditions unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise stated and provided that, in the event of inconsistency between the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement, the Trust Deed will prevail and, in the event of inconsistency between the Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement and the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms will prevail.

In these Terms and Conditions, **euro** means the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union, as amended.

1. Form, Denomination and Title

The Notes may be in bearer form (**Bearer Notes**), in registered form (**Registered Notes**) or, in the case of VPS Notes, in uncertificated book entry form, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and, in the case of definitive Notes, will be serially numbered, in the Specified Currency and the Specified Denomination(s). Save as provided in Condition 2, Notes of one Specified Denomination may not be exchanged for Notes of another Specified Denomination.

Bearer Notes may not be exchanged for Registered Notes and vice versa. VPS Notes may not be exchanged for Bearer Notes or Registered Notes and vice versa.

This Note is a Fixed Rate Note, a Floating Rate Note, a Zero Coupon Note, an Index Linked Interest Note, a Dual Currency Interest Note, or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending upon the Interest Basis shown in the applicable Final Terms.

This Note may be an Index Linked Redemption Note, an Instalment Note, a Dual Currency Redemption Note, a Partly Paid Note or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending on the Redemption/Payment Basis shown in the applicable Final Terms.

Each Tranche of Bearer Notes will be initially represented by a temporary global Note or a permanent global Note (as so specified in the applicable Final Terms) each without Receipts, Coupons or Talons (each, a **Temporary Global Note** or a **Permanent Global Note** as applicable). If the Global Notes are intended to be issued in new global note (NGN) form, as stated in the applicable Final Terms, the Temporary Global Note will be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche to a common safekeeper (the **Common Safekeeper**) for Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (**Euroclear**) and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme (**Clearstream, Luxembourg**), and if the Global Notes are not intended to be issued in NGN Form, the Temporary Global Note will be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche to a common depositary (the **Common Depositary**) for, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other agreed clearing system. On or after the fortieth day after the date of its issue beneficial interests in a Temporary Global Note will be exchangeable upon a request as described therein either for interests in a Permanent Global Note or for definitive Bearer Notes (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms and subject, in the case of definitive Bearer Notes, to such notice period as is specified in the applicable Final Terms), in each case against certification to the effect that the beneficial owner of interests in such Temporary Global Notes is not a U.S. person or a person who has purchased for resale to any U.S. person, as required by U.S. Treasury regulations. A Permanent Global Note will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole but not in part for definitive Bearer Notes with, where applicable, Receipts, Coupons and Talons attached either upon not less than 60 days' written notice to the Principal Paying Agent as described therein or only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event as specified therein.

Bearer Notes in definitive form are issued with Coupons and (if applicable) Receipts and Talons attached, unless they are Zero Coupon Notes in which case references to Coupons and Couponholders in these Terms and Conditions are not applicable.

Unless otherwise provided with respect to a particular series of Registered Notes, Registered Notes of each Tranche sold outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S (**Regulation S**) under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, (the **Securities Act**) will, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, be represented by a permanent global Registered Note, without Receipts, Coupons or Talons, (each, a **Regulation S Global Note**), deposited with a custodian for, and registered in the name of a nominee of, The Depository Trust Company (**DTC**). Notes in definitive registered form (**Definitive Registered Notes**) issued in exchange for Regulation S Global Notes or otherwise sold or transferred in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act, together with the Regulation S Global Notes, are referred to herein as **Regulation S Notes**. With respect to all offers or sales of an unsold allotment or subscription and in any case prior to expiry of the period that ends 40 days after the later of the relevant Issue Date and completion of the distribution of each Tranche of Notes, as certified by the relevant Dealer, in the case of a non-syndicated issue, or by the Lead Manager, in the case of a syndicated issue (the **Distribution Compliance Period**), beneficial interests in a Regulation S Global Note may not be offered or sold to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. person (save as otherwise provided in Condition 2) and may be held only through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg. After expiry of such Distribution Compliance Period, beneficial interests in a Regulation S Note may be held through DTC directly by a participant in DTC or indirectly through a participant in DTC.

Registered Notes of each Tranche sold in private transactions in reliance upon Rule 144A under the Securities Act to qualified institutional buyers within the meaning of Rule 144A under the Securities Act (**QIBs**) will, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, be represented by a permanent global Registered Note, without Receipts, Coupons or Talons (each, a **Restricted Global Note** and, together with any Regulation S Global Note, the **Registered Global Notes**) deposited with a custodian for, and registered in the name of a nominee of, DTC. Notes in definitive form issued in exchange for Restricted Global Notes or otherwise sold or transferred in accordance with the requirements of Rule 144A under the Securities Act, together with the Restricted Global Notes, are referred to herein as **Restricted Notes**.

Registered Notes of each Tranche sold to accredited investors (as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act) (**Institutional Accredited Investors**) pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act or in a transaction otherwise exempt from registration under the Securities Act who agree to purchase the Notes for their own account and not with a view to the distribution thereof will be issued as

Definitive Registered Notes only, registered in the name of the holder thereof and will not be represented by a global Note or Notes.

Definitive Registered Notes issued to Institutional Accredited Investors and Restricted Global Notes shall bear a legend specifying certain restrictions on transfer (each, a **Legend**), such Notes being referred to herein as **Legended Notes**. Upon the transfer, exchange or replacement of Legended Notes, or upon specific request for removal of a Legend, the Registrar shall (save as provided in Condition 2(d)) deliver only Legended Notes or refuse to remove such Legend, as the case may be, unless there is delivered to the Issuer such satisfactory evidence as may reasonably be required by the Issuer, which may include an opinion of U.S. counsel, that neither the Legend nor the restrictions on transfer set forth therein are required to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Securities Act.

Subject as otherwise provided in Condition 2, Definitive Registered Notes may be exchanged or transferred in whole or in part in the Specified Denominations for one or more Definitive Registered Notes of like aggregate nominal amount.

Each Definitive Registered Note will be numbered serially with an identifying number which will be recorded in the register (the **Register**) which the Issuer shall procure to be kept by the Registrar.

Notes are issued in the Specified Denomination(s) set out in the applicable Final Terms which, in the case of Registered Notes sold other than pursuant to Regulation S, shall be the Authorised Denomination (as defined below) and, in the case of Notes having a maturity of 183 days or less, the Specified Denomination shall be at least U.S.\$500,000 (or the equivalent in any other currency or currencies).

Authorised Denomination means:

- (i) in the case of a Restricted Note U.S.\$100,000 (or its equivalent rounded upwards as specified in the applicable Final Terms) and higher integral multiples of U.S.\$10,000, or the higher denomination or denominations specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (ii) in the case of a Definitive Registered Note which is initially offered and sold to Institutional Accredited Investors pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act or in a transaction otherwise exempt from registration under the Securities Act, U.S.\$500,000 (or its equivalent rounded upwards as specified in the applicable Final Terms) and higher integral multiples of U.S.\$1,000, or the higher denomination or denominations specified in the applicable Final Terms.

Any minimum Authorised Denomination required by any law or directive or regulatory authority in respect of the currency of issue of any Note shall be such as applied on or prior to the date of issue of such Note.

Subject as set out below, title to Bearer Notes, Receipts and Coupons will pass by delivery. Title to Registered Notes will pass upon registration of transfers in the register maintained by the Registrar. The Issuer, the Principal Paying Agent, any Paying Agent, the Registrar, any Transfer Agent and the Trustee may deem and treat the bearer of any Bearer Note, Receipt or Coupon and any person in whose name a Registered Note is registered as the absolute owner thereof (whether or not overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing thereon or note of any previous loss or theft thereof) for all purposes but, in the case of any global Note, without prejudice to the provisions set out in the next succeeding paragraph. The holder of a VPS Note will be the person evidenced as such by a book entry in the records of the VPS. Title to the VPS Notes will pass by registration in the registers between the direct or indirect accountholders at the VPS in accordance with the rules and procedures of the VPS. Where a nominee is so evidenced, it shall be treated by the Issuer as the holder of the relevant VPS Note.

For so long as any of the Bearer Notes is represented by a bearer global Note held by a common safekeeper or a common depository on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, each person (other than Euroclear, or Clearstream, Luxembourg) who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the holder of a particular nominal amount of such Notes (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as to the nominal amount of such Notes standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer, any Paying Agent, the Registrar, the Exchange Agent, any Transfer Agent and the Trustee as the holder of such nominal amount of such Notes for all purposes other than with respect to the payment of principal or interest on the Notes, for which purpose the bearer of the relevant global Note shall be treated by the Issuer, any Paying Agent, the Registrar, the Exchange Agent, any Transfer Agent and the Trustee as the holder of such Notes in accordance with and subject to the terms of the relevant global Note; for so long

as any Note is a VPS Note, each person who is for the time being shown in the records of the VPS as the holder of a particular nominal amount of such Notes (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the VPS as to the nominal amount of such Notes standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer, any Paying Agent, and the Trustee as the holder of such nominal amount of such Notes for all purposes; for so long as any of the Notes is represented by a Registered Global Note, DTC or its nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole holder of Notes represented by such Registered Global Note for all purposes under the Agency Agreement and the Notes except to the extent that in accordance with DTC's published rules and procedures any ownership right may be exercised by its participants or beneficial owners through its participants; (and the expressions **Noteholder** and **holder of Notes** and related expressions shall be construed accordingly). In determining whether a particular person is entitled to a particular nominal amount of notes as aforesaid, the Trustee may rely on such certificate or other document as it shall, in its absolute discretion, think fit and, if it does so rely, such evidence and/or information and/or certification shall, in the absence of manifest error or proven error, be conclusive and binding on all concerned. Any such certificate or other document may comprise any form of statement or print out of electronic records provided by the relevant clearing system (including Euroclear's EUCLID or Clearstream, Luxembourg's Creation Online System) in accordance with its usual procedures and in which the holder of a particular principal amount of Notes is clearly identified together with the amount of such holding. The Trustee shall not be liable to any person by reason of having accepted as valid or not having rejected any certificate or other document to such effect purporting to be issued by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg and subsequently found to be forged or not authentic.

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

References to Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, DTC and/or the VPS shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system approved by the Issuer, the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent and specified in the applicable Final Terms.

2. Exchange and Transfers of Registered Notes and VPS Notes

(a) *Exchange of interests in Registered Global Notes for Definitive Registered Notes*

Interests in any Registered Global Note will be exchangeable for Definitive Registered Notes, if (i) DTC notifies the Issuer that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depositary for such Registered Global Note and no alternative clearing system is available, (ii) DTC ceases to be a **Clearing Agency** registered under the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the **Exchange Act**) and no alternative clearing system is available, (iii) either Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg is closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or announces its intention permanently to cease business or does in fact do so and no alternative clearing system is available, (iv) an Event of Default (as defined in Condition 10) has occurred and is continuing with respect to such Notes, or (v) the Issuer becomes subject to adverse tax consequences which would not be suffered were the Notes in definitive form. Upon the occurrence of any of the events described in the preceding sentence, the Issuer will cause the appropriate Definitive Registered Notes to be delivered, provided that, notwithstanding the above, no Definitive Registered Notes will be issued until expiry of the applicable Restricted Period.

(b) *Transfers of Registered Global Notes*

Transfers of any Registered Global Note shall be limited to transfers of such Registered Global Note, in whole but not in part, to a nominee of DTC or to a successor of DTC or such successor's nominee.

(c) *Transfers of interests in Regulation S Notes*

Prior to expiry of the applicable Distribution Compliance Period, transfers by the holder of, or of a beneficial interest in, a Regulation S Note to a transferee in the United States will only be made:

- (i) upon receipt by the Registrar of a written certification substantially in the form set out in the Agency Agreement, amended as appropriate (a **Transfer Certificate**), copies of which are available from the specified office of the Registrar or any Transfer Agent, from the transferor of the Note or beneficial interest therein to the effect that such transfer is being made to a

person whom the transferor reasonably believes is a QIB in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A; or

- (ii) otherwise 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 federal securities laws of the United States or any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States,

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

In the case of (i) above, such transferee may take delivery through a Legended Note in global or definitive form and, in the case of (ii) above, such transferee may take delivery only through a Legended Note in definitive form. After expiry of the applicable Distribution Compliance Period (a) beneficial interests in Regulation S Notes may be held through DTC directly by a participant in DTC or indirectly through a participant in DTC and (b) such certification requirements will no longer apply to such transfers.

(d) *Transfers of interests in Legended Notes*

Transfers of Legended Notes or beneficial interests therein may be made:

- (i) to a transferee who takes delivery of such interest through a Regulation S Note, upon receipt by the Registrar of a duly completed Transfer Certificate from the transferor to the effect that such transfer is being made in accordance with Regulation S and that, if such transfer is being made prior to expiry of the applicable Distribution Compliance Period, the interests in the Notes being transferred will be held immediately thereafter through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg; or
- (ii) to a transferee who takes delivery of such interest through a Legended Note:
 - (A) where the transferee is a person whom the transferor reasonably believes is a QIB in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A, without certification; or
 - (B) where the transferee is an Institutional Accredited Investor, subject to delivery to the Registrar of a Transfer Certificate from the transferor to the effect that such transfer is being made to an Institutional Accredited Investor, together with a duly executed investment letter from the relevant transferee substantially in the form set out in the Agency Agreement (an **IAI Investment Letter**); or
- (iii) otherwise 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 federal securities laws of the United States or any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States;

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

Notes transferred by Institutional Accredited Investors to QIBs pursuant to Rule 144A or outside the United States pursuant to Regulation S will be eligible to be held by such QIBs or non-U.S. investors through DTC and the Registrar will arrange for any Notes which are the subject of such a transfer to be represented by the appropriate Registered Global Note, where applicable.

(e) *Transfers of Interests in VPS Notes*

Settlement of sale and purchase transactions in respect of VPS Notes will take place three Oslo business days after the date of the relevant transaction. VPS Notes may be transferred between accountholders at the VPS in accordance with the procedures and regulations, for the time being of the VPS. A transfer of VPS Notes which is held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg is only possible by using an account operator linked to the VPS.

(f) *Exchanges and transfers of Registered Notes generally*

Registered Notes may not be exchanged for Bearer Notes and *vice versa*.

Holders of Definitive Registered Notes, other than Institutional Accredited Investors, may exchange such Definitive Registered Notes for interests in a Registered Global Note of the same type at any time.

Transfers of beneficial interests in Registered Global Notes will be effected by DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, and, in turn, by participants and, if appropriate, indirect participants in such clearing systems acting on behalf of beneficial transferors and transferees of such interests. A beneficial interest in a Registered Global Note will be transferable and exchangeable for Notes in definitive form or for a beneficial interest in another Registered Global Note only in accordance with the rules and operating procedures for the time being of DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be (the **Applicable Procedures**).

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Agency Agreement, a Definitive Registered Note may be transferred in whole or in part (in the authorised denominations set out in the applicable Final Terms) by the holder or holders surrendering the Definitive Registered Note for registration of the transfer of the Definitive Registered Note (or the relevant part of the Definitive Registered Note) at the specified office of the Registrar or any Transfer Agent, with the form of transfer thereon duly executed by the holder or holders thereof or his or their attorney or attorneys duly authorised in writing and upon the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent, after due and careful enquiry, being satisfied with the documents of title and the identity of the person making the request and subject to such reasonable regulations as the Issuer and the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent may prescribe, including any restrictions imposed by the Issuer on transfers of Definitive Registered Notes originally sold to a U.S. person. Subject as provided above, the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent will, within three business days (being for this purpose a day on which banks are open for business in the city where the specified office of the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent is located) of the request (or such longer period as may be required to comply with any applicable fiscal or other laws or regulations) authenticate and deliver, or procure the authentication and delivery of, at its specified office to the transferee or (at the risk of the transferee) send by mail to such address as the transferee may request, a new Definitive Registered Note of a like aggregate nominal amount to the Definitive Registered Note (or the relevant part of the Definitive Registered Note) transferred. In the case of the transfer of part only of a Definitive Registered Note, a new Definitive Registered Note in respect of the balance of the Definitive Registered Note not transferred will be so authenticated and delivered or (at the risk of the transferor) sent to the transferor.

Exchanges or transfers by a holder of a Definitive Registered Note for an interest in, or to a person who takes delivery of such Note through, a Registered Global Note will be made no later than 30 days after the receipt by the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent of the Definitive Registered Note to be so exchanged or transferred and, if applicable, upon receipt by the Registrar of a written certification from the transferor.

(g) *Registration of transfer upon partial redemption*

In the event of a partial redemption of Notes under Condition 7(c), the Issuer shall not be required:

- (a) to register the transfer of Registered Notes (or parts of Registered Notes) during the period beginning on the 15th day before the date of the partial redemption and ending on the date on which notice is given specifying the serial numbers of Notes called (in whole or in part) for redemption (both inclusive); or
- (b) to register the transfer of any Registered Note, or part of a Registered Note, called for partial redemption.

In the event of partial redemption of VPS Notes under Condition 7(c), the Issuer shall not be required to register the transfer of any VPS Note, or part of a VPS Note, called for partial redemption.

(h) *Closed periods*

No Noteholder may require the transfer of a Registered Note to be registered during the period of 15 days ending on the due date for any payment of principal or interest or payment on that Note.

(i) *Costs of exchange or registration*

Registration of transfers will be effected without charge by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Registrar or the relevant Transfer Agent, but upon payment (or the giving of such indemnity as the Registrar or the relevant Transfer Agent may reasonably require) in respect of any tax or other governmental charges which may be imposed in relation to it.

3. Status

The Notes and the relative Receipts and Coupons constitute direct, unconditional and (subject to Condition 4) unsecured obligations of the Issuer which rank *pari passu* among themselves and (subject as aforesaid) rank and will in all material respects rank at least *pari passu* with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer, save as may be preferred by mandatory provisions of applicable law.

4. Negative Pledge

- (a) So long as any of the Notes are outstanding (as defined in the Trust Deed), the Issuer undertakes not to create any security over its assets to secure any other Note Issues or permit any Note Issues issued by it to be secured by the creation of an encumbrance upon any assets of any of its subsidiaries, without at the same time according to the Notes, or causing to be accorded to the Notes, the same security (to the satisfaction of the Trustee) or such other security interest or other arrangement (whether or not including the giving of a security interest) as the Trustee shall in its absolute discretion deem not materially less beneficial to the interests of the Noteholders, except that the Issuer shall be entitled, if so required by one or more Norwegian municipalities who has an ownership interest in the relevant facility and/or its production output (**Co-owners**), to consent to the creation of or create itself, an encumbrance upon any of its power generating facilities (the **Facilities**) as security for a Note Issue by one or more such Co-owners where the maximum amount of the security created by the Co-owners over such Facility does not exceed the amount paid or payable by the Co-owners to the Issuer for such co-ownership of the Facility.
- (b) For the purposes of these Conditions, **Note Issue** shall mean an issue of debt securities which is, or is intended to be, or is capable of being, quoted, listed or dealt in on any stock exchange, over-the-counter or other securities market.

5. Interest

(a) *Interest on Fixed Rate Notes*

Each Fixed Rate Note bears interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date at the rate(s) per annum equal to the Rate(s) of Interest. Interest will be payable in arrear on the Interest Payment Date(s) in each year up to (and including) the Maturity Date.

If the Notes are in definitive form, except as provided in the applicable Final Terms, the amount of interest payable on each Interest Payment Date in respect of the Fixed Interest Period ending on (but excluding) such date will amount to the Fixed Coupon Amount. Payments of interest on any Interest Payment Date will, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, amount to the Broken Amount so specified.

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

Except in the case of Notes in definitive form where an applicable Fixed Coupon Amount or Broken Amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms, interest shall be calculated in respect of any period by applying the Rate of Interest to:

- (A) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes which are represented by a Global Note, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Fixed Rate Notes represented by such Global Note (or, if they are Partly Paid Notes, the aggregate amount paid up); or
- (B) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes in definitive form, the Calculation Amount;

and in each case multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention. Where the Specified Denomination of a Fixed Rate Note in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation

Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Fixed Rate Note shall be the product of the amount (determined in the manner provided above) for the Calculation Amount and the amount by which the Calculation Amount is multiplied to reach the Specified Denominations without any further rounding.

In these Terms and Conditions:

Day Count Fraction means in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest in accordance with this Condition 5(a):

- (i) if “Actual/Actual (ICMA)” is specified in the applicable Final Terms,
 - (a) in the case of Notes where the number of days in the relevant period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to but excluding the relevant payment date (the **Accrual Period**) is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Dates (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) that would occur in one calendar year; or
 - (b) in the case of Notes where the Accrual Period is longer than the the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the sum of;
 - (1) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the Determination Period in which the Accrual Period begins divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year; and
 - (2) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year; and
- (ii) if “30/360” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the period from and including the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to but excluding the relevant payment date (such number of days being calculated on the basis of 12 30-day months) divided by 360; and

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

sub-unit means, with respect to any currency other than euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, with respect to euro, means one cent.

(b) *Interest on Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes*

(i) **Interest Payment Dates**

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

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

Such interest will be payable in respect of each Interest Period (which expression shall, in these Terms and Conditions, mean the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date

(or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date).

If a Business Day Convention is specified in the applicable Final Terms and (x) if there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month in which an Interest Payment Date should occur or (y) if any Interest Payment Date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then, if the Business Day Convention specified is:

- (1) in any case where Specified Periods are specified in accordance with Condition 5(b)(i)(B) above, the Floating Rate Convention, such Interest Payment Date (i) in the case of (x) above, shall be the last day that is a Business Day in the relevant month and the provisions of (B) below shall apply *mutatis mutandis* or (ii) in the case of (y) above, shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (A) such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day and (B) each subsequent Interest Payment Date shall be the last Business Day in the month which falls the Specified Period after the preceding applicable Interest Payment Date occurred; or
- (2) the Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day; or
- (3) the Modified Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day; or
- (4) the Preceding Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.

In these Terms and Conditions, **Business Day** means a day which is both:

- (A) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in London and any Additional Business Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (B) either (1) in relation to interest payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (which if the Specified Currency is New Zealand dollars shall be Auckland) or (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the TARGET2 System is open. In these Conditions, **TARGET2 System** means the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (TARGET) System.

(ii) Rate of Interest

The Rate of Interest payable from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes will be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms.

(A) ISDA Determination for Floating Rate Notes

Where ISDA Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will be the relevant ISDA Rate plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any). For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), **ISDA Rate** for an Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the Principal Paying Agent under an interest rate swap transaction if the Principal Paying Agent were acting as Calculation Agent for that swap transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes and published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. (the **ISDA Definitions**) and under which:

- (1) the Floating Rate Option is as specified in the applicable Final Terms;

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

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), **Floating Rate, Calculation Agent, Floating Rate Option, Designated Maturity** and **Reset Date** have the meanings given to those terms in the ISDA Definitions.

(B) Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes

Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be either:

- (1) the offered quotation; or
- (2) the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations,

(expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate which appears or appear, as the case may be, on the Relevant Screen Page as at 11.00 a.m. (London time, in the case of LIBOR, or Brussels time, in the case of EURIBOR) on the Interest Determination Date in question plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Principal Paying Agent or, in the case of VPS Notes, the Calculation Agent (pursuant to the terms of a calculation agency agreement between the Calculation Agent and the Issuer). If five or more of such offered quotations are available on the Relevant Screen Page, the highest (or, if there is more than one such highest quotation, one only of such quotations) and the lowest (or, if there is more than one such lowest quotation, one only of such quotations) shall be disregarded by the Principal Paying Agent for the purpose of determining the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) of such offered quotations.

If the Relevant Screen Page is not available or if in the case of Condition 5(b)(ii)(B)(1) above, no such offered quotation appears or, in the case of Condition 5(b)(ii)(B)(2) above, fewer than three such offered quotations appear, in each case as at the time specified in the preceding paragraph, the Principal Paying Agent (in the case of Notes other than VPS Notes) or the Calculation Agent (in the case of VPS Notes) (the **Relevant Agent**), shall request each of the Reference Banks (as defined below) to provide the Relevant Agent with its offered quotation (expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate at approximately the Specified Time on the Interest Determination Date in question. If two or more of the Reference Banks provide the Relevant Agent with such offered quotations, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of such offered quotations plus or minus (as appropriate) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Relevant Agent.

If on any Interest Determination Date one only or none of the Reference Banks provides the Relevant Agent with such offered quotations as provided in the preceding paragraph, the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period shall be the rate per annum which the Relevant Agent determines as being the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the rates, as communicated to (and at the request of) the Relevant Agent by the Reference Banks or any two or more of them, at which such banks were offered, at approximately the Specified Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date, deposits in the Specified Currency for the relevant Interest Period by leading banks in the London inter-bank market (if the Reference Rate is LIBOR) or the Euro-zone inter-bank market (if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR) plus or minus (as appropriate) the Margin (if any) or, if fewer than two of the Reference Banks provide the Relevant Agent with such offered rates, the offered rate for deposits in the Specified Currency for the relevant Interest Period, or the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) of the offered rates for deposits in the Specified Currency for the relevant Interest Period, at which, at

approximately the Specified Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date, any one or more banks (which bank or banks is or are in the opinion of the Issuer suitable for such purpose) informs the Relevant Agent it is quoting to leading banks in the London inter-bank market (if the Reference Rate is LIBOR) or the Euro-zone inter-bank market (if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR) plus or minus (as appropriate) the Margin (if any), provided that, if the Rate of Interest cannot be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the Rate of Interest shall be determined as at the last preceding Interest Determination Date (though substituting, where a different Margin is to be applied to the relevant Interest Period from that which applied to the last preceding Interest Period, the Margin relating to the relevant Interest Period, in place of the Margin relating to that last preceding Interest Period).

In these Terms and Conditions,:

- (A) **Reference Banks** means, in the case of a determination of LIBOR, the principal London office of four major banks in the London inter-bank market and, in the case of a determination of EURIBOR, the principal Euro-zone office of four major banks in the Euro-zone inter-bank market, in each case selected by the Relevant Agent and approved in writing by the Trustee or as specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (B) **Specified Time** means 11.00 a.m. (London time, in the case of a determination of LIBOR, or Brussels time, in the case of a determination of EURIBOR).

If the Reference Rate from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being other than LIBOR or EURIBOR, the Rate of Interest in respect of such Notes will be determined as provided in the applicable Final Terms.

(iii) Minimum and/or Maximum Interest Rate

If the applicable Final Terms specifies a Minimum Interest Rate for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (ii) above is less than such Minimum Interest Rate, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Minimum Interest Rate.

If the applicable Final Terms specifies a Maximum Interest Rate for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (ii) above is greater than such Maximum Interest Rate, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Maximum Interest Rate.

(iv) Determination of Rate of Interest and Calculation of Interest Amounts

The Principal Paying Agent, in the case of Floating Rate Notes which are not VPS Notes, and the Calculation Agent, in the case of Index Linked Interest Notes and Floating Rate Notes which are VPS Notes, will at or as soon as practicable after each time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, determine the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period. In the case of Index Linked Interest Notes which are not VPS Notes, the Calculation Agent will notify the Agent of the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period as soon as practicable after calculating the same.

The Principal Paying Agent or, in the case of either Floating Rate Notes which are VPS Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes which are VPS Notes, the Calculation Agent, will calculate the amount of interest (the **Interest Amount**) payable on the Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes by applying the Rate of interest to:

- (A) in the case of Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Notes represented by such Global Note (or, if they are Partly Paid Notes, the aggregate amount paid up); or
- (B) in the case of Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes in definitive form, the Calculation Amount;

and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market

convention. Where the Specified Denomination of a Floating Rate Note or an Index Linked Interest Note in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the Interest Amount payable in respect of such Note shall be the product of the amount (determined in the manner provided above) for the Calculation Amount and the amount by which the Calculation Amount is multiplied to reach the Specified Denominations without any further rounding.

Floating Day Count Fraction means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest for any Interest Period:

- (i) if “Actual/Actual (ISDA)” or “Actual/Actual” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Interest Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (ii) if “Actual/365 (Fixed)” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365;
- (iii) if “Actual/365” (Sterling)” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 or, in the case of an Interest Payment Date falling in a leap year, 366;
- (iv) if “Actual/360” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360;
- (v) if “30/360”, “360/360” or “Bond Basis” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

where:

“Y₁” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

“Y₂” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

“M₁” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

“M₂” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

“D₁” is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number is 31, in which case D₁ will be 30; and

“D₂” is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31 and D₁ is greater than 29, in which case D₂ will be 30;

- (vi) if “30E/360” or “Eurobond Basis” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

where:

“Y₁” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

“Y₂” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

“M₁” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

“M₂” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

“D₁” is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D₁ will be 30; and

“D₂” is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D₂ will be 30;

- (vii) if “30E/360 (ISDA)” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

where:

“Y₁” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

“Y₂” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

“M₁” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

“M₂” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

“D₁” is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D₁ will be 30; and

“D₂” is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February but not the Maturity Date or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D₂ will be 30.

- (v) Notification of Rate of Interest and Interest Amounts

The Principal Paying Agent or, in the case of VPS Notes, the Calculation Agent, will cause the Rate of Interest and each Interest Amount for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date to be notified to the Issuer, the Trustee and any stock exchange on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes are for the time being listed and, in the case of VPS Notes, the VPS and the VPS Account Manager as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than the first day of the Interest Period to which they apply and notice thereof to be published in accordance with Condition 14 as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than the fourth London Business Day thereafter. Each Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date so notified may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without prior notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. Any such amendment will be promptly notified to each stock exchange on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes are for the time being listed and to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14. For the purposes of this paragraph, the expression **London Business Day** means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business in London.

- (vi) Determination or Calculation by Trustee

If for any reason at any relevant time the Principal Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Calculation Agent defaults in its obligation to determine the Rate of Interest or the Principal Paying Agent defaults in its obligation to calculate any Interest Amount in accordance with subparagraph (b)(ii) above or as otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, as the case may be, and in each case in accordance with paragraph (b)(iv) above, the Trustee shall determine the Rate of Interest at such rate as, in its absolute discretion (having such regard as it shall think fit to the foregoing provisions of this Condition, but subject always to any Minimum Rate of Interest or Maximum Rate of Interest specified in the applicable Final

Terms), it shall deem fair and reasonable in all the circumstances or, as the case may be, the Trustee shall calculate the Interest Amount(s) in such manner as it shall deem fair and reasonable in all the circumstances and each such determination or calculation shall be deemed to have been made by the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable.

(vii) *Certificates to be final*

All certificates, communications, opinions, determinations, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of the provisions of this Condition 5(b), whether by the Principal Paying Agent or, if applicable, the Calculation Agent, shall (in the absence of wilful default, bad faith or manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Principal Paying Agent, the Calculation Agent (if applicable), the other Agents and all Noteholders, Receiptholders and Couponholders and (in the absence of wilful default and bad faith) no liability to the Issuer, the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders shall attach to the Principal Paying Agent or, if applicable, the Calculation Agent or the Trustee in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions pursuant to such provisions.

(c) *Interest on Dual Currency Interest Notes*

In the case of Dual Currency Interest Notes, if the rate or amount of interest falls to be determined by reference to an exchange rate, the rate or amount of interest payable shall be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms.

(d) *Interest on Partly Paid Notes*

In the case of Partly Paid Notes (other than Partly Paid Notes which are Zero Coupon Notes), interest will accrue as aforesaid on the paid-up nominal amount of such Notes and otherwise as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

(e) *Accrual of Interest*

Each Note (or in the case of the redemption of part only of a Note, that part only of such Note) will cease to bear interest (if any) from the date for its redemption unless, upon due presentation thereof, payment of principal is improperly withheld or refused. In such event, interest will continue to accrue as provided in the Trust Deed.

6. Payments

(a) *Method of payment*

Subject as provided below:

- (i) payments in a Specified Currency other than euro will be made by credit or transfer to an account in the relevant Specified Currency maintained by the payee with, or, at the option of the payee, by a cheque in such Specified Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is New Zealand dollars, shall be Auckland); and
- (ii) payments in euro will be made by credit or transfer to a euro account (or any other 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 subject in all cases to any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 8.

(b) *Presentation of Notes, Receipts and Coupons*

Payments of principal in respect of definitive Bearer Notes will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of definitive Bearer Notes, and payments of interest in respect of definitive Bearer Notes will (subject as provided below) be made as aforesaid only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of Coupons, in each case at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States (which expression, as used herein, means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia and its possessions)).

Payments of instalments of principal (if any) in respect of definitive Bearer Notes, other than the final instalment, will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the relevant Receipt in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Payment of the final instalment will be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the relevant Bearer Note in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Each Receipt must be presented for payment of the relevant instalment together with the definitive Bearer Note to which it appertains. Receipts presented without the definitive Bearer Note to which they appertain do not constitute valid obligations of the Issuer. Upon the date on which any definitive Bearer Note becomes due and repayable, unmatured Receipts (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect thereof.

Fixed Rate Notes in definitive bearer form (other than Dual Currency Notes, Index Linked Notes or Long Maturity Notes) should be presented for payment together with all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto (which expression shall for this purpose include Coupons falling to be issued on exchange of matured Talons), failing which the amount of any missing unmatured Coupon (or, in the case of payment not being made in full, the same proportion of the amount of such missing unmatured Coupon as the sum so paid bears to the sum due) will be deducted from the sum due for payment. Each amount of principal so deducted will be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of the relative missing Coupon at any time before the expiry of 10 years after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 8) in respect of such principal (whether or not such Coupon would otherwise have become void under Condition 9) or, if later, five years from the date on which such Coupon would otherwise have become due, but in no event thereafter.

Upon any Fixed Rate Note becoming due and repayable prior to its Maturity Date, all unmatured Talons (if any) appertaining thereto will become void and no further Coupons will be issued in respect thereof.

Upon the date on which any Floating Rate Note, Dual Currency Note, Index Linked Note or Long Maturity Note in definitive form becomes due and repayable, unmatured Coupons and Talons (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment or, as the case may be, exchange for further Coupons shall be made in respect thereof. A **Long Maturity Note** is a Fixed Rate Note (other than a Fixed Rate Note which on issue had a Talon attached) whose nominal amount on issue is less than the aggregate interest payable thereon provided that such Note shall cease to be a Long Maturity Note on the Interest Payment Date on which the aggregate amount of interest remaining to be paid after that date is less than the nominal amount of such Note.

If the due date for redemption of any definitive Bearer Note is not an Interest Payment Date, interest (if any) accrued in respect of such Note from (and including) the preceding Interest Payment Date or, as the case may be, the Interest Commencement Date shall be payable only against surrender of the relevant definitive Bearer Note.

(c) *Payments in respect of Bearer Global Notes*

Payments of principal and interest (if any) in respect of Notes represented by any bearer global Note will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner specified above in relation to definitive Notes and otherwise in the manner specified in the relevant bearer global Note (against presentation or surrender, as the case may be, of such bearer global Note if the Bearer Global Note is not intended to be issued in NGN form at the specified office of any Paying Agent). A record of each payment made against presentation or surrender of such bearer global Note, distinguishing between any payment of principal and any payment of interest, will be made on such bearer global Note by such Paying Agent to which it was presented (or in the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg as applicable and such record shall be *prima facie* evidence that the payment in question has been made.

(d) *Payments in respect of Registered Notes*

Payments of principal (other than instalments of principal (if any) prior to the final instalment) in respect of Registered Notes (whether in definitive or global form) will be made in the manner specified in paragraph (a) to the persons in whose name such Notes are registered at the close of business on the business day (being for this purpose a day on which banks are open for business in

the city where the Registrar is located) immediately prior to the relevant payment date against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment only of any sum due, endorsement) of such Registered Notes at the specified office of the Registrar or any Paying Agent.

Payments of interest due on a Registered Note (whether in definitive or global form) and payments of instalments of principal (if any) due on a Registered Note (other than the final instalment) will be made in the manner specified in paragraph (a) to the person in whose name such Registered Note is registered (i) where in global form, at the close of the business day (being for this purpose a day on which Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (or DTC as applicable) are open for business before the relevant due date and (ii) where in definitive form, at the close of business on the fifteenth day (whether or not such fifteenth day is a business day (being for this purpose a day on which banks are open for business in the city where the Registrar is located) (the **Record Date**)) prior to such due date. In the case of payments by cheque, cheques will be mailed to the holder (or the first named of joint holders) at such holder's registered address on the business day (as described above) immediately preceding the due date.

If payment in respect of any Registered Notes is required by transfer as referred to in paragraph (a) above, application for such payment must be made by the holder to the Registrar not later than the relevant Record Date.

All amounts payable to DTC or its nominee as registered holder of a Registered Global Note in respect of Notes denominated in a Specified Currency other than U.S. dollars shall be paid by transfer by the Registrar to an account in the relevant Specified Currency of the Exchange Agent on behalf of DTC or its nominee for payment in such Specified Currency or conversion into U.S. dollars in accordance with the provisions of the Agency Agreement.

(e) *Payments in respect of VPS Notes*

Payments of principal and interest in respect of VPS Notes will be made to the Noteholders shown in the records of the VPS in accordance with and subject to the rules and regulations from time to time governing the VPS.

(f) *General provisions applicable to payments*

The holder of a global Note shall be the only person entitled to receive payments in respect of Notes represented by such global Note and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the holder of such global Note in respect of each amount so paid. Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC as the beneficial holder of a particular nominal amount of Notes represented by such global Note must look solely to Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC, as the case may be, for his share of each payment so made by the Issuer to, or to the order of, the holder of such global Note.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any amount of principal and/or interest in respect of any Bearer Note is payable in U.S. dollars, such U.S. dollar payments of principal and/or interest will be made at the specified office of a Paying Agent in the United States if:

- (i) the Issuer has appointed Paying Agents with specified offices outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents would be able to make payment in U.S. dollars at such specified offices outside the United States of the full amount of principal and interest on the Notes in the manner provided above when due;
- (ii) payment of the full amount of such principal and interest at all such specified offices outside the United States is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions on the full payment or receipt of principal and interest in U.S. dollars; and
- (iii) such payment is then permitted under United States law without involving, in the opinion of the Issuer, adverse tax consequences to the Issuer.

(g) *Payment Day*

If the date for payment of any amount in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon is not a Payment Day, the holder thereof shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day in the relevant place and shall not be entitled to further interest or other payment in respect of such delay. For these purposes, **Payment Day** means any day which (subject to Condition 9) is:

- (i) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in:
 - (A) in the case of Notes in definitive form only, the relevant place of presentation;
 - (B) each Additional Financial Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms;
 - (ii) either (1) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (which if the Specified Currency is New Zealand dollars shall be Auckland), or (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the TARGET2 System is open; and
 - (iii) in the case of any payment in respect of a Registered Global Note denominated in a Specified Currency other than U.S. dollars and registered in the name of DTC or its nominee and in respect of which an accountholder of DTC (with an interest in such Registered Global Note) has elected to receive any part of such payment in U.S. dollars, a day on which commercial banks are not authorised or required by law or regulation to be closed in New York City.
- (h) *Interpretation of Principal and Interest*
- Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to principal in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable:
- (i) any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to principal under Condition 8 or under any undertaking or covenant given in addition thereto, or in substitution therefor, pursuant to the Trust Deed;
 - (ii) the Final Redemption Amount of the Notes;
 - (iii) the Early Redemption Amount of the Notes;
 - (iv) the Optional Redemption Amount(s) (if any) of the Notes;
 - (v) in relation to Notes redeemable in instalments, the Instalment Amounts;
 - (vi) in relation to Zero Coupon Notes, the Amortised Face Amount; and
 - (vii) any premium and any other amounts other than interest which may be payable by the Issuer under or in respect of the Notes.

Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to interest in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable, any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to interest under Condition 8 or under any undertaking or covenant given in addition thereto, or in substitution therefor, pursuant to the Trust Deed.

7. Redemption and Purchase

(a) *At maturity*

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled as specified below, each Note will be redeemed by the Issuer at its Final Redemption Amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms in the relevant Specified Currency on the Maturity Date.

(b) *Redemption for tax reasons*

The Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part, at any time (if this Note is neither a Floating Rate Note nor an Index Linked Interest Note) or on any Interest Payment Date (if this Note is either a Floating Rate Note or an Index Linked Interest Note), on giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent (or, in the case of VPS Notes, the Trustee and the VPS Account Manager) and, in accordance with Condition 14, the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), if the Issuer satisfies the Trustee immediately before the giving of such notice that:

- (i) on the occasion of the next payment due under the Notes, the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay additional amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 8 as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of the Kingdom of Norway or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax, or any change in

the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change or amendment becomes effective on or after the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes; and

- (ii) such obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer taking reasonable measures available to it, provided that no such notice of redemption shall be given earlier than 90 days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obliged to pay such additional amounts were a payment in respect of the Notes then due.

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition, the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee and, in the case of VPS Notes, the VPS Account Manager, a certificate signed by two Directors of the Issuer stating that the Issuer is entitled to effect such redemption and setting forth a statement of facts showing that the conditions precedent to the right of the Issuer so to redeem have occurred, and an opinion of independent Kingdom of Norway accountants or legal advisers of recognised standing to the effect that the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay such additional amounts as a result of such change or amendment and the Trustee shall be entitled to accept the certificate as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set out above, in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders.

Notes redeemed pursuant to this Condition 7(b) will be redeemed at their Early Redemption Amount referred to in paragraph (e) below together (if appropriate) with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption.

(c) *Redemption at the option of the Issuer (Issuer Call)*

If Issuer Call is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may, having given:

- (i) not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14; and
- (ii) not less than 15 days before the giving of the notice referred to in (i) above, notice to the Trustee and to the Principal Paying Agent or (in the case of a redemption of VPS Notes) the Trustee and the VPS Account Manager;

(which notices shall be irrevocable), redeem all or some only of the Notes then outstanding on any Optional Redemption Date and at the Optional Redemption Amount(s) specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the relevant Optional Redemption Date. Any such redemption must be of a nominal amount not less than the Minimum Redemption Amount or not more than a Higher Redemption Amount, in each case as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms. In the case of a partial redemption of Notes, the Notes to be redeemed (**Redeemed Notes**) will be selected individually by lot, in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes, and in accordance with the rules of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (to be reflected in the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg as either a pool factor or a reduction in nominal amount, at their discretion), in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by a global Note, and in accordance with the rules of the VPS, in the case of VPS Notes, in each case not more than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption (such date of selection being hereinafter called the **Selection Date**). In the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes, a list of the serial numbers of such Redeemed Notes will be published in accordance with Condition 14 not less than 15 days prior to the date fixed for redemption. No exchange of the relevant global Note will be permitted during the period from and including the Selection Date to and including the date fixed for redemption pursuant to this paragraph (c) and notice to that effect shall be given by the Issuer to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 at least 5 days prior to the Selection Date.

(d) *Redemption at the option of the Noteholders*

- (i) Redemption at the option of the Noteholders (other than a Change of Control Put)

If Investor Put is specified in the applicable Final Terms, upon the holder of any Note giving to the Issuer in accordance with Condition 14 not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice the Issuer will, upon the expiry of such notice, redeem, subject to, and in accordance with, the terms specified in the applicable Final Terms, in whole (but not in part), such Note on the Optional Redemption Date and at the Optional Redemption Amount together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the Optional Redemption Date. It may be that before an Investor Put can be exercised,

certain conditions and/or circumstances will need to be satisfied. Where relevant provisions will be set out in applicable Final Terms.

To exercise the right to require redemption of this Note the holder of this Note must, if this Note is in definitive form and held outside Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and DTC, deliver at the specified office of any Paying Agent at any time during normal business hours of such Paying Agent falling within the notice period, a duly completed and signed notice of exercise in the form (for the time being current) obtainable from any specified office of any Paying Agent (a **Put Notice**) and in which the holder must specify a bank account (or, if payment is required to be made by cheque, an address) to which payment is to be made under this Condition accompanied by this Note or evidence satisfactory to the Paying Agent concerned that this Note will, following delivery of the Put Notice, be held to its order or under its control. Holders of Notes represented by a Global Note or in definitive form and held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC must exercise the right to require redemption of their Notes by giving notice (including all information required in the applicable Put Notice) through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or the DTC, as the case may be (which notice may be in electronic form) in accordance with their standard procedures.

If this Note is a VPS Note, to exercise the right to require redemption of the VPS Notes, the holder of the VPS Notes, must, within the notice period, give notice to the relevant account operator of such exercise in accordance with the standard procedures of the VPS from time to time.

Any Put Notice given by a holder of any Note pursuant to this paragraph shall be irrevocable except where prior to the due date of redemption an Event of Default shall have occurred and the Trustee has declared the Notes to be due and payable pursuant to Condition 10, in which event such holder, at its option, may elect by notice to the Issuer to withdraw the notice given pursuant to this paragraph.

(ii) Change of Control Put

If Change of Control Put is specified in the applicable Final Terms, this Condition 7(d)(ii) shall apply.

(A) If at any time while any Note remains outstanding:

- (1) a Change of Control occurs; and
- (2) within the Change of Control Period (x) if the Notes are rated with the agreement of the Issuer, a Rating Downgrade in respect of that Change of Control occurs, or (y) if the Notes are not rated, a Negative Rating Event in respect of that Change of Control occurs (in either case, a **Put Event**),

the holder of each Note will have the option (unless, prior to the giving of the Put Event Notice referred to below, the Issuer gives notice to redeem the Notes (i) under Condition 7(b) or (ii) pursuant to the provisions of Condition 7(d)(i)) to require the Issuer to redeem or, at the Issuer's option, purchase (or procure the purchase of) that Note on the Optional Redemption Date (Put) (as defined below) at its principal amount together with (or, where purchased, together with an amount equal to) accrued interest to but excluding the Optional Redemption Date (Put).

(B) A **Change of Control** shall be deemed to have occurred if at any time:

- (1) any person or group of persons acting in concert acquires control of at least 50 per cent. of the issued share capital of the Issuer; and
- (2) the Kingdom of Norway controls (either directly or indirectly) less than 50.1 per cent. of the issued share capital of the Issuer.

(C) For the purpose of this Condition 7(d)(ii):

acting in concert means acting together for the purpose of exercising joint control over the Issuer;

Change of Control Period means the period commencing on the earlier of (a) the date of the relevant Change of Control and (b) the date of the earliest Relevant Potential Change of Control Announcement (if any) and ending 180 days after the public announcement of the Change of Control having occurred;

control means the power to direct the management and policies of the Issuer through the ownership of voting capital;

Investment Grade Rating means a rating of at least BBB- (or equivalent thereof) in the case of S&P or a rating of at least Baa3 (or equivalent thereof) in the case of Moody's or the equivalent rating in the case of any other Rating Agency;

a **Negative Rating Event** shall be deemed to have occurred if (i) the Issuer does not within the Change of Control Period seek, and thereafter use all reasonable endeavours to obtain from a Rating Agency, a rating or (ii) if it does so seek and use such endeavours, it has not at the expiry of the Change of Control Period and as a result of such Change of Control obtained an Investment Grade Rating, provided that the Rating Agency publicly announces or publicly confirms in writing that its declining to assign an Investment Grade Rating was the result of the applicable Change of Control;

Optional Redemption Date (Put) means the date which is the seventh day after the last day of the Put Period;

Rating Agency means Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services Europe Ltd (**S&P**) and Moody's Investors Service Ltd (**Moody's**) or any of their respective successors or any other rating agency of equivalent international standing specified from time to time by the Issuer;

a **Rating Downgrade** shall be deemed to have occurred in respect of a Change of Control if within the Change of Control Period the rating previously assigned to the Notes by any Rating Agency at the invitation of the Issuer is (x) withdrawn and not subsequently reinstated within the Change of Control Period, (y) changed from an Investment Grade Rating to a non Investment Grade Rating (for example, from BBB- to BB+ by S&P, or its equivalents for the time being, or worse) and not subsequently upgraded to an Investment Grade Rating within the Change of Control Period or (z) (if the rating assigned to the Notes by any Rating Agency at the invitation of the Issuer shall be below an Investment Grade Rating) lowered one full rating category (for example, from BB+ to BB by S&P or such similar lower or equivalent rating) and not subsequently upgraded within the Change of Control Period, provided that a Rating Downgrade otherwise arising by virtue of a particular change in rating shall be deemed not to have occurred in respect of a particular Change of Control if the Rating Agency making the change in rating to which this definition would otherwise apply does not publicly announce or publicly confirm that the reduction was the result of the applicable Change of Control; and

Relevant Potential Change of Control Announcement means any formal public announcement or statement by or on behalf of the Issuer or any actual or potential bidder or any advisor thereto relating to any potential Change of Control where, within 180 days of the date of such announcement or statement, a Change of Control occurs.

- (D) If a Put Event has occurred, the Issuer shall within 21 days of the end of the Change of Control Period give notice (a **Put Event Notice**) to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 specifying the nature of the Put Event and the circumstances giving rise to it and the procedure for exercising the option contained in this Condition 7(d)(ii).
- (E) To exercise the right to require redemption or, as the case may be, purchase of a Note under this Condition 7(d)(ii) the holder of that Note must, if this Note is in definitive form and held outside Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and DTC, deliver at the specified office of any Paying Agent at any time during normal business hours of such Paying Agent falling within the period (the **Put Period**) of 30 days after a Put Event Notice is given, a duly signed and completed notice of exercise in the form (for the time being current) obtainable from the specified office of any Paying Agent (a **Put Option Notice**) and in which the holder must specify a bank account (or, if payment is required to be made by cheque, an address) to which payment is to be made under this Condition 7(d)(ii) accompanied by this Note or evidence satisfactory to the Paying Agent concerned that this Note will, following delivery of the Put Option Notice, be held to its order or under its control.

If this Note is represented by a Global Note or is in definitive form and held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC, to exercise the right to require redemption or, as the case may be, purchase of this Note under this Condition 7(d)(ii), the holder of this Note must, within the Put Period, give notice to a Paying Agent of such exercise in accordance with the standard procedures of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC (as the case

may be) (which may include notice being given on his instruction by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any common safekeeper or common depository for them or DTC or its nominee to such Paying Agent by electronic means) in a form acceptable to Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC, as applicable, from time to time.

If this Note is a VPS Note, to exercise the right to require redemption or, as the case may be, purchase of a Note under this Condition 7(d)(ii), the holder of the VPS Note must, within the Put Period, give notice to the relevant account operator of such exercise in accordance with the standard procedures of the VPS from time to time.

The Paying Agent to which such Note and Put Option Notice are delivered or the Principal Paying Agent, as the case may be, will issue to the holder concerned a non-transferable receipt (a **Put Option Receipt**) in respect of the Note so delivered or, in the case of a Global Note or Note in definitive form held through Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC, or a VPS Note, notice received. The Issuer shall redeem or at the option of the Issuer purchase (or procure the purchase of) the Notes in respect of which Put Option Receipts have been issued on the Optional Redemption Date (Put), unless previously redeemed and purchased. Payment in respect of any Note so delivered will be made, if the holder duly specified a bank account in the Put Option Notice to which payment is to be made, on the Optional Redemption Date (Put) by transfer to that bank account and in every other case on or after the Optional Redemption Date (Put), in each case against presentation and surrender or (as the case may be) endorsement of such Put Option Receipt at the specified office of any Paying Agent in accordance with the provisions of this Condition 7(d)(ii).

- (F) If 95 per cent. or more in principal amount of the Notes then outstanding have been redeemed or purchased pursuant to this Condition 7(d)(ii), the Issuer may, having given not less than 30 days' notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14, such notice to be given within 30 days after the Optional Redemption Date (Put), redeem or, at the Issuer's option, purchase (or procure the purchase of) all but not some only of, the Notes then outstanding at their principal amount together with (or, where purchased, together with an amount equal to) interest accrued to but excluding the date of such redemption or purchase (as the case may be). The notice referred to in the preceding sentence shall be irrevocable and shall specify the date fixed for redemption or purchase (as the case may be) (which shall not be more than 60 days after the date of the notice). Upon expiry of such notice, the Issuer will redeem, purchase or procure the purchase of the Notes (as the case may be).
- (G) Any Put Option Notice or other notice given in accordance with the standard procedures of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, DTC or the VPS given by a holder of any Note pursuant to this Condition 7(d)(ii) shall be irrevocable except where prior to the due date of redemption an Event of Default shall have occurred and the Trustee has declared the Notes to be due and payable pursuant to Condition 10, in which event such holder, at its option, may elect by notice to the Issuer to withdraw the notice given pursuant to this Condition.

(e) *Early Redemption Amounts*

For the purpose of paragraph (b) above and Condition 10, the Notes will be redeemed at the Early Redemption Amount calculated as follows:

- (i) in the case of Notes with a Final Redemption Amount equal to the Issue Price, at the Final Redemption Amount thereof;
- (ii) in the case of Notes (other than Zero Coupon Notes but including Instalment Notes and Partly Paid Notes) with a Final Redemption Amount which is or may be less or greater than the Issue Price or which is payable in a Specified Currency other than that in which the Notes are denominated, at the amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms or, if no such amount or manner is so specified in the Final Terms, at their nominal amount; or
- (iii) in the case of Zero Coupon Notes, at an amount (the **Amortised Face Amount**) calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Early Redemption Amount} = \text{RP} \times (1 + \text{AY})^y$$

where:

RP means the Reference Price;

AY means the Accrual yield expressed as a decimal; and

y is a fraction of the numerator of which is equal to the number of days (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of 12 months of 30 days each) from (and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable and the denominator of which is 360,

or on such other calculation basis as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

(f) *Instalments*

Instalment Notes will be redeemed in the Instalment Amounts and on the Instalment Dates. In the case of early redemption, the Early Redemption Amount will be determined pursuant to paragraph (e) above.

(g) *Partly Paid Notes*

Partly Paid Notes will be redeemed, whether at maturity, early redemption or otherwise, in accordance with the provisions of this Condition and the applicable Final Terms.

(h) *Purchases*

The Issuer or any of its subsidiaries may at any time purchase Notes (provided that, in the case of definitive Bearer Notes, all unmatured Receipts, Coupons and Talons appertaining thereto are purchased therewith) at any price in the open market or otherwise. Such Notes may be held, reissued, resold or, at the option of the Issuer, (in the case of Notes other than VPS Notes) surrendered to any Paying Agent for cancellation or in the case of VPS Notes, cancelled by causing such VPS Notes to be deleted from the records of the VPS.

(i) *Cancellation*

All Notes which are redeemed will forthwith be cancelled (together with all unmatured Receipts and Coupons attached thereto or surrendered therewith at the time of redemption). All Notes so cancelled and the Notes purchased and cancelled pursuant to paragraph (h) above (together with all unmatured Receipts and Coupons cancelled therewith) shall be forwarded to the Principal Paying Agent or, in the case of VPS Notes, shall be deleted from the records of the VPS, and in each case cannot be reissued or resold.

(j) *Late payment on Zero Coupon Notes*

If the amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Note upon redemption of such Zero Coupon Note pursuant to paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d) above or upon its becoming due and repayable as provided in Condition 10 is improperly withheld or refused, the amount due and repayable in respect of such Zero Coupon Note shall be the amount calculated as provided in paragraph (e)(iii) above as though the references therein to the date fixed for the redemption or the date upon which such Zero Coupon Note becomes due and payable were replaced by references to the date which is the earlier of:

- (i) the date on which all amounts due in respect of such Zero Coupon Note have been paid; and
- (ii) five days after the date on which the full amount of the moneys payable has been received by the Principal Paying Agent or the Trustee and notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14.

8. Taxation

8.1 Taxation provisions applicable to Notes other than VPS Notes

All payments of principal and interest in respect of the Notes, Receipts and Coupons and under the Trust Deed by the Issuer will be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for or on account of any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of the Kingdom of Norway or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax unless such withholding or deduction is required by law. In such event, the Issuer will pay such additional amounts as shall be necessary in order that the net amounts received by the holders of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons after such withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts of principal and interest which would

otherwise have been receivable in respect of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons, as the case may be, in the absence of such withholding or deduction; except that no such additional amounts shall be payable with respect to any Note, Receipt or Coupon:

- (i) presented for payment by or on behalf of a Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder who is liable for such taxes or duties in respect of such Note, Receipt or Coupon by reason of his having some connection with the Kingdom of Norway other than the mere holding of such Note, Receipt or Coupon; or
- (ii) presented for payment more than 30 days after the Relevant Date (as defined below) except to the extent that the holder thereof would have been entitled to an additional amount on presenting the same for payment on such thirtieth day assuming that day to have been a Payment Day (as defined in Condition 6(g)); or
- (iii) where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment to an individual and is required to be made pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive; or
- (iv) presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder who would have been able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Note, Receipt or Coupon to another Paying Agent in a Member State of the European Union.

As used herein **Relevant Date** means the date on which such payment first becomes due, except that, if the full amount of the moneys payable has not been duly received by the Principal Paying Agent or the Trustee or, in the case of VPS Notes, the holders of the VPS Notes, as the case may be, on or prior to such due date, it means the date on which, the full amount of such moneys having been so received, notice to that effect is duly given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14.

8.2 *Taxation provisions applicable to VPS Notes*

All payments of principal and interest in respect of the VPS Notes under the Trust Deed by the Issuer will be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for or on account of any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of any Tax Jurisdiction unless such withholding or deduction is required by law. In such event, the Issuer will pay such additional amounts as shall be necessary in order that the net amounts received by the holders of VPS Notes after such withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts of principal and interest which would otherwise have been receivable in respect of the VPS Notes in the absence of such withholding or deduction; except that no such additional amounts shall be payable with respect to any VPS Note in respect of a holder who is liable for such taxes or duties in respect of such VPS Notes by reason of his having some connection with a Tax Jurisdiction other than the mere holding of such VPS Notes.

As used herein **Tax Jurisdiction** means the Kingdom of Norway or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax.

9. **Prescription**

The Notes, Receipts and Coupons will become void unless presented for payment within a period of 10 years (in the case of principal) and five years (in the case of interest) after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 8) therefor, subject to the provisions of Condition 6(b).

There shall not be included in any Coupon sheet issued on exchange of a Talon any Coupon the claim for payment in respect of which would be void pursuant to this Condition or Condition 6(b) or any Talon which would be void pursuant to Condition 6(b).

10. **Events of Default and Enforcement**

The Trustee at its discretion may, and if so requested in writing by the holders of at least one-fifth in nominal amount of the Notes then outstanding or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution shall (subject in each case to being indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction), (but in the case of the happening of any of the events described in paragraphs (b) to (d) (other than the winding up or dissolution of the Issuer) and (e) to (f) inclusive below, only if the Trustee shall have certified in writing to the Issuer that such event is, in its opinion, materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders), give notice in writing to the Issuer that each Note is, and each Note shall thereupon immediately become, due

and repayable at its Early Redemption Amount together with accrued interest as provided in the Trust Deed if any of the following events (each an **Event of Default**) shall occur:

- (a) if default is made in the payment in the Specified Currency of any principal due in respect of the Notes or any of them and the default continues for a period of 7 days or if default is made in the payment of any interest due in respect of the Notes or any of them and the default continues for a period of 14 days; or
- (b) if the Issuer fails to perform or observe any of its other obligations under the Conditions of the Notes or the Trust Deed and (except in any case where, in the opinion of the Trustee, the failure is incapable of remedy when no continuation or notice as is hereinafter mentioned will be required) the failure continues for the period of 30 days next following the service by the Trustee on the Issuer of notice requiring the same to be remedied;
- (c) if any other indebtedness for borrowed money of the Issuer or any Principal Subsidiary becomes due and repayable prematurely by reason of an event of default (however described) or the Issuer or any Principal Subsidiary fails to make any payment in respect of any other indebtedness for borrowed money on the due date for payment as extended by any originally applicable grace period or any security given by the Issuer or any Principal Subsidiary for any other indebtedness for borrowed money becomes enforceable or if default is made by the Issuer or any Principal Subsidiary in making any payment due under any guarantee and/or indemnity given by it in relation to any other indebtedness for borrowed money of any other person, provided that no event shall constitute an Event of Default unless the indebtedness for borrowed money or other relative liability either alone or when aggregated with other indebtedness for borrowed money and/or other liabilities relative to all (if any) other events which shall have occurred and be at the relevant time outstanding shall amount to at least U.S.\$30,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency); or
- (d) if any order is made by any competent court or resolution passed for the winding up or dissolution of the Issuer or any Principal Subsidiary save for the purposes of a reorganisation on terms previously approved in writing by the Trustee or by an Extraordinary Resolution; or
- (e) if the Issuer or any Principal Subsidiary ceases or threatens to cease to carry on the whole or substantially the whole of its business, save for the purposes of a reorganisation on terms previously approved in writing by the Trustee or by an Extraordinary Resolution or the Issuer or any Principal Subsidiary stops or threatens to stop payment of, or is unable to or admits inability to pay its debts (or any class of its debts) as they fall due, or is deemed unable to pay its debts pursuant to or for the purposes of any applicable law, or is adjudicated or found bankrupt or insolvent; or
- (f) if (i) proceedings are initiated against the Issuer or any Principal Subsidiary under any applicable liquidation, insolvency, composition, reorganisation or other similar laws, or an application is made for the appointment of an administrative or other receiver, manager, administrator or other similar official, or an administrative or other receiver, manager, administrator or other similar official is appointed, in relation to the Issuer or any Principal Subsidiary or, as the case may be, in relation to the whole or a part of the undertaking or assets of any of them, or an encumbrancer takes possession of the whole or a part of the undertaking or assets of any of them, or a distress, execution, attachment, sequestration or other process is levied, enforced upon, sued out or put in force against the whole or a part of the undertaking or assets of any of them and (ii) in any case (other than the appointment of an administrator) is not discharged within 60 days; or if the Issuer or any Principal Subsidiary initiates or consents to judicial proceedings relating to itself under any applicable liquidation, insolvency, composition, reorganisation or other similar laws or makes a conveyance or assignment for the benefit of, or enters into any composition or other arrangement with, its creditors generally (or any class of its creditors) or any meeting is convened to consider a proposal for an arrangement or composition with its creditors generally (or any class of its creditors).

Enforcement

The Trustee may at any time, at its discretion and without notice, take such proceedings against the Issuer as it may think fit to enforce the provisions of the Trust Deed, the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons, but it shall not be bound to take any such proceedings or any other action in relation to the Trust Deed, the Notes, the Receipts or the Coupons unless (i) it shall have been so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution or so requested in writing by the holders of at least one-fifth in nominal amount of the Notes then outstanding and (ii) it shall have been indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction.

No Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder shall be entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer unless the Trustee, having become bound so to proceed, fails so to do within a reasonable period and the failure shall be continuing.

Definitions

For the purposes of these Terms and Conditions:

Principal Subsidiary means, at any time, a subsidiary of the Issuer:

- (a) whose gross operating revenues (consolidated in the case of a subsidiary which itself has subsidiaries) or whose total assets (consolidated in the case of a subsidiary which itself has subsidiaries) represent in each case (or, in the case of a subsidiary acquired after the end of the financial period to which the then latest audited consolidated accounts of the Issuer and its subsidiaries relate, are equal to) not less than 10 per cent. of the consolidated gross operating revenues of the Issuer, or, as the case may be, consolidated total assets, of the Issuer and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, all as calculated respectively by reference to the then latest audited accounts (consolidated or, as the case may be, unconsolidated) of such subsidiary and the then latest audited consolidated accounts of the Issuer and its subsidiaries, provided that, in the case of a subsidiary of the Issuer acquired after the end of the financial period to which the then latest audited consolidated accounts of the Issuer and its subsidiaries relate, the reference to the then latest audited consolidated accounts of the Issuer and its subsidiaries for the purposes of the calculation above shall, until consolidated accounts for the financial period in which the acquisition is made have been prepared and audited as aforesaid, be deemed to be a reference to such first-mentioned accounts as if such subsidiary had been shown in such accounts by reference to its then latest relevant audited accounts, adjusted as deemed appropriate by the Issuer;
- (b) to which is transferred the whole or substantially the whole of the undertaking and assets of a subsidiary of the Issuer which immediately prior to such transfer is a Principal Subsidiary, provided that the transferor subsidiary shall upon such transfer forthwith cease to be a Principal Subsidiary and the transferee subsidiary shall cease to be a Principal Subsidiary pursuant to this subparagraph (b) on the date on which the consolidated accounts of the Issuer and its subsidiaries for the financial period current at the date of such transfer have been prepared and audited as aforesaid but so that such transferor subsidiary or such transferee subsidiary may be a Principal Subsidiary on or at any time after the date on which such consolidated accounts have been prepared and audited as aforesaid by virtue of the provisions of subparagraph (a) above or, prior to or after such date, by virtue of any other applicable provision of this definition; or
- (c) to which is transferred an undertaking or assets which, taken together with the undertaking or assets of the transferee subsidiary, generated (or, in the case of the transferee subsidiary being acquired after the end of the financial period to which the then latest audited consolidated accounts of the Issuer and its subsidiaries relate, generate gross operating revenues equal to) not less than 10 per cent. of the consolidated gross operating revenues of the Issuer, or represent (or, in the case aforesaid, are equal to) not less than 10 per cent. of the consolidated total assets of the Issuer and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, all as calculated as referred to in subparagraph (a) above, provided that the transferor subsidiary (if a Principal Subsidiary) shall upon such transfer forthwith cease to be a Principal Subsidiary unless immediately following such transfer its undertaking and assets generate (or, in the case aforesaid, generate gross operating revenues equal to) not less than 10 per cent. of the consolidated gross operating revenues of the Issuer, or its assets represent (or, in the case aforesaid, are equal to) not less than 10 per cent. of the consolidated total assets of the Issuer and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, all as calculated as referred to in subparagraph (a) above, and the transferee subsidiary shall cease to be a Principal Subsidiary pursuant to this subparagraph (c) on the date on which the consolidated accounts of the Issuer and its subsidiaries for the financial period current at the date of such transfer have been prepared and audited but so that such transferor subsidiary or such transferee subsidiary may be a Principal Subsidiary on or at any time after the date on which such consolidated accounts have been prepared and audited as aforesaid by virtue of the provisions of subparagraph (a) above or, prior to or after such date, by virtue of any other applicable provision of this definition,

all as more particularly defined in the Trust Deed.

A report by two Authorised Signatories of the Issuer that in their opinion a subsidiary of the Issuer is or is not or was or was not at any particular time or throughout any specified period a Principal Subsidiary may

be relied upon by the Trustee without further enquiry or evidence and, if relied upon by the Trustee, shall, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive and binding on all parties.

11. Replacement of Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons

Should any Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon be lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent (in the case of Bearer Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons) or of the Registrar (in the case of Registered Notes) upon payment by the claimant of such costs and expenses as may be incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence and indemnity as the Issuer may reasonably require. Mutilated or defaced Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

12. Principal Paying Agent, Registrar, Exchange Agent, Paying and Transfer Agents and VPS Account Manager

The names of the initial Principal Paying Agent, the other initial Paying Agents, the initial Exchange Agent, the initial Registrar and the other initial Transfer Agents and their initial specified offices are set out below.

The Issuer is entitled, with the prior written approval of the Trustee, to vary or terminate the appointment of any Paying Agent, Exchange Agent, Registrar, Transfer Agent, VPS Account Manager or Calculation Agent and/or appoint additional or other Paying Agents, Registrars, Exchange Agents or Transfer Agents, VPS Account Managers or Calculation Agents and/or approve any change in the specified office through which any of the same acts, provided that:

- (i) so long as the Notes are listed on any stock exchange, or admitted to listing by any other relevant authority there will at all times be a Paying Agent and, if appropriate, a Registrar and Transfer Agent with a specified office in such place as may be required by the rules and regulations of the relevant stock exchange or other relevant authority;
- (ii) the Issuer undertakes that it will ensure that it maintains a Paying Agent in a member state of the European Union that is not obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive;
- (iii) there will at all times be a Transfer Agent having a specified office in New York City;
- (iv) so long as any of the Registered Global Notes payable in a Specified Currency other than U.S. dollars are held through DTC or its nominee, there will at all times be an Exchange Agent with a specified office in New York City;
- (v) there will at all times be a Principal Paying Agent; and
- (vi) in the case of VPS Notes, there will at all times be a VPS Account Manager authorised to act as an account operating institution with the VPS and one or more Calculation Agent(s) where the Terms and Conditions of the relevant VPS Notes so require.

In addition, the Issuer shall forthwith appoint a Paying Agent having a specified office in New York City in the circumstances described in the final paragraph of Condition 6(f). Any variation, termination, appointment or change shall only take effect (other than in the case of insolvency, when it shall be of immediate effect) after not less than 30 nor more than 45 days' prior notice thereof shall have been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14.

In acting under the Agency Agreement, the Paying Agents act solely as agents of the Issuer and, in certain circumstances specified therein, of the Trustee and do not assume any obligation to, or relationship of agency or trust with, any Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders. The Agency Agreement contains provisions permitting any entity into which any Paying Agent is merged or converted or with which it is consolidated or to which it transfers all or substantially all of its assets to become the successor paying agent.

13. Exchange of Talons

On and after the Interest Payment Date, as appropriate, on which the final Coupon comprised in any Coupon sheet matures, the Talon (if any) forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent or any other Paying Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet including (if such further Coupon sheet does not include Coupons to (and including) the

final date for the payment of interest due in respect of the Bearer Note to which it appertains) a further Talon, subject to the provisions of Condition 9.

14. Notices

Notices to holders of Registered Notes will be deemed to be validly given if a notice is published in accordance with the second paragraph below and a notice is sent by first class mail or (if posted to an overseas address) by air mail to them at their respective addresses as recorded in the Registrar and will be deemed to have been validly given on the fourth day after the date of such mailing.

All notices regarding the Notes (other than VPS Notes) shall be published (i) in a leading English language daily newspaper of general circulation in London and (ii) if and for so long as the Notes are listed on a stock exchange and/or admitted to trading by any other relevant authority, in a manner which complies with the rules of such exchange and/or other relevant authority. It is expected that such publication will be made in the *Financial Times* in London. Any such notice will be deemed to have been given on the date of the first publication or, where required to be published in more than one newspaper, on the date of the first publication in each such newspaper or where published in such newspapers on different dates, the last date of such first publication. If publication as provided above is not practicable, a notice will be given in such other manner, and will be deemed to have been given on such date, as the Trustee shall approve.

Until such time as any definitive Notes are issued, there may, so long as the global Note(s) is or are held in its/their entirety on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC, be substituted for sending by mail and/or publication as aforesaid the delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC for communication by them to the holders of the Notes and, in addition, for so long as and Notes are listed on a stock exchange or are admitted to trading by another relevant authority and the rules of that stock exchange or relevant authority so require, such notice will be published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the place or places required by those rules. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given to the holders of the Notes on the second day after the day on which the said notice was given to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC.

Notices to be given by any holder of the Notes (other than VPS Notes) shall be in writing and given by lodging the same, together (in the case of any Note in definitive form) with the relative Note or Notes, with the Principal Paying Agent. Whilst any of the Notes are represented by a global Note, such notice may be given by any holder of a Note to the Principal Paying Agent via Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC, as the case may be, in such manner as the Principal Paying Agent and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC, as the case may be, may approve for this purpose.

In the case of VPS Notes, notices shall be given in accordance with the procedures of the VPS.

15. Meetings of Noteholders, Modification and Waiver

(a) Holders of Bearer Notes and/or Registered Notes

The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening meetings of the Noteholders to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the sanctioning by Extraordinary Resolution of a modification of the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons or any of the provisions of the Trust Deed. Such a meeting may be convened by the Issuer or the Trustee and shall be convened by the Issuer if requested by Noteholders holding not less than ten per cent. in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being remaining outstanding. The quorum at any such meeting for passing an Extraordinary Resolution is one or more persons holding or representing not less than 50 per cent. in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned meeting one or more persons being or representing Noteholders whatever the nominal amount of the Notes so held or represented, except that at any meeting the business of which includes the modification of certain provisions of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons or the Trust Deed (including modifying the date of maturity of the Notes or any date for payment of interest thereon, reducing or cancelling the amount of principal or the rate of interest payable in respect of the Notes or altering the currency of payment of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons), the quorum shall be one or more persons holding or representing not less than three quarters in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned such meeting one or more persons holding or representing not less than one quarter in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding. An Extraordinary Resolution passed at any meeting of the Noteholders shall be binding on all the Noteholders, whether or not they are present at the meeting, and on all Receiptholders and Couponholders.

(b) *Holders of VPS Notes*

The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening meetings of the Noteholders to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the sanctioning by Extraordinary Resolution of a modification of the VPS Notes or any of the provisions of the Trust Deed. Such a meeting may be convened by the Issuer or the Trustee and shall be convened by the Issuer if required in writing by Noteholders holding not less than 10 per cent. in nominal amount of the VPS Notes for the time being remaining outstanding. The quorum at any such meeting for passing an Extraordinary Resolution is one or more persons holding a certificate (dated no earlier than 14 days prior to the meeting) from either the VPS or the VPS Account Manager stating that the holder is entered into the records of the VPS as a Noteholder or representing not less than 50 per cent. in nominal amount of the VPS Notes for the time being outstanding and providing an undertaking that no transfers or dealing have taken place or will take place in the relevant VPS Notes until the conclusion of the meeting, or at any adjourned meeting one or more persons being or representing Noteholders whatever the nominal amount of the Notes so held or represented, except that at any meeting the business of which includes the modification of certain provisions of the VPS Notes or the Trust Deed (including modifying the date of maturity of the VPS Notes or any date for payment of interest thereof, reducing or cancelling the amount of principal or the rate of interest payable in respect of the VPS Notes or altering the currency of payment of the VPS Notes), the quorum shall be one or more persons holding or representing not less than three quarters in aggregate nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned such meeting one or more persons holding or representing not less than one quarter in aggregate nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding. An Extraordinary Resolution passed at any meeting of the Noteholders shall be binding on all the Noteholders, whether or not they are present at the meeting.

For the purposes of a meeting of Noteholders, the person named in the certificate from the VPS or the VPS Account Manager described above shall be treated as the holder of the VPS Notes specified in such certificate provided that he has given an undertaking not to transfer the VPS Notes so specified (prior to the close of the meeting) and the Trustee shall be entitled to assume that any such undertaking is validly given, shall not enquire as to its validity and enforceability, shall not be obliged to enforce any such undertaking and shall be entitled to rely on the same.

(c) *Modification and Waiver*

The Trustee may agree, without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders, to any modification of, or to the waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach of, any of the provisions of the Notes or the Trust Deed, or determine, without any such consent as aforesaid, that any Event of Default or Potential Event of Default (as defined in the Trust Deed) shall not be treated as such, where, in any such case, it is not, in the opinion of the Trustee, materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders so to do or may agree, without any such consent as aforesaid, to any modification which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or to correct a manifest error or an error which in the opinion of the Trustee is proven. Any such modification shall be binding on the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders and, unless the Trustee otherwise requires, shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 as soon as practicable thereafter.

In connection with the exercise by it of any of its trusts, powers, authorities and discretions (including, without limitation, any modification, waiver, authorisation or determination), the Trustee shall have regard to the general interests of the Noteholders as a class (but shall not have regard to any interests arising from circumstances particular to individual Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders whatever their number) and, in particular but without limitation, shall not have regard to the consequences of any such exercise for individual Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders (whatever their number) resulting from their being for any purpose domiciled or resident in, or otherwise connected with, or subject to the jurisdiction of, any particular territory or any political sub-division thereof and the Trustee shall not be entitled to require, nor shall any Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder be entitled to claim, from the Issuer, the Trustee or any other person any indemnification or payment in respect of any tax consequences of any such exercise upon individual Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders except to the extent already provided for in Condition 8 and/or any undertaking or covenant given in addition to, or in substitution for, Condition 8 pursuant to the Trust Deed.

16. Indemnification of the Trustee and Trustee Contracting with the Issuer

The Trust Deed contains provisions for the indemnification of the Trustee and for its relief from responsibility, including provisions relieving it from taking action unless indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction.

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

17. Further Issues

The Issuer shall be at liberty from time to time without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders to create and issue further notes having terms and conditions the same as the Notes or the same in all respects save for the amount and date of the first payment of interest thereon and so that the same shall be consolidated and form a single Series with the outstanding Notes.

18. Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999

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

19. Governing Law and Submission to Jurisdiction

(a) Governing law

The Trust Deed, the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons, any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Trust Deed, the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons and all rights and duties of the Noteholders, the Couponholders, the Receiptholders, the Issuer and the Paying Agents are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of England. VPS Notes must comply with the Norwegian Securities Register Act of 5 July 2002 no. 64, as amended from time to time and the holders of VPS Notes will be entitled to the rights and are subject to the obligations and liabilities which arise under this Act and any related regulations and legislation.

(b) Jurisdiction

Without prejudice to Condition 19(c), the courts of England shall have non-exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine any suit, action or proceedings (including any proceedings relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Trust Deed or the Notes), and to settle any disputes (including a dispute relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Trust Deed or the Notes), which may arise out of or in connection with the Trust Deed or the Notes (respectively **Proceedings** and **Disputes**).

(c) Other jurisdiction

Condition 19(b) is for the exclusive benefit of the Trustee, the Noteholders, the Couponholders and the Receiptholders who reserve the right to take Proceedings in the courts of any country other than England which may have or claim jurisdiction to the matter and to commence such Proceedings in the courts of any such country or countries concurrently with or in addition to Proceedings in England or without commencing Proceedings in England.

(d) Appropriate forum

The Issuer irrevocably waives any objection which it might now or hereafter have to the courts of England being nominated as the forum to hear and determine any Proceedings and to settle any Disputes, and agrees not to claim that any such court is not a convenient or appropriate forum.

(e) Process agent

The Issuer agrees that the process by which any Proceedings in England are begun may be served on it by being delivered to Innovation Norway, Royal Norwegian Embassy, Trade, Technology &

Tourism, Charles House, 5 Regent Street (Lower), London SW1Y 4IR. If such person is not or ceases to be effectively appointed to accept service of process on the Issuer's behalf, the Issuer shall, on the written demand of the Trustee addressed to the Issuer and delivered to the Issuer, appoint a further person in England approved by the Trustee to accept service of process on its behalf. Nothing in this paragraph shall affect the right of the Trustee or any Noteholder to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.

(f) *Waiver of immunity*

To the extent that the Issuer may in any jurisdiction claim for itself or its respective assets or revenues immunity from suit, execution, attachment (whether in aid of execution, before judgment or otherwise) or other legal process and to the extent that such immunity (whether or not claimed) may be attributed in any such jurisdiction to the Issuer or its respective assets or revenues, the Issuer agrees not to claim and irrevocably waives such immunity to the full extent permitted by the laws of such jurisdiction.

USE OF PROCEEDS

The net proceeds from each issue of Notes will be applied by the Issuer for its general corporate purposes, which include making a profit. If, in respect of any particular issue, there is a particular identified use of proceeds, this will be stated in the applicable Final Terms.

DESCRIPTION OF THE GROUP

Introduction

Statkraft AS (**Statkraft**) and its subsidiaries (collectively the **Statkraft Group** or the **Group**) is the third largest producer of electricity in the Nordic region. Statkraft is Europe's largest producer of renewable energy. Statkraft's generation capacity is based on 81 per cent. hydropower, 13 per cent. gas power, 4 per cent. district heating/bio and 2 per cent. wind power. As of 2011 70 per cent. of the capacity is located in Norway, 10 per cent. in the Nordic region outside Norway, 14 per cent. in Europe outside the Nordic region, and 6 per cent. outside Europe.

The Group engages in power trading from offices in the Nordic region and on the Continent. In addition, Statkraft holds major stakes in several utilities companies in Norway, as well as a 4.17 per cent. stake in E.ON AG (**E.ON**). Through a majority shareholding in Statkraft Norfund Power Invest AS (**SN Power**), Statkraft is investing in hydropower in emerging markets outside Europe.

Statkraft is a limited liability company, wholly owned by the Kingdom of Norway represented by the Ministry of Trade and Industry through the holding company Statkraft SF.

In 2011 the Group reported profit before tax of NOK 3,466 million and net profit of NOK 40 million. Profits were adversely affected by write-downs of assets and unrealised losses in the value of energy contracts and the shareholding in E.ON AG. The Group's gross operating revenues amounted to NOK 22,371 million. Physical spot sales in the wholesale power market accounted for 58.2 per cent. of the sales revenues, while the remaining came from regulated power sales to municipalities and the industry (2.5 per cent.), unregulated bilateral contracts on commercial terms (25.9 per cent.), dynamic hedging, trading and origination activities (3.1 per cent.), distribution grid activities (5.3 per cent.), retail electricity sales (2.2 per cent.) and district heating (2.8 per cent.).

Statkraft is registered in the Register of Business Enterprises, Brønnøysund Register Center. Statkraft was incorporated on 25 June 2004 with organisation number 987 059 699. The Head Office address of Statkraft is:

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Norway
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Statkraft history

Historically, the business of the Statkraft Group was carried out through a business unit within a governmental directorate; the Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate. Until 1991, there were few commercially operated private companies in the Norwegian electricity sector, which was highly regulated. In 1991, the Energy Act dated 29 June 1990, no. 50 was introduced, which divided the electricity sector into two separate areas; distribution grid infrastructure, with monopoly control, and electricity production and sales, which became fully deregulated. Through the new legislation, a well functioning domestic – and later Nordic – market for power production and trading was established, giving a framework for a more flexible and efficient utilisation of Norway's hydropower resources.

In order to comply with the new legislation, the business of the former Statkraft was split into two separate companies in 1992, with the state-owned enterprise Statkraft SF assuming responsibility for generation and sales. The distribution grid operations was organised in the state-owned enterprise Statnett SF. Through the establishment of Statkraft SF, the Norwegian Government founded a company with the aim and potential to successfully compete both in the Norwegian and the international electricity markets, with an ambition to further develop and strengthen this important part of Norwegian infrastructure.

Effective as of 1 January 2003 the State-owned Enterprise Act was changed with a view to removing the implicit state guarantees embodied therein. The amendment to the State-owned Enterprise Act (*Lov om endring i lov av 30. august 1991 om statsforetak*), was in accordance with directives relating to state aid given by the ESA (EFTA Surveillance Authority). Statkraft SF was later reorganised by way of transferring substantially all of the business, assets and liabilities to the limited liability company Statkraft and its subsidiaries on 1 October 2004, thus making Statkraft the operating holding company and the financial vehicle of the Statkraft Group.

The Statkraft Group continues the business activities previously organised under Statkraft SF. All shares in Statkraft are owned by the state-owned enterprise Statkraft SF, which in turn is owned by the Norwegian state through the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Statkraft's business has evolved through several stages since 1992. The very first years were characterised by low investment activity and a high focus on market orientation. From 1996 to 2002 the company accomplished a considerable expansion through acquiring stakes in several Norwegian utilities in addition to a large stake in the Swedish utility Sydkraft AB (currently E.ON Sverige AB). At the same time, the arbitrage and trading business was expanded through the establishment of companies in Holland, Germany and Sweden. From 2003 the Statkraft Group sold out certain Norwegian ownership stakes, while acquiring hydropower generation assets in Sweden and Finland, and constructing wind power generation in Norway and gas-fired generation plants in Norway and Germany. Through an asset swap with E.ON in 2008, Statkraft acquired ownership of a significant portfolio of generation assets in Sweden, Germany and the United Kingdom together with a shareholding in E.ON. In January 2009, Statkraft became the majority shareholder in SN Power through an increase in ownership from 50 per cent. to 60 per cent. In 2010, Statkraft's owner, Statkraft SF, injected NOK 14 billion in new equity to provide support for the company's growth strategy. Over the course of 2010, the Group continued project activities in Norway, and consolidated its international position. New plants came online in Turkey, India and Chile. Overall, the Group's production capacity outside of Norway increased by 180 MW, and decisions were made to make major investments both in and outside of Europe with a total installed capacity of 880 MW.

The European electricity market

Statkraft's revenues are significantly driven by the spot prices on the Nordic power exchange Nord Pool, European Energy Exchange (EEX) in Germany and other European power exchanges. The prices are strongly impacted by fuel prices, CO₂ allowance prices, energy demand from the industry and households, hydrological balance, precipitation and temperature and transmission capacity.

Risk management

The key risk factors for Statkraft relate to market operations, financial management, operating activities and framework conditions. Risk management is an integrated part of all business activities.

Statkraft manages volume and price risk by trading in physical and financial instruments in several markets. The increased integration of the energy markets is of great significance for business models and risk management, and great emphasis is placed on seeing the different markets in an overall context. Internal authorisations and limits have been established for all trading, and these are subject to continuous follow-up.

The central treasury department coordinates and manages the financial risk associated with foreign currencies, interest rates and liquidity. The most important instruments in managing this area are forward currency contracts, interest swap agreements and forward interest agreements. Foreign exchange and interest rate risk are regulated through mandates. Furthermore, limits have been established for liquidity and counterparty risk.

Both market risk and the other financial risk, as well as exposure connected to the issued mandates, are followed up by independent middle office functions, and are regularly reported to Group management and the board.

All processes in the value chain are exposed to operational risk, but the risk is greatest within project execution and operations. The operational risk is mainly handled by means of detailed procedures, emergency continuance plans and insurance. A comprehensive system has also been established to map, record and report unsafe conditions, undesirable incidents and injuries, and these are continuously analysed.

Statkraft's strategic priorities

Increased need for clean energy creates business opportunities for Statkraft. The strategic platform aims for growth in;

- European flexible power production and market operations
- International hydropower
- Wind power in Norway, Sweden and the UK

- District heating and small-scale hydro in Norway

In addition to these areas, Statkraft will continue to support a sound development in the regional companies in Norway where Statkraft has ownership interests. Furthermore, the innovation strategy has been amended to strengthen Statkraft in the growth areas.

Statkraft's strategy is based on an evaluation of the market's attractiveness and Statkraft's ability to create value. In December 2010, Statkraft received NOK 14 billion in new equity from the owner to implement the Group's strategy.

The premise for the strategy is that business development, construction and operation of power plants must be based on high health, safety and environment standards. The planned activities in emerging markets outside of Europe contribute to increased challenges in connection with corruption, health, safety and the environment as well as upholding Statkraft's corporate social responsibilities. These challenges must be handled in a satisfactory manner in order to create value.

European flexible power production and market operations

Statkraft's ambition in European flexible power production is to maintain its position as Europe's largest producer of hydropower and to be an important supplier of flexible power production to Europe.

On the basis of fundamental market analysis and a well-defined business model, Statkraft seeks to exploit the power plants' flexibility to produce electricity when commercially attractive and the need for power is greatest. Statkraft will prioritise modernisation and expansion, as well as further development of expertise, models and systems to ensure efficient operations and increased creation of value from existing power plants. Statkraft furthermore seeks to increase profitability and manage risk through the Group's market operations.

Statkraft will consider portfolio optimisation and selective investments in hydropower in north-western Europe. The Group will prioritise hydropower in the Nordic region, Germany and France. The market outlook for north-western Europe is uncertain due to expectations of low or possibly negative growth in demand and considerable increase in renewable energy production. Statkraft will therefore place an emphasis on understanding the consequences for the future power balance, power prices and the value of flexible power production.

International hydropower

Statkraft has a global strategy for development of hydropower with ambitions to strengthen the Group's position in attractive emerging markets. Statkraft invests in international hydropower both directly and through the subsidiary SN Power. The strategy for international hydropower is based on expected economic growth in selected markets, increased need for clean energy as well as a large potential for hydropower. Statkraft and SN Power have sound expertise related to development and production of hydropower which can form the basis for creation of value in new markets.

Statkraft is developing hydropower production in the Turkish market, and is considering solutions for the development of the Devoll project in Albania together with the Austrian company EVN. SN Power prioritises development of hydropower in Peru, Chile, Nepal, India, the Philippines and Brazil, where it already owns production capacity. SN Power is also seeking investment opportunities in Vietnam. Agua Imara, a subsidiary of SN Power, is considering investment opportunities in southern Africa and in Central America. SN Power normally seeks to invest in partnership with local interests or international investors.

Wind power

Statkraft's ambition is to establish a position among the most profitable and cost-effective players in the industry within onshore wind power in Norway and Sweden. As regards offshore wind power in the UK, Statkraft's ambition is to develop a future attractive position.

The wind power market in Europe is considered to be attractive due to the rising need for new renewable energy production in Europe. Public subsidy schemes and reduced costs for wind power are necessary to achieve satisfactory profitability. Statkraft has a large project portfolio in Norway and Sweden. Statkraft will prioritise the work to secure binding licenses, establish cost-effective solutions within development, operation and maintenance and strengthen its wind analysis expertise. In the UK, Statkraft's goal is to consolidate the existing land-based project portfolio.

Within offshore wind power, Statkraft owns Sheringham Shoal 50-50 with Statoil. The project is scheduled for completion in 2012. The Group also develops projects on the Dogger Bank in the UK up to the license stage in cooperation with partners. The investment decisions for the projects on the Dogger Bank are not to be made before a later point in time.

District heating and small-scale hydro

Statkraft's ambition is to further develop profitability, strengthen its position as one of the two largest district heating players in Norway and realise growth outside existing license areas. In Sweden, Statkraft plans further development of existing plants, but has no ambitions regarding growth in new areas.

Statkraft's ambition within small-scale hydropower production in Norway is to grow through industrial ownership in Småkraft AS. Småkraft invests in and builds small-scale hydropower plants in partnership with local landowners. Småkraft AS is owned by Statkraft (40 per cent), Skagerak Energi (20 per cent), BKK (20 per cent) and Agder Energi (20 per cent).

Organisation and segment reporting

The organisational structure shall accommodate the major changes arising from increased growth and internationalisation. The Group reports in accordance with how the Group management makes, follows up and evaluates its decisions. The segment structure is presented on the basis of the internal management information which the management periodically reviews and uses for resource allocation and goal attainment.

The Group adopted a new segment structure which became effective as of 1 January 2011. The segments – as described below – are Nordic hydropower, Continental energy and trading, International hydropower, Wind power, District heating and Industrial ownership. Areas not shown as separate segments are presented under the heading “*Other activities*”.

Key financial figures of segments

The key figures from the consolidated income statement and balance sheet are set out below, divided by segment. Items in the income statement are allocated in descending order until “Profit before financial items and tax”. Group financing and taxes are not allocated to the individual segments, and the business segments are monitored based on Profit before financial items and tax, as well as key performance indicators.

KEY FIGURES SEGMENTS

(for the financial year ended 31 December 2011)

Segments Amounts in NOK million	Statkraft AS Group	Nordic Hydropower	Continental Energy & Trading	Inter- national Hydropower	Wind Power	District Heating	Industrial Ownership	Other ¹
2011								
Gross operating revenues	22,371	12,674	4,106	1,066	350	555	7,842	(4,222)
Operating profit/loss	6,203	8,002	(413)	(1)	(104)	40	1,297	(2,618)
Share of profits/losses from associates and joint ventures	898	–	(98)	449	(389)	4	933	(1)
Profit/loss before financial items and tax	7,101	8,002	(511)	448	(493)	44	2,230	(2,619)
Balance sheet 31 Dec 2011								
Investments in associates and joint ventures	16,110	–	533	5,875	650	1	9,050	1
Other assets	127,768	48,761	5,759	8,467	2,711	2,660	13,899	45,511
Total assets	143,878	48,761	6,292	14,342	3,361	2,661	22,949	45,512
Depreciation, amortisation and impairments	(3,564)	(1,117)	(396)	(221)	(104)	(106)	(449)	(1,171)
Maintenance investments	1,129	469	303	69	1	8	248	31
Investments in new generating capacity	5,217	1,397	1,446	959	491	401	348	175
Investments in shares	1,923	–	585	1,051	187	97	2	1

1) Including eliminations. The figures in this column correspond to the combined totals for the columns “Other activities” and “Group Items” contained within Note 6 – Segment Information on page 41 of the Issuer’s audited consolidated and non-consolidated annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011.

Nordic hydropower

Nordic hydropower is the largest segment and includes hydropower plants in the Nordic region. The production assets are mainly flexible and include 169 hydropower plants in Norway (107), Sweden (59) and Finland (4), with a total installed capacity of more than 10,500 MW. The segment’s revenues come mainly from sale of power in the spot market as well as long-term contracts, the latter mostly with power-intensive industry in Norway. In Norway, Statkraft also delivers concessionary power. Multiple-year reservoirs and the flexibility of the power plants enable optimisation of power production in relation to the hydrological situation and price situation. Nordic hydropower is therefore optimised over longer time periods than one year.

Continental energy and trading

Continental energy and trading includes gas power plants in Germany and Norway, hydropower plants in Germany and the UK and bio-based power plants in Germany, as well as Baltic Cable, the subsea cable between Sweden and Germany. Total installed capacity for the segment’s 20 power plants is slightly less than 2,500 MW, while Baltic Cable has a capacity of 600 MW. The power production is optimised in relation to the prices on input factors (fuel, carbon and hydrology) and sales prices (power and green certificates). The segment includes trading and origination, as well as revenue optimisation and risk mitigation related to both the Continental and Nordic production. This enables the Group to exploit its overall market expertise in the best possible manner. The trading involves extensive use of standardised and structured power contracts, gas, coal, oil and carbon.

International hydropower

International hydropower operates in emerging economies with expected high growth and substantial need for energy. Statkraft focuses on selected markets where the Group’s hydropower expertise can be applied. The activities include the shareholding of 60 per cent. in SN Power as well as the Group’s

hydropower activities in Southeast Europe with emphasis on Turkey and Albania. SN Power owns interests in 20 hydropower plants in South America, Asia and Africa, as well as one wind farm and one thermal power plant in South America. These power plants have a total installed capacity of 990 MW (SN Power's share). In addition, SN Power owns two hydropower plants totalling 197 MW (SN Power's percentage) under construction. SN Power is also engaged in power trading in Brazil. In Turkey, Statkraft owns a hydropower plant of 20 MW, while three hydropower plants totalling 619 MW are under construction. Investments are often made in partnership with local players or international investors. The segment's result is characterised by expensing substantial costs in connection with project development.

Wind power

Wind power includes Statkraft's investments in land-based and offshore wind power. The segment has five land-based wind farms in operation in Norway, Sweden and the UK, with a total installed capacity of 276 MW. The revenues mainly derive from sale of power at spot prices as well as green certificates. In addition, the segment has three wind farms - two in Sweden and one in the UK - under construction. These will have an installed capacity totalling 129 MW (Statkraft's share), and are scheduled for completion in 2012 and 2013. In Norway and Sweden, the segment has a large project portfolio within land-based wind, where the priority is to achieve final licences so that construction can start. Offshore wind concentrates on the UK market. Statkraft and Statoil own the offshore wind farm Sheringham Shoal 50-50. The wind farm will have an installed capacity of 317 MW and is scheduled for completion in 2012. Together with three partners, the offshore wind projects at Dogger Bank are being developed towards the licence application stage. In addition to the write-down on the investment in Sheringham Shoal, the result has also been characterised by expensing of project development costs. Project development costs will for a period continue to impact the segment result.

District heating

District heating operates in Norway and Sweden. Further growth will primarily take place in Norway where Statkraft is one of the two largest suppliers of district heating. The total installed capacity is 377 MW in Norway and 231 MW in Sweden. In Norway, about 700 commercial customers and about 9000 households are supplied with district heating, while about 1600 customers in Sweden receive district heating. The revenues are influenced by power prices, grid tariffs and taxes, and the price to customers is adjusted monthly or quarterly. Waste, biomass, oil and gas are important input factors in the production of district heating. In Norway, the customer basis is being strengthened through mandatory connection.

Industrial ownership

Industrial ownership includes management and development of Norwegian shareholdings. The segment comprises the companies Skagerak Energi AS, Fjordkraft AS, BKK AS (49.9 per cent. shareholding), Istad AS (49 per cent.) and Agder Energi AS (45.5 per cent.). The two former companies are included in the consolidated financial statements, while the other three companies are reported as associates. Skagerak Energi's activities are concentrated around the production of power, district heating operations, distribution grid operations, electrical contracting activities and natural gas distribution. The production assets comprise 45 wholly and partly-owned hydropower plants with a total installed capacity of 1,355 MW, as well as 57 MW of district heating. The company has about 181,000 distribution grid customers and more than 700 district heating customers. Fjordkraft's activities are concentrated around the sale of electricity to households and companies, and the company had more than 400,000 customers at the end of 2011.

Other activities

Other activities includes Small-scale hydropower, the shareholding of 4.17 per cent. in E.ON AG, real estate management in Trondheim (sold in 2011), innovation, group functions and eliminations.

Important events 2011

Nordic and other European flexible power production and market operations

Statkraft increased the long-term power contract volume, and several new contracts were entered into in 2011. The new power agreements starting delivery in 2011 and 2012 amount to a total annual volume of 6.6 TWh, and the Group's total long-term contract volume is now about 20 TWh per year. These are agreements entered into with mainly Norwegian companies.

In Norway, Statkraft is upgrading its hydropower plants with a budget exceeding NOK 1 billion. In Sogn og Fjordane County, Statkraft is constructing the Eiriksdal and Makkoren hydropower plants to replace three older power plants which will be shut down, and Nedre Røssåga power plant in Nordland County is also undergoing modernisation. The Eiriksdal and Makkoren development is scheduled for completion in 2014, while the modernisation of Nedre Røssåga is scheduled for completion in 2015. In addition, efforts are underway to expand Svartisen power plant in Nordland with a new unit.

The supply of new renewable energy to the market over the course of 2011, combined with falling power prices and high gas prices, resulted in low margins for gas power plants in Germany. The German power market is in substantial and rapid change, and this, combined with low demand, has caused Statkraft to write down the gas and bio-power plant portfolio and to decide that the older Emden 4 gas power plant in Germany will be put in cold reserve with reduced workforce. This capacity will be replaced by expansion of a different gas power plant, Knapsack II (430 MW), where construction started in 2011 and will be completed in 2013. The total investment for the plant is about NOK 3 billion.

International hydropower

Statkraft decided to start construction of the Cetin project in south-eastern Turkey. The project will consist of two power plants of 401 MW and 116 MW, respectively, combined with a regulation reservoir. The project is scheduled for completion in the second half of 2015. The expected cost is about NOK 4 billion. In addition, Statkraft is constructing the Kargi hydropower plant in Turkey. The 102 MW plant is scheduled for completion in late 2013, and has an investment ceiling of NOK 2 billion.

Through the subsidiary SN Power, acquisitions were made in the Brazilian company Enerpar and an agreement entered into to acquire 40.65 per cent of the shares in the Brazilian company Desenvix. Enerpar (wholly owned) is a power trading company, while Desenvix develops, builds and owns small and medium-sized hydropower plants. The acquisition of the stake in Desenvix was completed on 9 March 2012.

The total rehabilitation of the Ambuklao power plant in the Philippines, which SN Power owns together with Aboitiz, was completed and the power plant is now in full production. The plant has an installed capacity of 105 MW and an annual mean production of about 332 GWh.

SN Power's subsidiary Agua Imara has decided to develop the Bajo Frio power plant in Panama. The project will be realised with a local partner. The 58 MW power plant is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2014 and has a development cost of about USD 200 million.

SN Power acquired the remaining 20 per cent. of the shares in Norvind and now wholly owns a 46 MW wind farm in Chile. The acquisition took place in combination with SN Power divesting itself of Hidroeléctrica Trayenko in Chile.

At the end of 2011, the Group had five power plants under construction outside of Northern Europe - Kargi (102 MW) and Cetin (401 MW and 116 MW) in Turkey, Cheves (168 MW) in Peru and Bajo Frio (58 MW) in Panama. The total investment for these developments is expected to reach about NOK 9.5 billion. In addition, Statkraft SF has a 20 per cent. shareholding in Theun Hinboun in Laos, which will be expanded by two power plants to increase the capacity from 220 MW to 500 MW.

Wind power

The Group approved and started the construction of three wind farms. Stamåsen (60 MW) and Mörttjärnberget (85 MW) in Sweden are scheduled for completion in 2012 and 2013, respectively, and Baillie in Scotland (52.5 MW) is scheduled for completion in 2012. The total investment for these projects is about NOK 2.8 billion.

In addition, Statkraft and Statoil are building the Sheringham Shoal offshore wind farm (317 MW) off the coast of the UK. At the end of 2011, 21 wind turbines had been installed, of which ten were in operation. The farm is scheduled for completion in 2012. This is the Group's first offshore wind construction project. The project has suffered cost overruns and delays, and the value of the plant has been written down.

District heating

Statkraft was awarded a licence to develop 45 GWh of district heating in Ås. The initial heating delivery has been scheduled for 2012. The total investment amounts to about NOK 170 million, and Statkraft has been granted NOK 38 million in subsidies from Enova.

Statkraft acquired Bio Varme. The business includes 80 GWh in operation, 50 GWh under development and 70 GWh under planning.

Small-scale hydro

Småkraft started operations at four new plants in 2011. At the end of the year, the company had 28 power plants in operation (annual production of 328 GWh) as well as 21 legally binding licences (183 GWh).

Other important events

Statkraft sold the real estate company Sluppen Eiendom AS in Trondheim with a booked gain of NOK 126 million.

Fjordkraft AS sold the shareholding in Scanenergi AS and Scanenergi Elsalg AS with a booked gain of NOK 123 million.

Health and safety

There was one fatal accident in consolidated operations and four in associates. A contractor died in connection with a development project in Turkey, where Statkraft owns 100 per cent, three contractor employees died in connection with a development project in Theun Hinboun Power Company in Laos, where Statkraft SF owns 20 per cent., and an employee died in the Istad Group in Norway, where Statkraft owns 49 per cent. All accidents have been investigated and followed up. To achieve the goal of zero working accidents with serious consequences, the work to follow up and implement preventive activities in the operations and projects will be strengthened. Furthermore, high safety requirements are also set for partners and suppliers.

Material contracts

Leased out capacity of Rana power station in northern Norway

The Statkraft Group has leased out 65 per cent. of the production capacity of Rana power station to a Finnish consortium (Etelä-Pohjanmaan Oy (EPV) and Kymppivoima Tuatano Oy (KV)) for the period 2005-2020. The installed capacity of Rana power station is 500 MW with an approximate annual production of 2 TWh. The buyer paid NOK 2.2 billion in 2004 and will pay an annual operation and maintenance fee of NOK 65 million and 65 per cent. of recurrent tax costs.

Statutory-priced contracts

Statkraft has had a statutory obligation to supply power-intensive industrial customers and the wood processing industry at prices set by the Norwegian Parliament. In 2011 the total volume for these contracts amounted to 1.0 TWh and the average statutory prices were below the market price. The statutory-priced contracts with industrial customers expired in total in 2011.

Statkraft has obligations to supply power to local authorities at concessionary prices. In 2011 the total volume for these contracts amounted to 2.9 TWh at prices below the market price. There is no expiry date for the obligation to supply power to local authorities at concessionary prices.

Statkraft offers long-term contracts based on commercial terms and conditions to replace previously statutory-priced contracts. Statkraft covers the long-term power requirement of several Norwegian, Swedish and Finnish industrial companies. At the beginning of 2012, these contracts amounted to approximately 20 TWh. In addition, Statkraft offers a solution to the power-intensive industry for short-term trading solutions in the Nordic region called Energy service. In Statkraft's total short-term industrial portfolio, power-intensive companies have entered into energy service agreements.

MANAGEMENT OF THE ISSUER

Board of Directors

The board of directors is elected for a term of two years and must, according to Statkraft's articles of association, consist of a minimum of seven and a maximum of nine members. Currently, Statkraft's board has nine directors, of which six are shareholder representatives selected by the Ministry of Trade and Industry. The composition of the board aims at achieving continuity and diversity with respect to industrial understanding, professional background, geographical representation, gender, independence and impartiality. In agreement with employee representatives, the company has no Corporate Assembly. Three of the sitting board's nine members have been elected by and among the Group's employees.

The board has the ultimate responsibility for the performance of the company. The board shall ensure that the business is run in accordance with the company's objectives, Articles of Association and the guidelines established by the general meeting and ensure that it is adequately organised to meet its obligations. The board shall keep itself informed of the company's financial position and ensure that the company's activities, financial statements and asset management are subject to satisfactory controls. This also involves supervising management's day-to-day operation of the company and its business activities in general. The board must issue the necessary guidelines with respect to the business and its management, and must approve the company's strategy, financial plans and annual results. The board has drawn up a mandate which provides guidelines for the board's working practices and decision-making procedures. This mandate also defines the chief executive's duties and obligations at large and in relation to the board. The board evaluates its performance and its competence on an annual basis.

Statkraft's principles for corporate governance clarify the relative roles of Statkraft's owner, board of directors and management. Two board committees have been set up; an audit committee and a compensation committee.

Svein Aaser, Chair

Born: 1946

Position: Business Advisor.

Education: MSc in Economics and Business Administration, Program for Executive Development from Lausanne IMEDE's

Board member since: 2010, Chair of Statkraft's Compensation Committee

Other directorships: Chair of FIS Nordic World Ski Championships 2011, the National Gallery of Norway, Deep Sea Supply ASA, Ocean Yield AS as well as Aktiv Kapital, Anders Jahres Humanitære Stiftelse and Oslo Kammermusikkfestival. He is also a member of J.P. Morgan's Advisory Board, London.

A new Chairman of the Board is expected to be announced at the General Assembly in June.

Ellen Stensrud, Deputy Chair

Born: 1951

Position: Chief Treasurer in the Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions (LO)

Education: Lower secondary school

Board member since: 2007

Other directorships: Chair of Internasjonal Faglig Solidaritet (IFS); Director on a number of committees and boards relating to LO.

Halvor Stenstadvold

Born: 1944

Position: Business advisor

Education: Master of Political Science

Board member since: 2003, Chair of Statkraft's Audit Committee

Other directorships: Chair of Norwegian Microfinance Initiative (NMI), Kongsberg Automotive ASA; Director of Storebrand ASA and Navamedic ASA

Silvija Seres

Born: 1970

Position: Managing Director, TechnoRocks AS

Education: Ph.D. in Mathematics (Oxford University), MBA (INSEAD)

Board member since: 2010, member of Statkraft's Compensation Committee

Other directorships: Norsk Tipping, Aschehoug, Dagbladet Medialab, Norman ASA

Berit Rødseth

Born: 1951

Position: Project director at Moelven Industrier ASA

Education: Economist, agronomist

Board member since: 2007, member of Statkraft's Audit Committee

Other directorships: Chair of Moelven Bioenergi AS and Vänerbränsle AB

Inge Ryan

Born: 1956

Position: County governor of Nord-Trøndelag County

Education: Teacher's and educational training, management training

Board member since: 2010, member of audit committee

Lena Halvari, employee representative

Born: 1975

Position: Controller group accounting, Statkraft

Education: Master in audit and accounting, Bachelor in international business

Board member since: 2010

Thorbjørn Holøs, employee representative

Born: 1957

Position: Senior union representative, Skagerak Energi

Education: Energy technician

Board member since: 2002, member of audit committee

Odd Vanvik, employee representative

Born: 1952

Position: Employee representative for the Statkraft Group

Education: Master craftsman

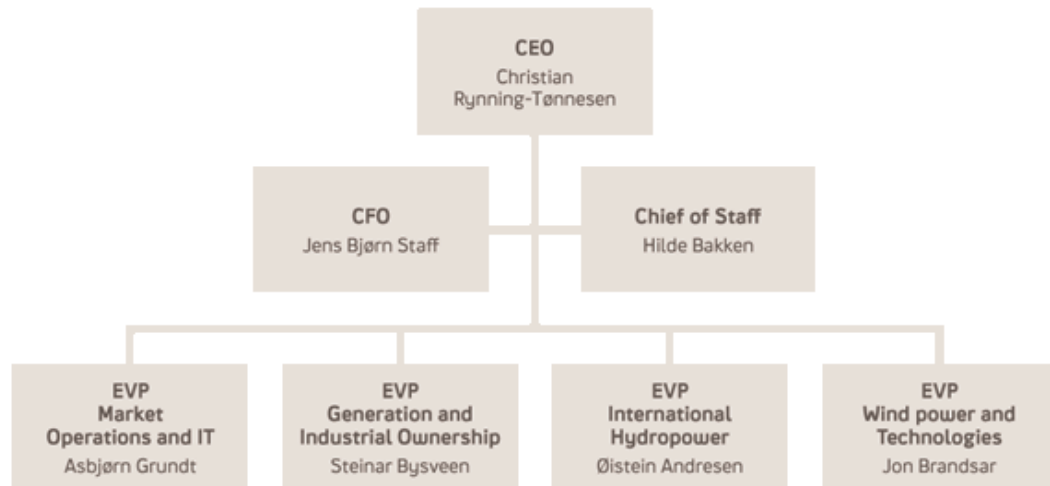
Board member since: 1993, member of Statkraft's Compensation Committee

The business address of each member of the Issuer's Board of Directors is Lilleakerveien 6, 0283 Oslo, Norway.

There are no potential conflicts of interest between the private interests or other duties of the members of the Board of Directors and their duties to the Issuer.

Management

The Statkraft Group is managed by the President and CEO and a group of executive vice presidents constituting the Executive Management Team. The operating activities are managed by separate Business Units and Support Units constituting the Management Team. Each Business and Support Team has clear performance targets and reports to the Executive Management Team.



Christian Rynning-Tønnesen

Born: 1959

Position: President and CEO Statkraft AS and Statkraft SF

Education: MSc Engineering, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)

Background: CEO of Norske Skog, various executive positions within Statkraft, Esso Norge and McKinsey

Joined Statkraft: 2010

Directorships (external): Vcom AS (chair), T. Klaveness Group (board member), Presens AS (board member)

Hilde Bakken

Born: 1966

Position: Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff

Education: MSc Petroleum Engineering, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), and studies in organisational psychology (University of Bergen)

Background: Various positions as reservoir engineer within Conoco Norway Inc. and Norsk Hydro. Positions as business coordinator, senior analyst, section manager, production planner, process coordinator within Statkraft.

Joined Statkraft: 2000

Steinar Bysveen

Born: 1958

Position: Executive Vice President, Generation and Industrial Ownership

Education: MSc Engineering, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) and a degree in business administration from BI Norwegian Business School

Background: CEO of Energy Norway, various positions in Saga Petroleum and CEO of Industrikraft Midt-Norge.

Joined Statkraft: 2010

Øistein Andresen

Born: 1960

Position: Executive Vice President, International hydropower

Education: MSc Electrical Engineering, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)

Background: Various executive positions within ABB Energi AS, Statkraft Engineering AS, Akershus Nett AS and SN Power.

Joined Statkraft: 2010

Jon G. Brandsar

Born: 1954

Position: Executive Vice President, Wind Power and Technologies

Education: BSc Electrical Engineering

Background: CEO Trondheim Energiverk; various executive positions within Statkraft, Statkraft Engineering and ABB

Joined Statkraft: 1994

Asbjørn Grundt

Born: 1964

Position: Executive Vice President, Market Operations and IT

Education: MSc in Industrial Economics (and Technology Management), Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Master of Management, BI Norwegian Business School

Background: Various executive positions with Statkraft, Norsk Hydro, The Norwegian Defence and Research establishment, the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)

Joined Statkraft: 2000

Jens Bjørn Staff

Born: 1967

Position: Executive Vice President and CFO

Education: MBA, Norwegian School of Economics (NHH) and BA, BI Norwegian Business School

Background: Various executive positions with Statoil, the Norwegian Post and PwC

Joined Statkraft: 2011.

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There are no potential conflicts of interest between the private interests or other duties of the members of the Executive Management Team and their duties to the Issuer.

Chief executive

The chief executive of Statkraft is appointed by the board of directors. The chief executive is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the company, including its asset management and consolidated financial results. The chief executive is responsible for the organisation of the Statkraft Group, however, material or principle changes shall be presented to the board for approval prior to implementation. The board evaluates the chief executive's performance and competence on an annual basis.

Governing bodies

The Kingdom of Norway, embodied in the Ministry of Trade and Industry, exercises its shareholder's rights through Statkraft SF's corporate meetings. Statkraft SF exercises its shareholder's rights through Statkraft's general meetings, but votes in accordance with the instructions given by Statkraft SF's corporate meetings. The chair of Statkraft SF's board of directors and the company's other directors hold the same positions in Statkraft. The two companies' boards of directors are therefore identical.

External auditor

Statkraft's appointed external auditor is responsible for the financial audit of the parent company and the consolidated financial statements. The annual general meeting selects the auditor based on the board's proposal and approves the auditor's fees. The auditor serves until a new auditor is appointed. The external audit contract is put out for tender at regular intervals. Deloitte AS has been the auditor for Statkraft AS since 2004, reappointed in 2010.

Statkraft's policy is to use the same audit company for all the Group companies where this is practical and where Statkraft has sole authority to decide. In partly owned companies, auditors are selected in consultation with the other shareholders. The board has meetings with the external auditor to review the annual financial statements and otherwise as required. The board evaluates the external auditor's independence and has established guidelines for the use of the external auditor for consultancy purposes. In accordance with the requirement to maintain the auditor's independence, Statkraft will only make limited use of the external auditor for tasks other than statutory financial audits. The auditor will nevertheless be used for tasks related in nature to the audit process, such as technical assistance with tax documents, interpretation of accounting and tax regulations, as well as the confirmation of financial information in various contexts.

The auditor will present an annual written report to Statkraft's Audit Committee as part of the ordinary audit. The board shall be advised of the main elements of this report.

Corporate auditor

As part of the Group's internal control system, Statkraft has established a corporate audit function to assist the board and management in making an independent and impartial evaluation of the Group's key risk management and control procedures. The corporate audit function shall also contribute to a continual improvement in the quality of the internal management and control systems. The board shall approve the Group policy and procedure for the company's corporate audit function.

The corporate audit function prepares an annual corporate audit report and audit plan for the coming year which is presented to the board. The Head of Corporate Audit shall be present for questions when the board discusses these matters, and has a right and a duty to address the board either in person or in writing if he/she would like to discuss a particular matter.

Code of Conduct

Group principles and procedures for ethical business operation are established in accordance with business principles and principles for corporate governance, and apply to all employees and to everyone who acts on behalf of the Group. If any employee of Statkraft is unsure about the meaning of any part of the Code or about the proper course of action in accordance therewith, the employee in question shall seek advice and raise the matter with his or her manager. The employee may also contact the Corporate Responsibility Unit. The head of Corporate Audit performs the function of adviser on ethical issues and notification body for unethical or illegal matters.

The Group's management system

The Group has established a management system that describes the way in which the Group manages its activities and the internal frameworks within which employees shall act in their daily work. The management system brings together all the governing documents, from the Articles of Association to the

various descriptions of processes, procedures and projects. The management system provides an important basis for risk management, internal control procedures and improvement work. The structure of governing documents provides a basis for securing quality and efficiency in daily operations, as well as in reporting to the company's management, the board of directors and capital markets.

Performance management

Management reporting is based on scorecards and key performance indicators (**KPI**) which highlight the value drivers that influence the company's earnings and net worth.

The Group scorecards form the core of the company's operational management, supplemented by tools, such as forecasts, target cost figures, authorisations and trend analyses. The scorecard's value drivers are broken down into detailed KPIs corresponding to the business areas' scorecards. A system has been established to implement corrective measures when performance falls short of the targets set.

KPIs are linked to the compensation system for employees. Cost control is ensured through specially developed targets for the costs that are within the company's control.

An authorisation system ensures approval and control of individual transactions. A quality assurance system covering all major investments has been established and material investments are submitted for review by Statkraft's investments committee. To ensure a sound basis for financial planning and the coordination of resources, Statkraft prepares monthly forecasts for the current financial year and the following 12 months.

BOOK-ENTRY CLEARANCE SYSTEMS

*The information set out below is subject to any change in or reinterpretation of the rules, regulations and procedures of DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg (together, the **Clearing Systems**) currently in effect. The information in this section concerning the Clearing Systems has been obtained from sources that the Issuer believes to be reliable, but none of the Issuer, the Trustee or any Dealer takes any responsibility for the accuracy thereof. Investors wishing to use the facilities of any of the Clearing Systems are advised to confirm the continued applicability of the rules, regulations and procedures of the relevant Clearing System. None of the Issuer, the Trustee or any other party to the Agency Agreement will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to, or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the Notes held through the facilities of any Clearing System or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.*

Book-entry Systems

DTC

DTC has advised the Issuer that it is a limited purpose trust company organised under the New York Banking Law, a “banking organisation” within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a “clearing corporation” within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a “clearing agency” registered pursuant to Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC holds securities that its participants (**Participants**) deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the settlement among Participants of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges, in deposited securities through electronic computerised book-entry changes in Participants’ accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organisations. DTC is owned by a number of its Direct Participants and by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the American Stock Exchange, Inc. and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Access to the DTC System is also available to others such as securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly (**Indirect Participants**).

Under the rules, regulations and procedures creating and affecting DTC and its operations (the **Rules**), DTC makes book-entry transfers of Registered Notes among Direct Participants on whose behalf it acts with respect to Notes accepted into DTC’s book-entry settlement system (**DTC Notes**) as described below and receives and transmits distributions of principal and interest on DTC Notes. The Rules are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Direct Participants and Indirect Participants with which beneficial owners of DTC Notes (**Owners**) have accounts with respect to the DTC Notes similarly are required to make book-entry transfers and receive and transmit such payments on behalf of their respective Owners. Accordingly, although Owners who hold DTC Notes through Direct Participants or Indirect Participants will not possess Registered Notes, the Rules, by virtue of the requirements described above, provide a mechanism by which Direct Participants will receive payments and will be able to transfer their interest in respect of the DTC Notes.

Purchases of DTC Notes under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the DTC Notes on DTC’s records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each DTC Note (**Beneficial Owner**) is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase, but Beneficial Owners are expected to receive written providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the DTC Notes are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in DTC Notes, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the DTC Notes is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all DTC Notes deposited by Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC’s partnership nominee, Cede & Co. The deposit of DTC Notes with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. effect no change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the DTC Notes; DTC’s records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such DTC Notes are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Redemption notices shall be sent to Cede & Co. If less than all of the DTC Notes within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. will consent or vote with respect to DTC Notes. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the Issuer as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the DTC Notes are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Principal and interest payments on the DTC Notes will be made to DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts on the due date for payment in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records unless DTC has reason to believe that it will not receive payment on the due date. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name", and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC or the Issuer, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal and interest to DTC is the responsibility of the Issuer, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants is the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners is the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

Under certain circumstances, including if there is an Event of Default under the Notes, DTC will exchange the DTC Notes for definitive Registered Notes, which it will distribute to its Participants in accordance with their proportionate entitlements and which, if representing interests in a Rule 144A Global Note, will be legended as set forth under "*Notice to Purchasers and Holders of Restricted Notes and Transfer Restrictions*".

Since DTC may only act on behalf of Direct Participants, who in turn act on behalf of Indirect Participants, any Owner desiring to pledge DTC Notes to persons or entities that do not participate in DTC, or otherwise take actions with respect to such DTC Notes, will be required to withdraw its Registered Notes from DTC as described below.

Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg

Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg each holds securities for its customers and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions by electronic book-entry transfer between their respective account holders. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg provide various services including safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg also deal with domestic securities markets in several countries through established depository and custodial relationships, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have established an electronic bridge between their two systems across which their respective participants may settle trades with each other.

Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg customers are world-wide financial institutions, including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations. Indirect access to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg is available to other institutions that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with an account holder of either system,

The Issuer will apply to DTC in order to have each Tranche of Notes represented by Registered Global Notes accepted in its book-entry settlement system. Upon the issue of any Registered Global Notes, DTC or its custodian will credit, on its internal book-entry system, of the individual beneficial interests represented by such Registered Global Notes to the accounts of persons who have accounts with DTC. Such on behalf of the relevant Dealer. Ownership of beneficial Global Note will be limited to Direct Participants or Indirect Participants, including the respective depositories of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. Ownership of beneficial interests in a Registered Global Note will be shown on, and the transfer of such ownership will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC or its nominee (with respect to the interests of Direct Participants) and the records of Direct Participants (with respect to interests of Indirect Participants).

Payments in U.S. dollars of principal and interest in respect of a Registered Global Note registered in the name of DTC's nominee will be made to the order of such nominee as the registered holder of such Note. In the case of any payment in a currency other than U.S. dollars, payment will be made to the Exchange Agent on behalf of DTC's nominee and the Exchange Agent will (in accordance with instructions received by it) remit all or a portion of such payment for credit directly to the beneficial holders of interests in the Registered Global Notes in the currency in which such payment was made and/or cause all or a portion of such payment to be converted into U.S. dollars and credited to the applicable Participants' account.

The Issuer expects DTC to credit accounts of Direct Participants on the applicable payment date in accordance with their respective holdings as shown in the records of DTC unless DTC has reason to believe that it will not receive payment on such payment date. The Issuer also expects that payments by Participants to beneficial owners of Notes will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers, and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not the responsibility of DTC, the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar or the Issuer. Payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on Notes to DTC is the responsibility of the Issuer.

Transfers of Notes Represented by Registered Global Notes

Transfers of any interests in Notes represented by a Registered Global Note within DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will be effected in accordance with the customary rules and operating procedures of the relevant clearing system. The laws in some States within the United States require that certain persons take physical delivery of securities in definitive form. Consequently, the ability to transfer Notes represented by a Registered Global Note to such persons may depend upon the ability to exchange such Notes for Notes in definitive form. Similarly, because DTC can only act on behalf of Direct Participants in the DTC system who in turn act on behalf of Indirect Participants, the ability of a person having an interest in Notes represented by a Registered Global Note to pledge such Notes to persons or entities that do not participate in the DTC system or otherwise to take action in respect of such Notes may depend upon the ability to exchange such Notes for Notes in definitive form. The ability of any holder of Notes represented by a Registered Global Note to resell, pledge or otherwise transfer such Notes may be impaired if the proposed transferee of such Notes is not eligible to hold such Notes through a direct or indirect participant in the DTC system.

Subject to compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Registered Notes described under "*Notice to Purchasers and Holders of Restricted Notes and Transfer Restrictions*", cross-market transfers between DTC, on the one hand, and directly or indirectly through Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear accountholders, on the other, will be effected by the relevant clearing system in accordance with its rules and through action taken by the Registrar, the Principal Paying Agent and any custodian (**Custodian**) with whom the relevant Registered Global Notes have been deposited.

On or after the Issue Date for any Series, transfers of Notes of such Series between accountholders in Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear and transfers of Notes of such Series between participants in DTC will generally have a settlement date three business days after the trade date (T+3). The customary arrangements for delivery versus payment will apply to such transfers.

Cross-market transfers between accountholders in Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear and DTC participants will need to have an agreed settlement date between the parties to such transfer. Because there is no direct link between DTC, on the one hand, and Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear, on the other, transfers of interests in the relevant Registered Global Notes will be effected through the Registrar, the Principal Paying Agent and the Custodian receiving instructions (and, where appropriate, certification) from the transferor and arranging for delivery of the interests being transferred to the credit of the designated account for the transferee. In the case of cross-market transfers, settlement between Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg accountholders and DTC participants cannot be made on a delivery versus payment basis. The securities will be delivered on a free delivery basis and arrangements for payment must be made separately.

DTC, Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear have each published rules and operating procedures designed to facilitate transfers of beneficial interests in Registered Global Notes among participants and accountholders of DTC, Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear. However, they are under no obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures, and such procedures may be discontinued or changed at any time. None of the Issuer, the Trustee, the Agents or any Dealer will be responsible for any performance by DTC, Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear or their respective direct or indirect

participants or accountholders of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations and none of them will have any liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial interests in the Notes represented by Registered Global Notes or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial interests.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS RELATING TO DEFINITIVE REGISTERED NOTES

Registered Notes of a Series that are initially offered and sold in the United States pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act in private placement transactions exempt from registration under the Securities Act to Institutional Accredited Investors who execute and deliver to the Registrar an IAI Investment Letter substantially in the form attached to the Agency Agreement will be issued only as Definitive Registered Notes, registered in the name of the purchaser thereof or its nominee. Unless otherwise set forth in the applicable Final Terms, such Definitive Registered Notes will be issued only in minimum denominations of U.S.\$500,000 and integral multiples of U.S.\$1,000 in excess thereof (or the approximate equivalents in the applicable Specified Currency). Such Definitive Registered Notes issued to Institutional Accredited Investors will be subject to the restrictions on transfer set forth therein and in the Agency Agreement and will bear the applicable legend regarding such restrictions set forth under “*Notice to Purchasers and Holders of Restricted Notes and Transfer Restrictions*” below. Institutional Accredited Investors that hold Definitive Registered Notes may not elect to hold such Notes through DTC, but transferees acquiring such Notes in transactions exempt from registration under the Securities Act pursuant to Rule 144A, Regulation S or Rule 144 under the Securities Act (if applicable) may take delivery thereof in the form of an interest in a Restricted Global Note or a Regulation S Global Note, as the case may be, representing Notes of the same Series.

NOTICE TO PURCHASERS AND HOLDERS OF RESTRICTED NOTES AND TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS

As a result of the following restrictions, purchasers of Notes in the United States are advised to consult legal counsel prior to making any offer, resale, pledge or transfer of such Notes.

Each prospective purchaser of Legended Notes, by accepting delivery of this Offering Circular, will be deemed to have represented and agreed as follows:

- (1) Such offeree acknowledges that this Offering Circular is personal to such offeree and does not constitute an offer to any other person or to the public generally to subscribe for or otherwise acquire Notes. Distribution of this Offering Circular, or disclosure of any of its contents to any person other than such offeree and those persons, if any, retained to advise such offeree with respect thereto is unauthorised, and any such distribution or disclosure, without the prior written consent of the Issuer, is prohibited; and
- (2) Such offeree agrees to make no photocopies of this Offering Circular or any documents referred to herein.

Each purchaser of an interest in a Restricted Note offered and sold in reliance on Rule 144A will be deemed to have acknowledged represented and agreed as follows (terms used in this paragraph that are not defined herein will have the meaning given to them in Rule 144A or in Regulation S as the case may be):

- (a) The purchaser (i) is a QIB, (ii) is aware that the sale to it is being made in reliance on Rule 144A and (iii) is acquiring Notes for its own account or for the account of a QIB;
- (b) The purchaser understands that such Restricted Global Note is being offered only in a transaction not involving any public offering in the United States within the meaning of the Securities Act, such Restricted Global Note has not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act or any other applicable securities law and may not be offered, sold or otherwise transferred unless registered pursuant to or exempt from registration under the Securities Act or any other applicable securities law; and that (i) if in the future the purchaser decides to offer, resell, pledge or otherwise transfer such Restricted Global Note, such Restricted Global Note may be offered, sold, pledged or otherwise transferred only (A) to a person who the seller reasonably believes is a QIB in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A, (B) in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 of Regulation S or (C) pursuant to an exemption from registration under the Securities Act provided by Rule 144 thereunder (if available) and in each of such cases in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States or any other jurisdiction and that (ii) the purchaser will, and each subsequent holder of the Restricted Notes is required to, notify any purchaser of such Restricted Global Note from it of the resale restrictions referred to in (i) above and that (iii) no representation can be made as to the availability of the exemption provided by Rule 144 under the Securities Act for resale of Notes;
- (c) Each Restricted Global Note will bear a legend to the following effect, in addition to such other legends as may be necessary or appropriate, unless the Issuer determines otherwise in compliance with applicable law:

THIS NOTE (OR ITS PREDECESSOR) HAS NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER, AND WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER, THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR AN APPLICABLE EXEMPTION THEREFROM AND UNLESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER JURISDICTION. EACH PURCHASER OF THIS NOTE IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE SELLER OF THIS NOTE MAY BE RELYING ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A THEREUNDER. THE HOLDER OF THIS NOTE BY ITS ACCEPTANCE HEREOF REPRESENTS AND AGREES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ISSUER AND THE DEALERS THAT (A) THIS NOTE MAY BE RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED ONLY (1) TO A PERSON WHOM THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) IN A

TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUCH RULE 144A, (2) IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR (3) PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144 THEREUNDER (IF AVAILABLE) AND IN EACH OF SUCH CASES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER JURISDICTION, AND THAT (B) THE HOLDER WILL, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT HOLDER IS REQUIRED TO, NOTIFY ANY PURCHASER OF THIS NOTE FROM IT OF THE TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS REFERRED TO IN (A) ABOVE. NO REPRESENTATION CAN BE MADE AS TO AVAILABILITY OF THE EXEMPTION PROVIDED BY RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT FOR RESALES OF THIS NOTE.

Each Definitive Registered Note that is offered and sold in the United States to an Institutional Accredited Investor pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act or in a transaction otherwise exempt from registration under the Securities Act will bear a legend to the following effect, in addition to such other legends as may be necessary or appropriate, unless the Issuer determines otherwise in compliance with applicable law:

“THIS NOTE (OR ITS PREDECESSOR) HAS NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER, AND WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER, THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED, (THE “SECURITIES ACT”), AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR AN APPLICABLE EXEMPTION THEREFROM AND UNLESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER JURISDICTION. EACH PURCHASER OF THIS NOTE, BY ITS ACCEPTANCE HEREOF, WHETHER UPON ORIGINAL ISSUANCE OR SUBSEQUENT TRANSFER, ACKNOWLEDGES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ISSUER AND THE DEALERS THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE SET FORTH BELOW AND AGREES THAT IT SHALL TRANSFER THIS NOTE ONLY AS PROVIDED IN THE AGENCY AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY THE ISSUER ON 26 MAY 2011. THE PURCHASER REPRESENTS THAT IT IS ACQUIRING THIS NOTE FOR INVESTMENT ONLY AND NOT WITH A VIEW TO ANY SALE OR DISTRIBUTION HEREOF, SUBJECT TO ITS ABILITY TO RESELL THIS NOTE PURSUANT TO RULE 144A OR REGULATION S OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BELOW AND SUBJECT IN ANY CASE TO ANY REQUIREMENT OF LAW THAT THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY OF ANY PURCHASER SHALL AT ALL TIMES BE AND REMAIN WITHIN ITS CONTROL. EACH PURCHASER OF THIS NOTE IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE SELLER OF THIS NOTE MAY BE RELYING ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A THEREUNDER.

THE HOLDER OF THIS NOTE BY ITS ACCEPTANCE HEREOF, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ISSUER, AGREES TO OFFER, SELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER SUCH NOTE, PRIOR TO THE DATE (THE “RESALE RESTRICTION TERMINATION DATE”) WHICH IS TWO YEARS AFTER THE LATER OF THE ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE HEREOF AND THE LAST DATE ON WHICH THE ISSUER OR ANY AFFILIATE OF THE ISSUER WAS THE OWNER OF THIS NOTE (OR ANY PREDECESSOR OF SUCH NOTE) ONLY (A) TO THE ISSUER, (B) PURSUANT TO A REGISTRATION STATEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN DECLARED EFFECTIVE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (C) TO A PERSON IT REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A “QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER” AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT THAT PURCHASES FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER TO WHOM NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT THE TRANSFER IS BEING MADE IN RELIANCE ON RULE 144A AND OTHERWISE IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 144A, (D) IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (E) TO AN INSTITUTIONAL “ACCREDITED INVESTOR” WITHIN THE MEANINGS OF SUBPARAGRAPHS (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3) OR (a)(7) OF RULE 501 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT THAT IS ACQUIRING THE NOTE FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF SUCH AN INSTITUTIONAL “ACCREDITED INVESTOR”, IN EACH CASE IN A MINIMUM NOMINAL AMOUNT OF THE SECURITIES OF U.S.\$500,000 AND MULTIPLES OF U.S.\$1,000 IN EXCESS THEREOF FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AND NOT WITH A VIEW TO, OR FOR OFFER OR SALE IN

CONNECTION WITH, ANY DISTRIBUTION IN VIOLATION OF THE SECURITIES ACT, (F) PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144 (IF AVAILABLE) OR (G) PURSUANT TO ANOTHER AVAILABLE EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT, SUBJECT TO THE ISSUER'S RIGHT PRIOR TO ANY SUCH OFFER, SALE OR TRANSFER PURSUANT TO CLAUSES (E), (F) OR (G) TO REQUIRE THE DELIVERY OF AN OPINION OF COUNSEL, CERTIFICATION AND/OR OTHER INFORMATION SATISFACTORY TO THE ISSUER AND, IN EACH OF THE FOREGOING CASES, A CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER IN THE FORM APPEARING ON THIS NOTE IS COMPLETED AND DELIVERED BY THE TRANSFEROR TO THE PRINCIPAL PAYING AGENT. THIS LEGEND WILL BE REMOVED UPON THE REQUEST OF THE HOLDER AFTER THE RESALE RESTRICTION TERMINATION DATE. THE HOLDER WILL, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT HOLDER IS REQUIRED TO, NOTIFY ANY PURCHASER OF THIS NOTE FROM IT OF THE TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS REFERRED TO IN THIS PARAGRAPH. NO REPRESENTATION CAN BE MADE AS TO AVAILABILITY OF THE EXEMPTION PROVIDED BY RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT FOR REALES OF THIS NOTE.

IF REQUESTED BY THE ISSUER OR BY A DEALER, THE PURCHASER AGREES TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE IS PERMISSIBLE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT. THIS NOTE AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION MAY BE AMENDED OR SUPPLEMENTED FROM TIME TO TIME TO MODIFY THE RESTRICTIONS ON AND PROCEDURES FOR REALES AND OTHER TRANSFERS OF THIS NOTE TO REFLECT ANY CHANGE IN APPLICABLE LAW OR REGULATION (OR THE INTERPRETATION THEREOF) OR IN PRACTICES RELATING TO THE RESALE OR TRANSFERS OF RESTRICTED SECURITIES GENERALLY. BY THE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS NOTE, THE HOLDER HEREOF SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE AGREED TO ANY SUCH AMENDMENT OR SUPPLEMENT."

Each purchaser of Definitive Registered Notes will be required to deliver to the Issuer and the Registrar and IAI Investment Letter substantially in the form prescribed in the Agency Agreement. The Definitive Registered Notes will be subject to the transfer restrictions set forth in the above legend, such letter and in the Agency Agreement. Inquiries concerning transfers of Notes should be made to any Dealer.

TAXATION

Norwegian Taxation

The information provided below gives an overview, but does not purport to be a complete summary, of Norwegian tax law and practice currently applicable. It is recommended that prospective investors consult with their own professional advisers as to their individual tax situation.

Payments of principal and interest on the Notes to persons or legal entities who have no connection with Norway other than the holding of Notes issued by the Issuer are, under present Norwegian law, not subject to any withholding or deduction for or on account of any Norwegian taxes, duties, assessments or Governmental charges.

Gains or profits realised on the sale, disposal or redemption of the Notes by persons or legal entities who have no connection with Norway other than the holding of Notes are under present Norwegian law, not subject to Norwegian taxes, duties, assessments or Governmental charges.

No Norwegian issue tax or stamp duties are payable in connection with the issue of the Notes.

Holders of Notes will not be subject to any Norwegian estate duties provided that, at the time of the death of any Noteholder, such Noteholder has no connection with Norway other than the holding of the Notes and provided that the Notes have not been used in or attached to any business activity operated through a permanent establishment situated in Norway.

Holders of Notes resident in Norway for tax purposes will be subject to Norwegian income taxation on interest and capital gains at the applicable rate. The same applies to other legal entities that are subject to taxation in Norway (including, but not limited to individuals and legal entities having a permanent establishment in Norway provided that the Notes are used in or connected with any business activity operated through such permanent establishment). In such cases, interest and gains or profits realised by such persons or legal entities on the ownership, sale, disposal or redemption of the Notes will be subject to Norwegian taxation at the applicable rate.

Holders of Notes issued at a discount (compared to the nominal value) being resident in Norway for tax purposes, or otherwise subject to taxation in Norway, e.g. through a permanent establishment, may be taxed annually for a deemed interest element on such Notes.

EU Savings Directive

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

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

SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE

The Dealers have in a programme agreement dated 12 June 2012 (the **Programme Agreement**) agreed with the Issuer a basis upon which they or any of them may from time to time agree to purchase Notes. Any such agreement will extend to those matters stated under “*Form of the Notes*” and “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*” above. In the Programme Agreement, the Issuer has agreed to reimburse the Dealers for certain of their expenses in connection with the establishment and any future update of the Programme and the issue of Notes under the Programme and to indemnify the Dealers against certain liabilities incurred by them in connection therewith.

United States

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except in accordance with Regulation S or pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

Each Dealer has represented and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that it will not offer, sell or deliver Notes (i) as part of their distribution at any time and (ii) otherwise until 40 days after the completion of the distribution, as determined and certified by the relevant Dealer or, in the case of an issue of Notes on a syndicated basis, the relevant lead manager, of all Notes of the Tranche of which such Notes are a part, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons. Each Dealer has further agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree, that it will send to each dealer to which it sells any Notes during the distribution compliance period (other than pursuant to Rule 144A) a confirmation or other notice setting forth the restrictions on offers and sales of the Notes within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons. Terms used in the preceding paragraph and in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

In addition, until 40 days after the commencement of the offering of any Series of Notes, an offer or sale of such Notes within the United States by any dealer (whether or not participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act if such offer or sale is made otherwise than in accordance with an available exemption from registration under the Securities Act.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Dealers nominated by the Issuer may arrange for the offer and sale of Registered Notes in the United States pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act. Each purchaser of such Notes is hereby notified that the offer and sale of such Notes may be made in reliance upon the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act provided by Rule 144A. In addition, pursuant to the terms of the Programme Agreement, Definitive Registered Notes may be offered and sold in the United States to Institutional Accredited Investors pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act or in a transaction otherwise exempt from registration under the Securities Act. See “*Notice to Purchasers and Holders of Restricted Notes and Transfer Restrictions*” above.

The Bearer Notes are subject to U.S. tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to a United States person, 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 and regulations thereunder.

Each issue of Index Linked Notes and Dual Currency Notes shall be subject to such additional U.S. selling restrictions as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer shall agree as a term of the issue and purchase of such Notes, which additional selling restrictions shall be set out in the applicable Final Terms. Each relevant Dealer has agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree that it will offer, sell or deliver such Notes only in compliance with such additional U.S. selling restrictions.

Public Offer Selling Restriction under the Prospectus Directive

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a **Relevant Member State**), each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, 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 Notes which are the subject of the offer contemplated by this Offering Circular as completed by the Final Terms in relation thereto to the public in that Relevant Member State, except that it may, with effect from and

including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of such Notes to the public in that Relevant Member State:

- (a) at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive (and in respect of Norwegian investors, if such investors are otherwise registered as professional investors with the Oslo Stock Exchange (Oslo Børs));
 - (b) at any time to fewer than 100 or, if the relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive) subject to obtaining such prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the relevant issuer for any such offer; or
 - (c) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,
- provided that no such offer of Notes referred to in (a) to (c) above shall require the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement to a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospective Directive.

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

United Kingdom

Each Dealer has represented and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that:

- (a) in relation to any Notes which have a maturity of less than one year, (i) it is a person whose ordinary activities involve it in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of its business and (ii) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Notes other than to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or as agent) for the purposes of their businesses or who it is reasonable to expect will acquire, hold, manage or dispose of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses where the issue of the Notes would otherwise constitute a contravention of Section 19 of the FSMA by the Issuer;
- (b) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the Issuer; and
- (c) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

Japan

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

Norway

The Notes shall be registered with the Norwegian Central Depository (VPS) unless (i) the Notes are denominated in Norwegian kroner and offered or sold outside of Norway to non-Norwegian tax residents only, or (ii) the Notes are denominated in a currency other than Norwegian kroner and not offered or sold in Norway.

General

Each Dealer has agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree that it will (to the best of its knowledge and belief) comply with all applicable securities laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Notes or possesses or distributes this Offering Circular and will obtain any consent, approval or permission required by it for the purchase, offer, sale or delivery by it of Notes under the laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction to which it is subject or in which it makes such purchases, offers, sales or deliveries and neither the Issuer, the Trustee nor any other Dealer shall have any responsibility therefor.

None of the Issuer, the Trustee or any of the Dealers represents that Notes may at any time lawfully be sold in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any jurisdiction, or pursuant to any exemption available thereunder, or assumes any responsibility for facilitating such sale.

With regard to each Tranche, the relevant Dealer will be required to comply with such other additional restrictions as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer shall agree and as shall be set out in the applicable Final Terms.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Authorisation

The update of the Programme and the issue of Notes have been duly authorised by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Issuer dated 19 May 2009.

Listing of Notes

The admission of Notes to the Official List will be expressed as a percentage of their nominal amount (excluding accrued interest). It is expected that each Tranche of Notes which is to be admitted to the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market will be admitted separately as and when issued, subject only to the issue of a Global Note or Notes initially representing the Notes of such Tranche. Application has been made to the UK Listing Authority for Notes issued under the Programme (other than VPS Notes) to be admitted to the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange for such Notes to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market. The listing of the Programme in respect of Notes (other than VPS Notes) is expected to be granted on or before 18 June 2012.

Documents Available

For the period of 12 months following the date of this Offering Circular, copies of the following documents will, when published, be available for inspection from the registered office of the Issuer and from the specified offices of the Paying Agent for the time being in London:

- (i) the Articles of Association (*Vedtekter*) and Company Certificate (*Firmaattest*) (with an English translation thereof) of the Issuer;
- (ii) the consolidated and non-consolidated audited financial statements of the Issuer in respect of the periods ended 31 December 2011 and 31 December 2010, together with the audit reports prepared in connection therewith, and the unaudited consolidated and non-consolidated financial statements of the Issuer for the three months ended 31 March 2012;
- (iii) the most recently published audited annual consolidated and non-consolidated financial statements of the Issuer and the most recently published interim consolidated and condensed non-consolidated financial statements of the Issuer (in each case with an English translation thereof), in each case together with any audit or review reports prepared in connection therewith;
- (iv) the Programme Agreement, the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement, the forms of the Temporary Global Notes, the Permanent Global Notes, the Definitive Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons, the Talons, the Regulation S Global Notes, the Restricted Global Notes and the Definitive Registered Notes;
- (v) a copy of this Offering Circular;
- (vi) any future offering circulars, prospectuses, information memoranda, supplements to this Offering Circular and Final Terms (save that a Final Terms relating to a Note which is neither admitted to trading on a regulated market in the European Economic Area nor offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is required to be published under the Prospectus Directive will only be available for inspection by a holder of such Note and such holder must produce evidence satisfactory to the Paying Agent as to its holding and identity) and any other documents incorporated herein or therein by reference; and
- (vii) in the case of each issue of Notes admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market subscribed pursuant to a syndication agreement, the syndication agreement (or equivalent document).

Clearing Systems

The Notes have been accepted for clearance through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. The appropriate Common Code and ISIN for each Tranche allocated by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will be specified in the relevant Final Terms. In addition, the Issuer will make an application for any Registered Notes to be accepted for trading in book-entry form by DTC. The CUSIP and/or CINS numbers for each Tranche of Registered Notes, together with the relevant ISIN and Common Code, will be specified in the applicable Final Terms. If the Notes are to clear through an additional or alternative clearing system (including the VPS) the appropriate information will be specified in the

relevant Final Terms. Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, DTC and the VPS are the entities in charge of keeping the records.

The address of Euroclear is Euroclear Bank SA/NV, 1 Boulevard du Roi Albert II, B-1210 Brussels; the address of Clearstream, Luxembourg is Clearstream Banking, 42 Avenue JF Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg and the address of DTC is 55 Water Street, New York, NY 10041-0099, USA; and the address of the VPS is Biskop Gunnerusgate, 14A, 0185 Oslo, Norway.

Conditions for determining price

The price and amount of Notes to be issued under the Programme will be determined by the Issuer and each relevant Dealer at the time of issue in accordance with prevailing market conditions.

Significant or Material Change

There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of the Issuer or the Group since 31 March 2012, the date of the Issuer's most recent interim financial statements. There has been no material adverse change in the financial position or prospects of the Issuer or the Group since 31 December 2011.

Litigation

Neither the Issuer nor any of its subsidiaries is or has been involved in any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the Issuer is aware) in the 12 months preceding the date of this document which may have or have in such period had a significant effect in the financial position or profitability of the Issuer and its subsidiaries taken as a whole.

Auditors

The auditors of the Issuer are Deloitte AS, members of The Norwegian Institute of Public Accountants (*DnR*), who have audited the Issuer's accounts, without qualification, in accordance with the Norwegian Act on Auditing and Auditors and generally accepted auditing practice in Norway for the periods ending 31 December 2010 and 31 December 2011. The auditors of the Issuer, have no material interest in the Issuer.

Post-issuance information

The Issuer does not intend to provide any post-issuance information in relation to any issues of Notes.

Dealers transacting with the Issuer

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

Trustee's Action

The Notes provide for the Trustee to take action on behalf of the Noteholders in certain circumstances, but only if the Trustee is indemnified to its satisfaction. It may not be possible for the Trustee to take certain actions and accordingly in such circumstances the Trustee will be unable to take such actions, notwithstanding the provision of an indemnity to it, and it will be for Noteholders to take action directly.

Reliance by Trustee

The Trust Deed provides that any certificate or report of the auditors of the Issuer or any other expert called for by or provided to the Trustee (whether or not addressed to the Trustee) in accordance with or for the purposes of the Trust Deed may be relied upon by the Trustee as sufficient evidence of the facts stated therein, whether or not any such certificate or report or any engagement letter or other document entered into by the Trustee and/or such auditors and/or expert in connection therewith contains any limit on liability (monetary or otherwise) of such auditors and/or expert.

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