

SGS NEDERLAND HOLDING B.V.
SGS S.A.
CITICORP TRUSTEE COMPANY LIMITED

TRUST DEED
RELATING TO
SGS NEDERLAND HOLDING B.V.
EUR 1,000,000,000 EURO MEDIUM TERM NOTE
PROGRAMME GUARANTEED BY SGS S.A.

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THIS TRUST DEED is made on 7 April 2021

BETWEEN:

- (1) **SGS NEDERLAND HOLDING B.V.** (the "**Issuer**");
- (2) **SGS S.A.** (the "**Guarantor**"); and
- (3) **CITICORP TRUSTEE COMPANY LIMITED** (the "**Trustee**", which expression includes, where the context admits, all persons for the time being the trustee or trustees of this Trust Deed).

WHEREAS

- (A) The Issuer has authorised the establishment of a Euro Medium Term Note Programme pursuant to which the Issuer may issue from time to time Notes as set out herein (the "**Programme**"). Notes up to a maximum nominal amount from time to time outstanding of EUR 1,000,000,000 (subject to increase as provided in the Dealer Agreement (as defined below)) (the "**Programme Limit**") may be issued pursuant to the Programme.
- (B) The Guarantor has authorised the giving of its guarantee in relation to all Notes to be issued under the Programme.
- (C) The Trustee has agreed to act as trustee of this Trust Deed on the following terms and conditions.

NOW THIS TRUST DEED WITNESSES AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED as follows:

1. **DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

1.1 **Definitions**

In this Trust Deed the following expressions have the following meanings:

"**Agency Agreement**" means, in relation to the Notes of any Series, the agreement appointing the initial Paying Agents, the Registrar, the Calculation Agent and the Transfer Agents in relation to such Series and any other agreement for the time being in force appointing Successor paying agents or a Successor registrar or a Successor calculation agent or Successor transfer agents in relation to such Series, together with any agreement for the time being in force amending or modifying with the prior written approval of the Trustee any of the aforesaid agreements in relation to such Series;

"**Agents**" means, in relation to the Notes of any Series, the Principal Paying Agent, the other Paying Agents, the Registrar, the Calculation Agent, the Transfer Agents or any of them;

"**Appointee**" means any delegate, agent, nominee or custodian appointed pursuant to the provisions of this Trust Deed;

"**Auditors**" means the auditors for the time being of the Issuer or, as the context may require, the Guarantor and, if there are joint auditors, means all or any one of such joint auditors or, in the event of any of them being unable or unwilling to carry out any action

requested of them pursuant to this Trust Deed, means such other firm of accountants as may be nominated in writing by the Trustee and approved by the Guarantor for the purpose;

"authorised signatory" means:

- (a) in relation to the Issuer, any Director of the Issuer or any other person or persons notified to the Trustee by any such Director as being an authorised signatory pursuant to Clause 7.17 (*Authorised Signatories*); and
- (b) in relation to the Guarantor, any Director of the Guarantor or any other person or persons notified to the Trustee by any Director of the Guarantor as being an authorised signatory pursuant to Clause 7.17 (*Authorised Signatories*);

"Bearer Note" means a Note issued in bearer form;

"Calculation Agent" means, in relation to the Notes of any Series, the institution at its Specified Office initially appointed as calculation agent in relation to such Notes pursuant to the relevant Agency Agreement and/or, if applicable, Successor calculation agent in relation to such Notes at its Specified Office;

"CGN Permanent Global Note" means a Permanent Global Note representing Notes for which the relevant Final Terms specify that the New Global Note form is not applicable;

"CGN Temporary Global Note" means a Temporary Global Note representing Notes for which the relevant Final Terms specify that the New Global Note form is not applicable;

"Clearstream, Luxembourg" means Clearstream Banking S.A.;

"Common Safekeeper" means an ICSD in its capacity as common safekeeper or a person nominated by the ICSDs to perform the role of common safekeeper;

"Conditions" means:

- (a) in relation to the Bearer Notes of any Series, the terms and conditions to be endorsed on, or incorporated by reference in, the Bearer Notes of such Series, in the form set out in Schedule 1 or in such other form, having regard to the terms of the Notes of the relevant Series, as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Principal Paying Agent, the Trustee and the relevant Dealer(s) as modified and supplemented by the Final Terms applicable to such Series, as any of the same may from time to time be modified in accordance with this Trust Deed and any reference in this Trust Deed to a particular numbered Condition shall be construed in relation to the Bearer Notes of such Series accordingly;
- (b) in relation to the Registered Notes of any Series, the terms and conditions to be endorsed on, or incorporated by reference in, the Note Certificates in respect of such Series, in the form set out in Schedule 1 or in such other form, having regard to the terms of the relevant Series, as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Registrar, the Trustee and the relevant Dealer(s) as modified

and supplemented by the Final Terms applicable to such Series, as any of the same may from time to time be modified in accordance with the provisions of this Trust Deed and any reference in this Trust Deed to a particular numbered Condition shall be construed in relation to the Registered Notes of such Series accordingly;

"**Contractual Currency**" means, in relation to any payment obligation of any Note, the currency in which that payment obligation is expressed and, in relation to Clause 12.1 (*Remuneration*), pounds sterling or such other currency as may be agreed between the Issuer and the Trustee from time to time;

"**Couponholder**" means the holder of a Coupon;

"**Coupons**" means any bearer interest coupons in or substantially in the form set out in Schedule 2 appertaining to the Bearer Notes of any Series and for the time being outstanding or, as the context may require, a specific number thereof and includes any replacement Coupons issued pursuant to Condition 16 (*Replacement of Notes and Coupons*) and, where the context so permits, the Talons appertaining to the Bearer Notes of such Series;

"**Dealer Agreement**" means the dealer agreement dated 7 April 2021 between the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Dealers named therein in relation to the Programme;

"**Dealers**" means any person appointed as a Dealer by the Dealer Agreement and any other person which the Issuer may appoint as a Dealer and notice of whose appointment has been given to the Principal Paying Agent and the Trustee by the Issuer in accordance with the provisions of the Dealer Agreement but excluding any entity whose appointment has been terminated in accordance with the terms of the Dealer Agreement and notice of whose termination has been given to the Principal Paying Agent and the Trustee by the Issuer in accordance with the provisions of the Dealer Agreement and references to the "**relevant Dealer(s)**" mean, in relation to any Note, the Dealer(s) with whom the Issuer has agreed the issue and purchase of such Note;

"**Definitive Notes**" means Bearer Notes in definitive form issued or, as the case may be, required to be issued by the Issuer in accordance with the provisions of the Agency Agreement and this Trust Deed in exchange for a Temporary Global Note or part thereof or a Permanent Global Note (all as indicated in the relevant Final Terms), such Bearer Notes in definitive form being in the form or substantially in the form set out in Schedule 2;

"**Director**" means any member of the board of directors of the Issuer (or Guarantor, as applicable) from time to time;

"**Euroclear**" means Euroclear Bank SA/NV;

"**Event of Default**" has the meaning given in Condition 14 (*Events of Default*);

"**Extraordinary Resolution**" has the meaning set out in Schedule 4;

"**Final Terms**" means, with respect to any Tranche of Notes, the Final Terms (as defined in the Conditions) relating to such Tranche of Notes; provided that with respect

to any Tranche of Exempt Notes (as defined in the Conditions), references to the 'Final Terms' shall be construed as references to the Pricing Supplement (as defined in the Conditions) relating to such Tranche of Notes;

"Fixed Rate Note" means a Note on which interest is calculated at a fixed rate payable in arrear on a fixed date or dates in each year and on redemption or on such other dates as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) (as indicated in the relevant Final Terms);

"Floating Rate Note" means a Note on which interest is calculated at a floating rate payable at intervals of one, two, three, six or twelve months or at such other intervals as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) (as indicated in the relevant Final Terms);

"Global Note" means, a CGN Temporary Global Note, a CGN Permanent Global Note, an NGN Temporary Global Note or an NGN Permanent Global Note;

"Global Registered Note" means, in relation to any Series, any Global Registered Note issued or to be issued pursuant to Clause 4.2 (*Global Registered Notes*);

"Individual Note Certificate" means, in relation to any Series, any Individual Note Certificate, in or substantially in the form set out in Schedule 3;

"ICSDs" means Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear;

"Issue Date" means, in relation to any Note, the date of issue of such Note pursuant to the Dealer Agreement or any other relevant agreement between the Issuer, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer(s);

"Interest Commencement Date" means, in relation to any interest-bearing Note, the date specified in the relevant Final Terms from which such Note bears interest or, if no such date is specified therein, the Issue Date;

"Liabilities" means any loss, damage, cost, charge, claim, demand, expense, judgment, action, proceeding or other liability whatsoever (including, without limitation, in respect of taxes, duties, levies, imposts and other charges) and including any value added tax or similar tax charged or chargeable in respect thereof and properly incurred legal fees and expenses on a full indemnity basis;

"Material Subsidiary" has the meaning ascribed to it in Condition 2(a) (*Definitions*);

"NGN Permanent Global Note" means a Permanent Global Note representing Notes for which the relevant Final Terms specify that the New Global Note form is applicable;

"NGN Temporary Global Note" means a Temporary Global Note representing Notes for which the relevant Final Terms specify that the New Global Note form is applicable;

"Note Certificate" means, in relation to any Series, any Global Registered Note or Individual Note Certificate and includes any replacement Note Certificate issued pursuant to Condition 16 (*Replacement of Notes and Coupons*);

"**Noteholder**" and (in relation to a Note) "**holder**" means, in the case of a Bearer Note, the bearer of a Note or, in the case of a Registered Note, a person in whose name a Note is registered in the Register (or in the case of joint holders, the first named thereof);

"**Notes**" means the notes of each Series constituted in relation to or by this Trust Deed which shall, in the case of Bearer Notes, be in or substantially in the form set out in Schedule 2 and, in the case of Registered Notes, be represented by a Note Certificate in or substantially in the form set out in Schedule 3 and, for the time being outstanding, or, as the case may be, a specific number thereof and includes any replacement Notes of such Series issued pursuant to Condition 16 (*Replacement of Notes and Coupons*) and (except for the purposes of Clause 4.1 (*Global Notes*), 4.2 (*Global Registered Notes*) and 4.5 (*Signature*)) each Global Note or Global Registered Note in respect of such Series for so long as it has not been exchanged in accordance with the terms thereof;

"**outstanding**" means, in relation to the Notes of any Series, all the Notes of such Series other than:

- (a) those which have been redeemed in accordance with this Trust Deed;
- (b) those in respect of which the date for redemption in accordance with the provisions of the Conditions has occurred and for which the redemption moneys (including all interest accrued thereon to the date for such redemption) have been duly paid to the Trustee or the Principal Paying Agent in the manner provided for in the Agency Agreement (and, where appropriate, notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 21 (*Notices*)) and remain available for payment in accordance with the Conditions;
- (c) those which have been purchased and surrendered for cancellation as provided in Condition 9 (*Redemption and Purchase*) (provided that the Trustee shall be entitled to treat such Notes as outstanding until it has received notice of the cancellation thereof);
- (d) those which have become void under Condition 15 (*Prescription*);
- (e) in the case of Bearer Notes only:
 - (i) those mutilated or defaced Notes which have been surrendered or cancelled and in respect of which replacement Notes have been issued pursuant to Condition 16 (*Replacement of Notes and Coupons*);
 - (ii) (for the purpose only of ascertaining the aggregate nominal amount of Notes outstanding and without prejudice to the status for any other purpose of the relevant Notes) those Notes which are alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed and in respect of which replacements have been issued pursuant to Condition 16 (*Replacement of Notes and Coupons*);

provided that for each of the following purposes, namely:

- (A) the right to attend and vote at any meeting of the holders of Notes of any Series;

- (B) the determination of how many and which Notes of any Series are for the time being outstanding for the purposes of Clauses 9.1 (*Legal Proceedings*) and 8.1 (*Waiver*), Conditions 14 (*Event of Default*), 18 (*Meetings of Noteholders; Modification and Waiver; Substitution*) and 19 (*Enforcement*) and Schedule 4; and
- (C) any discretion, power or authority, whether contained in this Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement or provided by law, which the Trustee is required to exercise in or by reference to the interests of the holders of the Notes of any Series or any of them;

those Notes (if any) of the relevant Series which are for the time being held by any person (including but not limited to the Issuer, the Guarantor, or any Subsidiary of either) for the benefit of the Issuer, the Guarantor, or any Subsidiary of either shall (unless and until ceasing to be so held) be deemed not to remain outstanding;

"Paying Agents" means, in relation to the Notes of any Series, the several institutions (including, where the context permits, the Principal Paying Agent) at their respective Specified Offices initially appointed pursuant to the relative Agency Agreement and/or, if applicable, any Successor paying agents in relation to such Series at their respective Specified Offices;

"Permanent Global Note" means, in relation to any Series, a Global Note to be issued pursuant to Clause 4.1 in the form or substantially in the form set out in Schedule 2;

"Potential Event of Default" means an event or circumstance which would, with the giving of notice, lapse of time, the issuing of a certificate and/or fulfilment of any other requirement provided for in Condition 14 (*Events of Default*), become an Event of Default;

"Principal Paying Agent" means, in relation to the Notes of any Series, the institution at its Specified Office initially appointed as issuing and principal paying agent in relation to such Series pursuant to the relative Agency Agreement or, if applicable, any Successor principal paying agent in relation to such Series at its Specified Office;

"Register" means the register maintained by the Registrar at its Specified Office;

"Registered Note" means a Note issued in registered form;

"Registrar" means, in relation to the Registered Notes of any Series, the institution at its Specified Office initially appointed as registrar in relation to such Notes pursuant to the relative Agency Agreement and/or, if applicable, any Successor registrar in relation to such Notes at its Specified Office;

"reasonable" or **"reasonably"** and similar expressions when used in this Trust Deed or in the Agency Agreement in relation to the Trustee and any exercise of power, opinion, determination or other similar matter by the Trustee shall be construed as meaning reasonable or reasonably (as the case may be) having due regard to, and taking into account, the interests of the Noteholders;

"repay" includes **"redeem"** and *vice versa* and **"repaid"**, **"repayable"**, **"repayment"**, **"redeemed"**, **"redeemable"** and **"redemption"** shall be construed accordingly;

"**Series**" means a Tranche of Notes together with any further Tranche or Tranches of Notes expressed to be consolidated and form a single series with the Notes of the original Tranche and the terms of which are identical (save for the Issue Date and/or the Interest Commencement Date but including as to whether or not the Notes are listed);

"**Special Conditions**" means, in relation to any Series of Notes, any provision of the Conditions applicable thereto which does not appear in the form set out in Schedule 1 but which, by comparison with the form set out in Schedule 1, is a significant new factor affecting the obligations, rights, protections or liability of the Trustee in respect of such Series of Notes provided, however, that any information which can only be determined at the time of the issue of the Notes shall not constitute a Special Condition;

"**Specified Office**" means, in relation to any Agent in respect of any Series, either the office identified with its name in the Conditions of such Series or any other office notified to any relevant parties pursuant to the Agency Agreement;

"**Successor**" means, in relation to the Agents, such other or further person as may from time to time be appointed pursuant to the Agency Agreement as an Agent;

"**Talonholder**" means the holder of a Talon;

"**Talons**" means any bearer talons appertaining to the Bearer Notes of any Series or, as the context may require, a specific number thereof and includes any replacement Talons issued pursuant to Condition 16 (*Replacement of Notes and Coupons*);

"**Temporary Global Note**" means, in relation to any Series, a Global Note to be issued pursuant to Clause 4.1 (*Global Notes*) in the form or substantially in the form set out in Schedule 2;

"**this Trust Deed**" means this Trust Deed and the Schedules (as from time to time modified and/or restated in accordance with the provisions contained herein) and (unless the context requires otherwise) includes any deed or other document executed in accordance with the provisions hereof (as from time to time modified and/or restated as aforesaid) and expressed to be supplemental hereto;

"**Tranche**" means all Notes of the same Series with the same Issue Date and Interest Commencement Date;

"**Transfer Agents**" means, in relation to the Notes of any Series, the several institutions at their respective Specified Offices initially appointed pursuant to the relative Agency Agreement and/or, if applicable, any Successor transfer agents in relation to such Series at their respective Specified Offices;

"**Trustee Acts**" means both the Trustee Act 1925 and the Trustee Act 2000 of England and Wales;

"**Written Resolution**" means, in relation to any Series, a resolution in writing signed by or on behalf of holders of Notes holding not less than 75 per cent. in nominal amount of the Notes of such Series for the time being outstanding, whether contained in one document or several documents in like form, each signed by or on behalf of one or more such Noteholders;

"Zero Coupon Note" means a Note on which no interest is payable.

1.2 Principles of interpretation

In this Trust Deed:

- 1.2.1 *Statutory modification*: any references to a provision of any statute shall be deemed also to refer to any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof or any statutory instrument, order or regulation made thereunder or under such modification or re-enactment;
- 1.2.2 *Additional amounts*: any references to "principal" and/or "interest" in respect of the Notes of any Series shall be deemed also to include any additional amounts, which may be payable under the Conditions, and any references to "principal" in relation to the Notes of any Series shall be deemed also to include any redemption amounts or premium which may be payable under the Conditions;
- 1.2.3 *Relevant Currency*: any references to "relevant currency" shall be construed as a reference to the currency in which payments in respect of the Notes and/or Coupons of the relevant Series are to be made as indicated in the relevant Final Terms;
- 1.2.4 *Tax*: any references to costs, charges or expenses shall include any value added tax or similar tax charged or chargeable in respect thereof;
- 1.2.5 *Enforcement of rights*: any references to an action, remedy or method of judicial proceedings for the enforcement of rights of creditors shall include, in respect of any jurisdiction other than England, references to such action, remedy or method of judicial proceedings for the enforcement of rights of creditors available or appropriate in such jurisdictions as shall most nearly approximate thereto;
- 1.2.6 *Clauses and Schedules*: any references to a Schedule or a Clause, sub-clause, paragraph or sub-paragraph is, unless otherwise stated, to a schedule hereto or a clause, sub-clause, paragraph or sub-paragraph hereof respectively;
- 1.2.7 *Clearing systems*: any references to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, wherever the context so admits, be deemed to include references to any additional or alternative clearing system approved by the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Trustee;
- 1.2.8 *Trust corporation*: any references to a trust corporation denotes a corporation entitled by rules made under the Public Trustee Act 1906 to act as a custodian trustee or entitled pursuant to any other legislation applicable to a trustee in any jurisdiction other than England to act as trustee and carry on trust business under the laws of the country of its incorporation;
- 1.2.9 *Coupons*: in the case of any Notes which are Zero Coupon Notes or Registered Notes, references to Coupons and Couponholders in this Trust Deed are not applicable to such Notes;

1.2.10 *Interpretation*: words denoting individuals shall include companies, corporations and partnerships, words importing the singular number shall include the plural and, in each case, *vice versa*; and

1.2.11 *Records*: any reference to the records of an ICSD shall be to the records that each of the ICSDs holds for its customers which reflect the amount of such customers' interests in the Notes (but excluding any interest in any Notes of one ICSD shown in the records of another ICSD).

1.3 **The Conditions**

In this Trust Deed, unless the context requires or the same are otherwise defined, words and expressions defined in the Conditions shall have the same meaning in this Trust Deed. In the event of an inconsistency between this Trust Deed and the Conditions, this Trust Deed shall prevail.

1.4 **Headings**

The headings and sub-headings are for ease of reference only and shall not affect the construction of this Trust Deed.

1.5 **The Schedules**

The schedules are part of this Trust Deed and shall have effect accordingly.

2. **AMOUNT AND ISSUE OF THE NOTES**

2.1 **Amount of the Notes**

The Notes will be issued in Series in an aggregate nominal amount from time to time outstanding not exceeding the Programme Limit and for the purpose of determining such aggregate nominal amount Clause 4.1.15 (*Authorised Amount*) of the Dealer Agreement shall apply.

2.2 **Prior to each Issue Date**

By not later than 3.00 p.m. (London time) on the second business day in London (which for this purpose shall be a day on which commercial banks are open for business in London) preceding each proposed Issue Date, the Issuer shall:

2.2.1 deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee a draft of the relevant Final Terms and, if applicable, notify the Trustee of any proposed changes to the draft Final Terms delivered to the Trustee; and

2.2.2 notify the Trustee in writing without delay of the Issue Date and the nominal amount of the Notes of the relevant Tranche.

If no Special Conditions apply to the relevant Tranche or, as the case may be, the relevant Series of Notes, the Trustee shall not be required in any case to approve such Final Terms. In any other case the Trustee shall be deemed to have approved the relevant Final Terms or any proposed changes notified to the Trustee in accordance with sub-clause 2.2.1 if it has not objected in writing to all or any of the terms thereof

within one business day of the Trustee receiving them *provided however* that if the Trustee indicates as soon as practicable after receipt of any draft Final Terms or any proposed changes to any draft Final Terms within such period that it does not approve of the provisions of the relevant Final Terms or the relevant changes then the Tranche or, as the case may be, the Series of Notes relating to such Final Terms shall not be issued until such time as the Trustee shall approve the relevant Final Terms.

2.3 **Constitution of Notes**

Upon the issue of the Temporary Global Note, in the case of Bearer Notes, or the Note Certificate, in the case of Registered Notes, initially representing the Notes of any Tranche, such Notes shall become constituted by this Trust Deed without further formality.

2.4 **Further legal opinions**

Before the first issue of Notes occurring after each anniversary of this Trust Deed, on each occasion when a legal opinion is delivered to a Dealer(s) pursuant to Clause 5.10 (*Legal Opinions*) of the Dealer Agreement and on such other occasions as the Trustee so requests on the basis of a change in law affecting the Issuer or the Guarantor each of the Issuer and the Guarantor will procure at its cost that further legal opinions in such form and with such content as the Trustee may require from the legal advisers specified in the Dealer Agreement or in the relevant jurisdiction approved by the Trustee are delivered to the Trustee *provided that* the Trustee shall not be required to approve the applicable legal opinions if there are no Special Conditions opined upon therein. In each such case, receipt by the Trustee of the relevant opinion shall be a condition precedent to the issue of Notes pursuant to this Trust Deed.

3. **COVENANT TO REPAY**

3.1 **Covenant to repay**

The Issuer covenants with the Trustee that it shall, as and when the Notes of any Series or any of them become due to be redeemed or any principal on the Notes of any Series or any of them becomes due to be repaid in accordance with the Conditions, unconditionally pay or procure to be paid to or to the order of the Trustee in immediately available freely transferable funds in the relevant currency the principal amount of the Notes of such Series or any of them becoming due for payment on that date and shall (subject to the provisions of the Conditions and except in the case of Zero Coupon Notes), until all such payments (both before and after judgment or other order of any court of competent jurisdiction) are duly made, unconditionally pay or procure to be paid to or to the order of the Trustee as aforesaid on the dates provided for in the Conditions interest on the principal amount (or such other amount as may be specified in the Final Terms) of the Notes or any of them of such Series outstanding from time to time as set out in the Conditions (subject to Clause 3.3 (*Interest on Floating Rate Notes following Event of Default*)) *provided that*:

- 3.1.1 every payment of principal or interest in respect of such Notes or any of them made to the Principal Paying Agent, or as the case may be, the Registrar in the manner provided in the Agency Agreement shall satisfy, to the extent of such payment, the relevant covenant by the Issuer contained in this Clause except to

the extent that there is default in the subsequent payment thereof to the relevant Noteholders or Couponholders (as the case may be) in accordance with the Conditions;

- 3.1.2 if any payment of principal or interest in respect of such Notes or any of them is made after the due date, payment shall be deemed not to have been made until either the full amount is paid to the relevant Noteholders or Couponholders (as the case may be) or, if earlier, the seventh day after notice has been given to the relevant Noteholders in accordance with the Conditions that the full amount has been received by the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar or the Trustee except, in the case of payment to the Principal Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Registrar, to the extent that there is failure in the subsequent payment to the Noteholders or Couponholders (as the case may be) under the Conditions; and
- 3.1.3 in any case where payment of the whole or any part of the principal amount due in respect of any Note is improperly withheld or refused upon due presentation of the relevant Note or (if so provided for in the Conditions) the relevant Note Certificate interest shall accrue on the whole or such part of such principal amount (except in the case of Zero Coupon Notes, to which the provision of Condition 8 (*Zero Coupon Note Provisions*) shall apply) from the date of such withholding or refusal until the date either on which such principal amount due is paid to the relevant Noteholders or, if earlier, the seventh day after which notice is given to the relevant Noteholders in accordance with the Conditions that the full amount payable in respect of the said principal amount is available for collection by the relevant Noteholders provided that on further due presentation of the relevant Note or (if so provided for in the Conditions) the relevant Note Certificate such payment is in fact made.

The Trustee will hold the benefit of this covenant and the covenant in Clause 6 (*Covenant to comply with the Trust Deed*) on trust for the Noteholders in accordance with their respective interests.

3.2 Following an Event of Default

At any time after any Event of Default or Potential Event of Default shall have occurred, the Trustee may:

- 3.2.1 by notice in writing to the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Principal Paying Agent and the other Agents require the Principal Paying Agent and the other Agents or any of them:
 - (a) to act thereafter, until otherwise instructed by the Trustee, as Agents of the Trustee under the provisions of this Trust Deed on the terms provided in the Agency Agreement (with consequential amendments as necessary and save that the Trustee's liability under any provisions thereof for the indemnification, remuneration and payment of out-of-pocket expenses of the Agents shall be limited to amounts for the time being held by the Trustee on the trusts of this Trust Deed in relation to the Notes on the terms of this Trust Deed and available to the Trustee for such purpose) and thereafter to hold all Notes, Coupons and Note

Certificates and all sums, documents and records held by them in respect of Notes, Coupons and Note Certificates on behalf of the Trustee; and/or

(b) to deliver up all Notes, Coupons and Note Certificates and all sums, documents and records held by them in respect of Notes, Coupons and Note Certificates to the Trustee or as the Trustee shall direct in such notice *provided that* such notice shall be deemed not to apply to any document or record which the relevant Agent is obliged not to release by any law or regulation; and

3.2.2 by notice in writing to the Issuer and the Guarantor require each of them to make all subsequent payments in respect of Notes, Coupons and Note Certificates to or to the order of the Trustee and, with effect from the issue of any such notice until such notice is withdrawn, proviso 3.1.1 to Clause 3.1 (*Covenant to repay*) and (so far as it concerns payments by the Issuer) Clause 10.4 (*Payments to Noteholders and Couponholders*) shall cease to have effect.

3.3 **Interest on Floating Rate Notes following Event of Default**

If Floating Rate Notes become immediately due and repayable under Condition 14 (*Events of Default*) the rate and/or amount of interest payable in respect of them will be calculated at the same intervals as if such Notes had not become due and repayable, the first of which will commence on the expiry of the Interest Period (as defined in the Conditions) during which the Notes become so due and repayable in accordance with Condition 14 (*Events of Default*) (with consequential amendments as necessary) except that the rates of interest need not be published.

3.4 **Currency of payments**

All payments in respect of, under and in connection with this Trust Deed and the Notes to the relevant Noteholders and Couponholders shall be made in the relevant currency as required by the Conditions.

3.5 **Separate Series**

The Notes of each Series shall form a separate Series of Notes and accordingly, unless for any purpose the Trustee in its absolute discretion shall otherwise determine, all the provisions of this Trust Deed shall apply *mutatis mutandis* separately and independently to the Notes of each Series and in such Clauses and Schedule the expressions "Notes", "Noteholders", "Coupons", "Couponholders", "Talons" and "Talonholders" shall be construed accordingly.

4. **THE NOTES**

4.1 **Global Notes**

4.1.1 The Bearer Notes of each Tranche will initially be together represented by a Temporary Global Note. Each Temporary Global Note shall (save as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms) be exchangeable, in accordance with its terms, for interests in a Permanent Global Note or Definitive Notes.

- 4.1.2 Each Permanent Global Note shall be exchangeable, in accordance with its terms, for Definitive Notes.
- 4.1.3 All Global Notes shall be prepared, completed and delivered to a common depository for Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear or, as the case may be, a Common Safekeeper in accordance with the Dealer Agreement or to another depository in accordance with any other agreement between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) and, in each case, in accordance with the Agency Agreement. The relevant Final Terms shall be annexed to each Global Note.

4.2 **Global Registered Notes**

- 4.2.1 The Registered Notes of each Tranche will initially be evidenced by a Global Registered Note.
- 4.2.2 Interests in the Global Registered Note shall be exchangeable, in accordance with their terms, for Individual Note Certificates.
- 4.2.3 All Global Registered Notes shall be prepared, completed and delivered to a common depository for Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear or, as the case may be, a Common Safekeeper in accordance with the Dealer Agreement or to another depository in accordance with any other agreement between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) and, in each case, in accordance with the Agency Agreement. The relevant Final Terms shall be annexed to each Global Registered Note.

4.3 **Definitive Notes**

Definitive Notes will be security printed in accordance with applicable legal and stock exchange requirements substantially in the form set out in Schedule 2. Any Coupons and Talons will also be security printed in accordance with the same requirements and will be attached to the Definitive Notes at the time of issue. Definitive Notes will be endorsed with the Conditions.

4.4 **Individual Note Certificates**

Individual Note Certificates will be security printed in accordance with applicable legal and stock exchange requirements substantially in the form set out in Schedule 3. Individual Note Certificates will be endorsed with the Conditions.

4.5 **Signature**

The Global Notes, the Definitive Notes and the Note Certificates will be signed by a duly authorised person designated by the Issuer and will be authenticated by or on behalf of the Principal Paying Agent (in the case of Global Notes and Definitive Notes) or the Registrar (in the case of Note Certificates) and, if applicable, will be effectuated by or on behalf of the Common Safekeeper. The Issuer may use the signature of a person who at the date such signature was originally produced was such a duly authorised person even if at the time of issue of any Global Note, Definitive Note or Note Certificate such person no longer holds that office or authorisation. Global Notes, Definitive Notes and Note Certificates so executed and duly authenticated (and, if applicable, effectuated) will be binding and valid obligations of the Issuer.

4.6 **Entitlement to treat holder as owner**

The Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee and any Agent may deem and treat the holder of any Note or Coupon as the absolute owner thereof, free of any equity, set-off or counterclaim on the part of the Issuer against the original or any intermediate holder of such Note or Coupon (whether or not such Note or Coupon shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notation of ownership or other writing thereon or any notice of previous loss or theft of such Note or Coupon) for all purposes and, except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by applicable law, the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee and the Agents shall not be affected by any notice to the contrary. All payments made to any such holder shall be valid and, to the extent of the sums so paid, effective to satisfy and discharge the liability for the moneys payable upon the Notes.

5. **GUARANTEE AND INDEMNITY**

5.1 **Guarantee**

The Guarantor hereby unconditionally and irrevocably guarantees to the Trustee the due and punctual payment of all sums expressed to be payable by the Issuer under this Trust Deed or in respect of the Notes or Coupons, as and when the same becomes due and payable, whether at maturity, upon early redemption, upon acceleration or otherwise, according to the terms of this Trust Deed and the Notes and Coupons. In case of the failure of the Issuer to pay any such sum as and when the same shall become due and payable, the Guarantor hereby agrees to cause such payment to be made as and when the same becomes due and payable, whether at maturity, upon early redemption, upon acceleration or otherwise, as if such payment were made by the Issuer.

5.2 **Indemnity**

The Guarantor agrees, as an independent primary obligation, that it shall pay to the Trustee on demand sums sufficient to indemnify the Trustee and each Noteholder and Couponholder against any Liability sustained by the Trustee or such Noteholder or Couponholder by reason of the non-payment as and when the same shall become due and payable of any sum expressed to be payable by the Issuer under this Trust Deed or in respect of the Notes, whether by reason of any of the obligations expressed to be assumed by the Issuer in this Trust Deed or the Notes being or becoming void, voidable or unenforceable for any reason, whether or not known to the Trustee or such Noteholders or Couponholder or for any other reason whatsoever.

5.3 **Unconditional payment**

If the Issuer defaults in the payment of any sum expressed to be payable by the Issuer under this Trust Deed or in respect of the Notes or Coupons as and when the same shall become due and payable, the Guarantor shall forthwith unconditionally pay or procure to be paid to or to the order of the Trustee in the relevant currency in same day, freely transferable funds the amount in respect of which such default has been made; *provided that* every payment of such amount made by the Guarantor to the Principal Paying Agent in the manner provided in the Agency Agreement shall be deemed to cure *pro tanto* such default by the Issuer and shall be deemed for the purposes of this Clause 5 to have been paid to or for the account of the Trustee except to the extent that there is

failure in the subsequent payment of such amount to the Noteholders and Couponholders in accordance with the Conditions, and everything so paid by the Guarantor in accordance with the Agency Agreement shall have the same effect as if it had been paid thereunder by the Issuer.

5.4 Unconditional obligation

The Guarantor agrees that its obligations hereunder shall be unconditional, irrespective of the validity, regularity or enforceability of this Trust Deed or any Note or Coupon and shall not be affected by:

- 5.4.1 any change in or amendment to this Trust Deed or any Note or Coupon, including any amendment, novation, supplement, extension (whether of maturity or otherwise) or restatement (in each case, however fundamental and of whatsoever nature) or replacement, waiver or release of, any obligation of the Issuer under or in respect of this Trust Deed or any Note or Coupon or any security or other guarantee or indemnity in respect thereof including without limitation any change in the purposes for which the proceeds of the issue of any Note are to be applied and any extension of or any increase of the obligations of the Issuer in respect of any Note or Coupon or the addition of any new obligations for the Issuer under this Trust Deed;
- 5.4.2 the absence of any action to enforce the same;
- 5.4.3 any waiver or consent by any Noteholder or Couponholder or by the Trustee with respect to any provision of this Trust Deed or the Notes;
- 5.4.4 any judgment obtained against the Issuer or any action to enforce the same or any other circumstance which might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defence of a guarantor.

5.5 Guarantor's obligations continuing

The Guarantor waives diligence, presentment, demand of payment, filing of claims with a court in the event of merger or bankruptcy of the Issuer, any right to require a proceeding first against the Issuer, protest or notice with respect to any Note or the indebtedness evidenced thereby and all demands whatsoever. The Guarantor agrees that the guarantee and indemnity contained in this Clause 5 is a continuing guarantee and indemnity and shall remain in full force and effect until all amounts due as principal, interest or otherwise in respect of the Notes or Coupons or under this Trust Deed shall have been paid in full and that the Guarantor shall not be discharged by anything other than a complete performance of the obligations contained in this Trust Deed and the Notes and Coupons.

5.6 Subrogation of Guarantor's rights

The Guarantor shall be subrogated to all rights of the Noteholders against the Issuer in respect of any amounts paid by such Guarantor pursuant hereto; *provided that* the Guarantor shall not without the consent of the Trustee be entitled to enforce, or to receive any payments arising out of or based upon or prove in any insolvency or winding up of the Issuer in respect of, such right of subrogation until such time as the

principal of and interest on all outstanding Notes and Coupons and all other amounts due under this Trust Deed and the Notes and Coupons have been paid in full. Furthermore, until such time as aforesaid the Guarantor shall not take any security or counter-indemnity from the Issuer in respect of the Guarantor's obligations under this Clause 5.

5.7 No implied waivers

If any payment received by the Trustee or the Principal Paying Agent pursuant to the provisions of this Trust Deed or the Conditions shall, on the subsequent bankruptcy, insolvency, corporate reorganisation or other similar event affecting the Issuer, be avoided, reduced, invalidated or set aside under any laws relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, corporate reorganisation or other similar events, such payment shall not be considered as discharging or diminishing the liability of the Guarantor whether as guarantor, principal debtor or indemnifier and the guarantee and indemnity contained in this Clause 5 shall continue to apply as if such payment had at all times remained owing by the Issuer and the Guarantor shall indemnify and keep indemnified the Trustee and the Noteholders on the terms of the guarantee and indemnity contained in this Clause.

5.8 Suspense account

Any amount received or recovered by the Trustee from the Guarantor in respect of any sum payable by the Issuer under this Trust Deed or the Notes or Coupons may be placed in a suspense account and kept there for so long as the Trustee thinks fit.

6. COVENANT TO COMPLY WITH THE TRUST DEED

6.1 Covenant to comply with the Trust Deed

The Issuer and the Guarantor each hereby covenants with the Trustee to comply with those provisions of this Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement and the Conditions which are expressed to be binding on it and to perform and observe the same. The Notes and the Coupons are subject to the provisions contained in this Trust Deed, all of which shall be binding upon the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Noteholders the Couponholders and all persons claiming through or under them respectively.

6.2 Trustee may enforce Conditions

The Trustee shall itself be entitled to enforce the obligations of the Issuer and the Guarantor under the Notes and the Conditions as if the same were set out and contained in this Trust Deed which shall be read and construed as one document with the Notes.

7. COVENANTS BY THE ISSUER AND THE GUARANTOR

Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor hereby covenants with the Trustee that, so long as any of the Notes remains outstanding, it will:

- 7.1 *Books of account:* at all times keep and procure that all its Subsidiaries keep such books of account as may be necessary to comply with all applicable laws and so as to enable the financial statements of the Issuer and the Guarantor to be prepared and, if the Trustee has reasonable grounds to believe that an Event of Default or Potential Event

of Default has occurred, allow the Trustee and any person appointed by it to whom the Issuer and the Guarantor have no reasonable objection free access to the same at all reasonable times and to discuss the same with responsible officers of the Issuer or the Guarantor;

- 7.2 *Event of Default*: give notice in writing to the Trustee forthwith upon becoming aware of any Event of Default or Potential Event of Default and without waiting for the Trustee to take any further action;
- 7.3 *Certificate of Compliance*: provide to the Trustee within 14 days of any request by the Trustee and at the time of the despatch to the Trustee of its annual balance sheet and profit and loss account, and in any event not later than 180 days after the end of its financial year, a certificate in the English language, signed by two authorised signatories of the Issuer, or the Guarantor, as the case may be, certifying that up to a specified date not earlier than seven days prior to the date of such certificate (the "**Certified Date**") the Issuer, or the Guarantor, as the case may be, has complied with its obligations under this Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement (or, if such is not the case, giving details of the circumstances of such non-compliance) and that as at such date there did not exist nor had there existed at any time prior thereto since the Certified Date in respect of the previous such certificate (or, in the case of the first such certificate, since the date of this Trust Deed) any Event of Default or Potential Event of Default or (if such is not the case) specifying the same. Such certificate shall be in substantially the same form as that set out in Schedule 5 hereto;
- 7.4 *Accounts in relation to Material Subsidiaries*: ensure that such accounts are prepared as may be necessary to determine which subsidiaries are Material Subsidiaries and deliver to the Trustee at or around the time of issue of every audited consolidated balance sheet of the Guarantor and, if the Trustee has reasonable grounds to believe that an Event of Default or Potential Event of Default has occurred, at any other time upon the request of the Trustee, a certificate or report signed by two authorised signatories specifying the Material Subsidiaries as at the date of such balance sheet or at the date of (or specified in) such other request;
- 7.5 *Certificate relating to Material Subsidiaries*: give to the Trustee, as soon as reasonably practicable after the acquisition or disposal of any company which thereby becomes or ceases to be a Material Subsidiary or after any transfer is made to any Subsidiary which thereby becomes a Material Subsidiary, a certificate signed by two authorised signatories to such effect;
- 7.6 *Financial statements*: send to the Trustee and to the Principal Paying Agent (if the same are produced) as soon as practicable after their date of publication and in the case of annual financial statements in any event not more than 180 days after the end of each financial year, two copies in the English language of the Guarantor's annual balance sheet and profit and loss account and of every balance sheet, profit and loss account, report or other notice, statement or circular issued (or which under any legal or contractual obligation should be issued) to the members of the Guarantor or to the holders of debentures or creditors (or any class of them) of the Issuer or the Guarantor (save with respect to intra-group financings within the Group), as the case may be, in their capacity as such at the time of the actual (or legally or contractually required) issue or publication thereof and procure that the same are made available for inspection by Noteholders and Couponholders at the Specified Offices of the Paying Agents as soon

as practicable thereafter; or, in the alternative, to publish the relevant materials required under this Clause 7.6 on the Guarantor's website and to notify the Trustee thereof;

- 7.7 *Information:* so far as permitted by applicable law, at all times give to the Trustee such information, opinions, certificates and other evidence as it shall reasonably require and in such form as it shall reasonably require (including, without limitation, the certificates called for by the Trustee pursuant to Clause 7.3 (*Certificate of Compliance*)) for the performance of its functions;
- 7.8 *Notes held by Issuer and Guarantor:* send to the Trustee forthwith upon being so requested in writing by the Trustee a certificate of the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor (signed on its behalf by two authorised signatories) setting out the total number of Notes of each Series which at the date of such certificate are held by or for the benefit of the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor or any of their respective Subsidiaries;
- 7.9 *Execution of further Documents:* so far as permitted by applicable law, at all times execute all such further documents and do all such further acts and things as may be necessary at any time or times in the opinion of the Trustee to give effect to the provisions of this Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement;
- 7.10 *Notices to Noteholders:* send or procure to be sent to the Trustee not less than three days prior to the date of publication, for the Trustee's approval, one copy of each notice to be given to the Noteholders in accordance with the Conditions and not publish such notice without such approval and, upon publication, send to the Trustee two copies of such notice (such approval, unless so expressed, not to constitute approval of such notice for the purpose of Section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000);
- 7.11 *Notification of non-payment:* use its best endeavours to procure that the Principal Paying Agent notifies the Trustee forthwith in the event that it does not, on or before the due date for payment in respect of the Notes or Coupons of any Series or any of them receive unconditionally the full amount in the relevant currency of the moneys payable on such due date on all such Notes or Coupons;
- 7.12 *Notification of late payment:* in the event of the unconditional payment to the Principal Paying Agent or the Trustee of any sum due in respect of any of the Notes or the Coupons or any of them being made after the due date for payment thereof, forthwith give notice to the Noteholders that such payment has been made;
- 7.13 *Notification of redemption or payment:* not less than the number of days specified in the relevant Condition prior to the redemption or payment date in respect of any Note or Coupon give to the Trustee notice in writing of the amount of such redemption or payment pursuant to the Conditions and duly proceed to redeem or pay such Notes or Coupons accordingly;
- 7.14 *Obligations of Agents:* observe and comply with its obligations and use all reasonable endeavours to procure that the Agents observe and comply with all their obligations under the Agency Agreement and procure that the Registrar maintains the Register and notify the Trustee as soon as practicable after it becomes aware of any material breach or failure by an Agent in relation to the Notes or Coupons;

- 7.15 *Change of taxing jurisdiction*: if before the Relevant Date for any Note or Coupon the Issuer or the Guarantor shall become subject generally to the taxing jurisdiction of any territory or any political sub-division thereof or any authority therein or thereof having power to tax other than or in addition to The Netherlands (in the case of the Issuer) or Switzerland (in the case of the Guarantor), immediately upon becoming aware thereof it shall notify the Trustee of such event and (unless the Trustee otherwise agrees) enter forthwith into a trust deed supplemental hereto, giving to the Trustee an undertaking or covenant in form and manner satisfactory to the Trustee in terms corresponding to the terms of Condition 13 (*Taxation*) with the substitution for (or, as the case may be, the addition to) the references therein to The Netherlands (in the case of the Issuer) or Switzerland (in the case of the Guarantor) of references to that other or additional territory to whose taxing jurisdiction, or that of a political subdivision thereof or an authority therein or thereof, the Issuer or the Guarantor shall have become subject as aforesaid, such trust deed also to modify Condition 13 (*Taxation*) so that such Condition shall make reference to that other or additional territory;
- 7.16 *Listing*: at all times use reasonable endeavours to maintain the admission to listing, trading and/or quotation of the Notes of each Series by the relevant competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system on which they are admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation on issue as indicated in the relevant Final Terms or, if it is unable to do so having used all reasonable endeavours or if the maintenance of such admission to listing, trading and/or quotation is certified by two authorised signatories of the Issuer to be unduly burdensome or impractical, use reasonable endeavours to obtain and maintain admission to listing, trading and/or quotation of the Notes on such other competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system as the Issuer and the Guarantor may (with the approval of the Trustee) decide and give notice of the identity of such other competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system to the Noteholders;
- 7.17 *Authorised Signatories*: upon the execution hereof and thereafter forthwith upon any change of the same, deliver to the Trustee (with a copy to the Principal Paying Agent) a list of the authorised signatories of the Issuer, or, as the case may be, the Guarantor, together with certified specimen signatures of the same; and
- 7.18 *Payments*: pay moneys payable by it to the Trustee hereunder without set off, counterclaim, deduction or withholding, unless otherwise compelled by law and in the event of any deduction or withholding compelled by law pay such additional amount as will result in the payment to the Trustee of the amount which would otherwise have been payable by it to the Trustee hereunder.

8. AMENDMENTS AND SUBSTITUTION

8.1 Waiver

The Trustee may, without any consent or sanction of the Noteholders or Couponholders and without prejudice to its rights in respect of any subsequent breach, condition, event or act, from time to time and at any time, but only if and in so far as in its opinion the interests of the Noteholders shall not be materially prejudiced thereby, authorise or waive, on such terms and conditions (if any) as shall seem expedient to it, any breach or proposed breach of any of the covenants or provisions contained in this Trust Deed, the Conditions, the Agency Agreement or the Notes or the Coupons or determine that

any Event of Default or Potential Event of Default shall not be treated as such for the purposes of this Trust Deed; any such authorisation, waiver or determination shall be binding on the Noteholders and the Couponholders and (unless the Trustee agrees otherwise) the Issuer shall cause such authorisation, waiver or determination to be notified to the Noteholders as soon as practicable thereafter in accordance with the Conditions; *provided that* the Trustee shall not exercise any powers conferred upon it by this Clause in contravention of any express direction by an Extraordinary Resolution or of a request in writing made by the holders of not less than 25 per cent. in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding (but so that no such direction or request shall affect any authorisation, waiver or determination previously given or made) or so as to authorise or waive any such breach or proposed breach relating to any of the matters the subject of the Reserved Matters as specified and defined in Schedule 4.

8.2 Modifications

The Trustee may from time to time and at any time without any consent or sanction of the Noteholders or Couponholders concur with the Issuer and the Guarantor in making (a) any modification to this Trust Deed (other than in respect of Reserved Matters as specified and defined in Schedule 4 or any provision of this Trust Deed referred to in that specification), the Conditions, the Agency Agreement or the Notes which in the opinion of the Trustee it may be proper to make provided the Trustee is of the opinion that such modification will not be materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders or (b) any modification to this Trust Deed, the Conditions, the Agency Agreement or the Notes if in the opinion of the Trustee such modification is of a formal, minor or technical nature or made to correct a manifest error. Any such modification shall be binding on the Noteholders and the Couponholders and (if so required by the Trustee) the Issuer shall cause such modification to be notified to the Noteholders as soon as practicable thereafter in accordance with the Conditions.

In addition, the Trustee shall agree to vary or amend the Conditions, this Trust Deed and/or the Agency Agreement to give effect to certain amendments without the requirement for the consent or approval of Noteholders on the basis set out in Condition 7(o) and Condition 7(p) provided however it shall not be obliged to concur with the Issuer in respect of any Benchmark Amendments or Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes (each as defined in the Conditions) which, in its sole opinion, would have the effect of (i) exposing the Trustee to any Liabilities against which it has not been indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction or (ii) impose more onerous obligations upon it or expose it to any additional duties, responsibilities or liabilities or reduce or amend the protective provisions afforded to it in this Trust Deed, the Conditions and/or the Agency Agreement.

8.3 Substitution

8.3.1 *Procedure:* The Trustee may, without the consent of the Noteholders or the Couponholders, agree to the substitution, in place of the Issuer of (i) the Guarantor or (ii) any other person (provided in such case that the Guarantee of the Notes remains in full force and effect) (the "**Susbtituted Obligor**") as the

principal debtor under this Trust Deed in relation to the Notes and Coupons of any Series if:

- (a) a supplemental trust deed is executed or some other written form of undertaking is given by the Substituted Obligor to the Trustee, in form and manner satisfactory to the Trustee, agreeing to be bound by the terms of this Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement, the Notes and the Coupons with any consequential amendments which the Trustee may deem appropriate as fully as if the Substituted Obligor had been named in this Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement and on the Notes and the Coupons as the principal debtor in place of the Issuer (or of any previous substitute under this Clause);
- (b) where the Substituted Obligor is not the Guarantor, the Guarantor enters into a deed of guarantee (which, for the avoidance of doubt, may be contained in any supplemental trust deed executed under 8.3.1(a) above) in form and substance satisfactory to the Trustee guaranteeing the performance of the Substituted Obligor's payment obligations under the Notes and this Trust Deed;
- (c) the Issuer and the Substituted Obligor execute such other deeds, documents and instruments (if any) as the Trustee may require in order that the substitution is fully effective and comply with such other requirements as the Trustee may reasonably direct in the interests of the Noteholders and the Couponholders;
- (d) the Trustee is satisfied that the Substituted Obligor has obtained all governmental and regulatory approvals and consents necessary for its assumption of liability as principal debtor in respect of the Notes and the Coupons in place of the Issuer;
- (e) (without prejudice to the generality of the preceding sub-clauses of this sub-clause 8.3.1) where the Substituted Obligor is incorporated, domiciled or resident in or is otherwise subject generally to the taxing jurisdiction of any territory or any political sub-division thereof or any authority of or in such territory having power to tax (the "**Substituted Territory**") other than or in addition to the territory, the taxing jurisdiction of which (or to any such authority of or in which) the Issuer is subject generally (the "**Issuer's Territory**"), the Substituted Obligor will (unless the Trustee otherwise agrees) give to the Trustee an undertaking in form and manner satisfactory to the Trustee in terms corresponding to the terms of Condition 13 (*Taxation*) with the substitution for the reference in that Condition to the Issuer's Territory of references to the Substituted Territory and in such event the Trust Deed and Notes and Coupons will be interpreted accordingly;
- (f) each rating agency as is then providing a credit rating in respect of the Notes (if any) has confirmed that the substitution will not result in a downgrading of the then current credit rating assigned by such rating agency to the Notes;

- 8.3.2 *Extra duties:* The Trustee shall be entitled to refuse to approve any Substituted Obligor if, pursuant to the law of the country of incorporation of the Substituted Obligor, the assumption by the Substituted Obligor of its obligations hereunder imposes responsibilities on the Trustee over and above those which have been assumed under this Trust Deed;
- 8.3.3 *Directors' certification:* If any two directors of the Substituted Obligor certify that immediately prior to the assumption of its obligations as Substituted Obligor under this Trust Deed the Substituted Obligor is solvent after taking account of all prospective and contingent liabilities resulting from its becoming the Substituted Obligor, the Trustee need not have regard to the financial condition, profits or prospects of the Substituted Obligor or compare the same with those of the Issuer or the Guarantor (or of any previous substitute under this Clause);
- 8.3.4 *Interests of Noteholders:* In connection with any proposed substitution, the Trustee shall not have regard to, or be in any way liable for, the consequences of such substitution for individual Noteholders or the Couponholders resulting from their being for any purpose domiciled or resident in, or otherwise connected with, or subject to the jurisdiction of, any particular territory. No Noteholder or Couponholder shall, in connection with any such substitution, be entitled to claim from the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Substituted Obligor any indemnification or payment in respect of any tax consequence of any such substitution upon individual Noteholders or Couponholders;
- 8.3.5 *Release of Issuer:* Any agreement by the Trustee pursuant to sub-clause 8.3.1 (*Procedure*) shall, if so expressed, operate to release the Issuer (or such previous substitute as aforesaid) from any or all of its obligations as principal debtor under the Notes and this Trust Deed. Not later than fourteen days after the execution of any such documents as aforesaid and after compliance with the said requirements of the Trustee, the Substituted Obligor shall cause notice thereof to be given to the Noteholders; and
- 8.3.6 *Completion of substitution:* Upon the execution of such documents and compliance with the said requirements, the Substituted Obligor shall be deemed to be named in this Trust Deed and the Notes and Coupons as the principal debtor in place of the Issuer (or of any previous substitute under this Clause) and this Trust Deed, the Notes and the Coupons shall thereupon be deemed to be amended in such manner as shall be necessary to give effect to the substitution and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing any references in this Trust Deed, in the Notes and the Coupons to the Issuer shall be deemed to be references to the Substituted Obligor.

9. ENFORCEMENT

9.1 Legal proceedings

The Trustee may at any time, at its discretion and without further notice, institute such proceedings against the Issuer and/or the Guarantor as it may think fit to recover any amounts due in respect of the Notes which are unpaid or to enforce any of its rights under this Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement or the Conditions but it shall not be

bound to take any such proceedings unless (a) it shall have been so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution or so requested in writing by the holders of at least one-quarter in principal amount of the outstanding Notes and (b) it shall have been indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction against all Liabilities to which it may thereby become liable and all costs, charges and expenses which may be incurred by it in connection therewith and provided that the Trustee shall not be held liable to any Noteholder or Couponholder for the consequence of taking any such action and may take such action without having regard to the effect of such action on individual Noteholders or Couponholders. Only the Trustee may enforce the provisions of the Notes or this Trust Deed and no Noteholder or Couponholder shall be entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer or the Guarantor unless the Trustee, having become bound so to proceed, fails or is unable to do so within a reasonable time and such failure or inability is continuing.

9.2 **Evidence of default**

If the Trustee (or any Noteholder or Couponholder where entitled under this Trust Deed so to do) makes any claim, institutes any legal proceeding or lodges any proof in a winding up or insolvency of the Issuer or the Guarantor under this Trust Deed or under the Notes, proof therein that:

- 9.2.1 as regards any specified Note the Issuer has made default in paying any principal due in respect of such Note shall (unless the contrary be proved) be sufficient evidence that the Issuer has made the like default as regards all other Notes in respect of which a corresponding payment is then due;
- 9.2.2 as regards any specified Coupon or any specified Registered Note the Issuer has made default in paying any interest due in respect of such Coupon or Registered Note shall (unless the contrary be proved) be sufficient evidence that the Issuer has made the like default as regards all other Coupons or Registered Notes in respect of which a corresponding payment is then due; and
- 9.2.3 as regards any Talon, the Issuer has made default in exchanging such Talon for further Coupons and a further Talon as provided by its terms shall (unless the contrary be proved) be sufficient evidence that the Issuer has made the like default as regards all other Talons which are then available for exchange;

and for the purposes of 9.2.1 and 9.2.2 a payment shall be a "corresponding" payment notwithstanding that it is due in respect of a Note of a different denomination from that in respect of the above specified Note.

10. **APPLICATION OF MONEYS**

10.1 **Application of moneys**

All moneys received by the Trustee in respect of the Notes of any Series or amounts payable under this Trust Deed will despite any appropriation of all or part of them by the Issuer or the Guarantor (including any moneys which represent principal or interest

in respect of Notes or Coupons which have become void under the Conditions) be held by the Trustee on trust to apply them (subject to Clause 10.2 (*Investment of moneys*)):

- 10.1.1 first, in payment or satisfaction of those costs, charges, expenses and liabilities properly incurred by the Trustee in the preparation and execution of the trusts of this Trust Deed (including remuneration of the Trustee);
- 10.1.2 secondly, in or towards payment *pari passu* and rateably of all interest remaining unpaid in respect of the Notes of the relevant Series and all principal moneys due on or in respect of the Notes of that Series provided that where the Notes of more than one Series become so due and payable, such monies shall be applied as between the amounts outstanding in respect of the different Series *pari passu* and rateably (except where, in the opinion of the Trustee, such monies are paid in respect of a specific Series or several specific Series, in which event such monies shall be applied solely to the amounts outstanding in respect of that Series or those Series respectively); and
- 10.1.3 thirdly, the balance (if any) in payment to the Issuer or, if such moneys were received from the Guarantor, the Guarantor.

10.2 **Investment of moneys**

If the amount of the moneys at any time available for payment of principal and interest in respect of the Notes of any Series under Clause 10.1 (*Application of moneys*) shall be less than a sum sufficient to pay at least one-tenth of the principal amount of the Notes of such Series then outstanding, the Trustee may, at its discretion, invest such moneys upon some or one of the investments hereinafter authorised with power from time to time, with like discretion, to vary such investments; and such investment with the resulting income thereof may be accumulated until the accumulations together with any other funds for the time being under the control of the Trustee and available for the purpose shall amount to a sum sufficient to pay at least one-tenth of the principal amount of the Notes of such Series then outstanding and such accumulation and funds (after deduction of any taxes and any other deductibles applicable thereto) shall then be applied in the manner aforesaid.

10.3 **Authorised Investments**

Any moneys which under this Trust Deed may be invested by the Trustee may be invested in the name or under the control of the Trustee in any of the investments for the time being authorised by English law for the investment by trustees of trust moneys or in any other investments, whether similar to those aforesaid or not, which may be selected by the Trustee or by placing the same on deposit in the name or under the control of the Trustee with such bank or other financial institution as the Trustee may think fit and in such currency as the Trustee in its absolute discretion may determine and the Trustee may at any time vary or transfer any of such investments for or into other such investments or convert any moneys so deposited into any other currency and shall not be responsible for any Liability occasioned by reason of any such investments or such deposit whether by depreciation in value, fluctuation in exchange rates or otherwise.

10.4 Payments to Noteholders and Couponholders

The Trustee shall give notice to the Noteholders in accordance with the Conditions of the date fixed for any payment under Clause 10.1 (*Application of Moneys*). Any payment to be made in respect of the Notes or Coupons of any Series by the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Trustee may be made in the manner provided in the Conditions, the Agency Agreement and this Trust Deed and any payment so made shall be a good discharge to the extent of such payment by the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Trustee (as the case may be).

10.5 Production of Notes, Coupons and Note Certificates

Upon any payment under Clause 10.4 (*Payments to Noteholders and Couponholders*) of principal or interest, the Note, Coupon or Note Certificate in respect of which such payment is made shall, if the Trustee so requires, be produced to the Trustee or the Paying Agent by or through whom such payment is made and the Trustee shall:

10.5.1 in respect of a Bearer Note or Coupon (a) in the case of part payment, enface or cause such Paying Agent to enface a memorandum of the amount and date of payment thereon (or, in the case of part payment of an NGN Temporary Global Note or an NGN Permanent Global Note cause the Principal Paying Agent to procure that the ICSDs make appropriate entries in their records to reflect such payment) or (b) in the case of payment in full, cause such Bearer Note or Coupon to be surrendered or shall cancel or procure the same to be cancelled and shall certify or procure the certification of such cancellation; and

10.5.2 in respect of a Registered Note, (a) in the case of part payment, require the Registrar to make a notation in the Register of the amount and date of payment (and in the case of a Registered Note held under the New Safekeeping Structure, to procure that the ICSDs make appropriate entries in their records to reflect such payment) or (b) in the case of payment in full, cause the relevant Note Certificate to be surrendered or shall cancel or procure the same to be cancelled and shall certify or procure the certification of such cancellation.

10.6 Holders of Bearer Notes to be treated as holding all Coupons

Wherever in this Trust Deed the Trustee is required or entitled to exercise a power, trust, authority or discretion under this Trust Deed, the Trustee shall, notwithstanding that it may have express notice to the contrary assume that each holder of Bearer Notes is the holder of all Coupons and Talons appertaining to each Bearer Note of which they are the holder.

11. TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

Section 1 of the Trustee Act 2000 shall not apply to the duties of the Trustee in relation to the trusts constituted by this Trust Deed. Where there are any inconsistencies between the Trustee Acts and the provisions of this Trust Deed, the provisions of this Trust Deed shall, to the extent allowed by law, prevail and, in the case of any such inconsistency with the Trustee Act 2000, the provisions of this Trust Deed shall constitute a restriction or exclusion for the purposes of that Act. The Trustee shall have

all the powers conferred upon trustees by the Trustee Acts and by way of supplement thereto it is expressly declared as follows:

11.1 Reliance on Information

- 11.1.1 *Advice*: The Trustee may in relation to this Trust Deed act or not act on the opinion or advice of or a certificate or any information obtained from any lawyer, banker, valuer, surveyor, broker, auctioneer, accountant or other expert (whether obtained by the Trustee, the Issuer, the Guarantor, any Subsidiary of the Issuer or the Guarantor or any Agent) and which advice or opinion may be provided on such terms (including as to limitations on liability) as the Trustee may consider in its sole discretion to be consistent with prevailing market practice with regard to advice or opinions of that nature and shall not be responsible for any Liability occasioned by so acting; any such opinion, advice, certificate or information may be sent or obtained by email, letter, telegram, telex, cablegram or facsimile transmission and the Trustee shall not be liable for acting on any opinion, advice, certificate or information purporting to be so conveyed although the same shall contain some error or shall not be authentic;
- 11.1.2 *Certificate of authorised signatories*: the Trustee may call for and shall be at liberty to accept a certificate signed by two authorised signatories or other person duly authorised on their behalf as to any fact or matter *prima facie* within the knowledge of the Issuer or the Guarantor, as the case may be, as sufficient evidence thereof and a like certificate to the effect that any particular dealing, transaction or step or thing is, in the opinion of the person so certifying expedient, as sufficient evidence that it is expedient and the Trustee shall not be bound in any such case to call for further evidence or be responsible for any Liability that may be occasioned by its failing so to do;
- 11.1.3 *Resolution or direction of Noteholders*: the Trustee shall not be responsible for acting upon any resolution purporting to be a Written Resolution or to have been passed by electronic consents or at any meeting of the Noteholders in respect whereof minutes have been made and signed or a direction of a specified percentage of Noteholders, even though it may subsequently be found that there was some defect in the constitution of the meeting or the passing of the resolution or the making of the directions or that for any reason the resolution purporting to be a Written Resolution or to have been passed at any Meeting or by electronic consents or the making of the directions was not valid or binding upon the Noteholders and the Couponholders;
- 11.1.4 *Reliance on certification of clearing system*: the Trustee may call for any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant clearing system in relation to any matter. Any such certificate or other document shall, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive and binding for all purposes. 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 Cedcom system) in accordance with its usual procedures and in which the holder of a particular principal or nominal amount of the 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 such certificate or other document purporting to be issued by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant clearing system and subsequently found to be forged or not authentic;

- 11.1.5 *Noteholders as a class*: whenever in this Trust Deed the Trustee is required in connection with any exercise of its powers, trusts, authorities or discretions to have regard to the interests of the Noteholders, it shall have regard to the interests of the Noteholders as a class and in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, shall not be obliged to have regard to the consequences of such exercise for any individual Noteholder resulting from such Noteholder being for any purpose domiciled or resident in, or otherwise connected with, or subject to the jurisdiction of, any particular territory;
- 11.1.6 *Trustee not responsible for investigations*: the Trustee shall not be responsible for, or for investigating any matter which is the subject of, any recital, statement, representation, warranty or covenant of any person contained in this Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement, the Notes or any other agreement or document relating to the transactions herein or therein contemplated or for the execution, legality, effectiveness, adequacy, genuineness, validity, enforceability or admissibility in evidence thereof;
- 11.1.7 *No Liability as a result of the delivery of a certificate*: the Trustee shall have no Liability whatsoever for any loss, cost, damages or expenses directly or indirectly suffered or incurred by the Issuer, any Noteholder, Couponholder or any other person as a result of the delivery by the Trustee to the Issuer of a certificate as to material prejudice pursuant to Condition 14 (*Events of Default*) on the basis of an opinion formed by it in good faith;
- 11.1.8 *No obligation to monitor*: the Trustee shall be under no obligation to monitor or supervise the functions of any other person under the Notes or any other agreement or document relating to the transactions herein or therein contemplated and shall be entitled, in the absence of actual knowledge of a breach of obligation, to assume that each such person is properly performing and complying with its obligations;
- 11.1.9 *Notes held by the Issuer*: in the absence of actual knowledge or express notice to the contrary, the Trustee may assume without enquiry (other than requesting a certificate of the Issuer under Clause 7.8 (*Notes held by Issuer and the Guarantor*)), that no Notes are for the time being held by or for the benefit of the Issuer or the Guarantor or their Subsidiaries;
- 11.1.10 *Forged Notes*: the Trustee shall not be liable to the Issuer, the Guarantor or any Noteholder or Couponholder by reason of having accepted as valid or not having rejected any Bearer Note or Coupon as such and subsequently found to be forged or not authentic;
- 11.1.11 *Entry on the Register*: the Trustee shall not be liable to the Issuer or any Noteholder by reason of having accepted as valid or not having rejected any entry on the Register later found to be forged or not authentic and can assume for all purposes in relation hereto that any entry on the Register is correct;

- 11.1.12 *Events of Default*: the Trustee shall not be bound to give notice to any person of the execution of this Trust Deed or to take any steps to ascertain whether any Event of Default or Potential Event of Default has happened and, until it shall have actual knowledge or express notice to the contrary, the Trustee shall be entitled to assume that no such Event of Default or Potential Event of Default has happened and that the Issuer, the Guarantor and the other transaction parties are observing and performing all the obligations on its part contained in the Notes and Coupons and under this Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement and no event has happened as a consequence of which any of the Notes may become repayable;
- 11.1.13 *Legal Opinions*: the Trustee shall not be responsible to any person for failing to request, require or receive any legal opinion relating to any Notes or for checking or commenting upon the content of any such legal opinion;
- 11.1.14 *Programme Limit*: the Trustee shall not be concerned, and need not enquire, as to whether or not any Notes are issued in breach of the Programme Limit;
- 11.1.15 *Trustee not Responsible*: the Trustee shall not be responsible for the execution, delivery, legality, effectiveness, adequacy, genuineness, validity, enforceability or admissibility in evidence of this Trust Deed or any other document relating thereto and shall not be liable for any failure to obtain any rating of Notes (where required), any licence, consent or other authority for the execution, delivery, legality, effectiveness, adequacy, genuineness, validity, performance, enforceability or admissibility in evidence of this Trust Deed or any other document relating thereto. In addition the Trustee shall not be responsible for the effect of the exercise of any of its powers, duties and discretions hereunder;
- 11.1.16 *Freedom to Refrain*: notwithstanding anything else herein contained, the Trustee may refrain from doing anything which would or might in its opinion be contrary to any law of any jurisdiction (including but not limited to the United States of America or any jurisdiction forming a part of it, the European Union and England & Wales) or any directive or regulation of any agency or any state of which would or might otherwise render it liable to any person and may do anything which is, in its opinion, necessary to comply with any such law, directive or regulation; and
- 11.1.17 *Right to Deduct or Withhold*: notwithstanding anything contained in this Trust Deed, to the extent required by any applicable law, if the Trustee is or will be required to make any deduction or withholding from any distribution or payment made by it hereunder or if the Trustee is or will be otherwise charged to, or is or may become liable to, tax as a consequence of performing its duties hereunder whether as principal, agent or otherwise, and whether by reason of any assessment, prospective assessment or other imposition of liability to taxation of whatsoever nature and whensoever made upon the Trustee, and whether in connection with or arising from any sums received or distributed by it or to which it may be entitled under this Trust Deed (other than in connection with its remuneration as provided for herein) or any investments or deposits from time to time representing the same, including any income or gains arising therefrom or any action of the Trustee in connection with the trusts of this Trust Deed (other than the remuneration herein specified) or otherwise, then the

Trustee shall be entitled to make such deduction or withholding or, as the case may be, to retain out of sums received by it an amount sufficient to discharge any liability to tax which relates to sums so received or distributed or to discharge any such other liability of the Trustee to tax from the funds held by the Trustee upon the trusts of this Trust Deed.

11.2 **Trustee's powers and duties**

- 11.2.1 *Trustee's determination:* The Trustee may determine whether or not a default in the performance or observance by the Issuer or the Guarantor of any obligation under the provisions of this Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement or contained in the Notes or Coupons is capable of remedy and/or materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders and if the Trustee shall certify that any such default is, in its opinion, not capable of remedy and/or materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders such certificate shall be conclusive and binding upon the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Noteholders and the Couponholders;
- 11.2.2 *Determination of questions:* the Trustee as between itself and the Noteholders and the Couponholders shall have full power to determine all questions and doubts arising in relation to any of the provisions of this Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement and every such determination, whether made upon a question actually raised or implied in the acts or proceedings of the Trustee, shall be conclusive and shall bind the Trustee, the Noteholders and the Couponholders;
- 11.2.3 *Trustee's discretion:* the Trustee shall (save as expressly otherwise provided herein) as regards all the trusts, powers, authorities and discretions vested in it by this Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement or by operation of law have absolute and uncontrolled discretion as to the exercise or non-exercise thereof and the Trustee shall not be responsible for any Liability that may result from the exercise or non-exercise thereof but, whenever the Trustee is under the provisions of this Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement bound to act at the request or direction of the Noteholders, the Trustee shall nevertheless not be so bound unless first indemnified and/or provided with security and/or prefunded to its satisfaction against all actions, proceedings, claims and demands to which it may render itself liable and all costs, charges, damages, expenses and liabilities which it may incur by so doing;
- 11.2.4 *Trustee's consent:* any consent given by the Trustee for the purposes of this Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement may be given on such terms and subject to such conditions (if any) as the Trustee may require;
- 11.2.5 *Conversion of currency:* where it is necessary or desirable for any purpose in connection with this Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement to convert any sum from one currency to another it shall (unless otherwise provided by this Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement or required by law) be converted at such rate(s) of exchange, in accordance with such method and as at such date for the determination of such rate(s) of exchange as may be specified in good faith by the Trustee in its absolute discretion as relevant and any rate of exchange, method and date so specified shall be binding on the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Noteholders and the Couponholders;

- 11.2.6 *Application of proceeds*: the Trustee shall not be responsible for the receipt or application by the Issuer of the proceeds of the issue of the Notes, the exchange of any Temporary Global Note for any Permanent Global Note or Definitive Notes, the exchange of any Permanent Global Note for Definitive Notes, the exchange of any Global Registered Note for Individual Note Certificates or the delivery of any Note, Coupon or Note Certificate to the persons entitled to them;
- 11.2.7 *Error of judgment*: the Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by any officer or employee of the Trustee assigned by the Trustee to administer its corporate trust matters;
- 11.2.8 *Liability*: subject to Clause 11.4 (*Trustee Liability*), the Trustee shall not be liable or responsible for any Liabilities or inconvenience which may result from anything done or omitted to be done by it in accordance with the provisions of this Trust Deed, the Conditions or the Agency Agreement
- 11.2.9 *Agents*: the Trustee may, in the conduct of the trusts of this Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement instead of acting personally, employ and pay an agent on any terms, whether or not a lawyer or other professional person, to transact or conduct, or concur in transacting or conducting, any business and to do or concur in doing all acts required to be done by the Trustee (including the receipt and payment of money) and provided the Trustee shall have exercised reasonable care in the selection of any such agent the Trustee shall not be responsible for any loss, liability, expense, demand, cost, claim or proceedings incurred by reason of the misconduct, omission or default on the part of any person appointed by it hereunder or be bound to supervise the proceedings or acts of any such person;
- 11.2.10 *Delegation*: the Trustee may, in the execution and exercise of all or any of the trusts, powers, authorities and discretions vested in it by this Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement, act by responsible officer(s) for the time being of the Trustee and the Trustee may also whenever it thinks fit, whether by power of attorney or otherwise, delegate to any person(s) or fluctuating body of persons (whether being a joint or co-trustee of this Trust Deed or not) all or any of the trusts, powers, authorities and discretions vested in it by this Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement and any such delegation may be made upon such terms and conditions and subject to such regulations (including power to sub-delegate with the consent of the Trustee) as the Trustee may think fit in the interests of the Noteholders and provided the Trustee shall have exercised reasonable care in the selection of any such person(s) the Trustee shall not be bound to supervise the proceedings or acts of and shall not in any way or to any extent be responsible for any loss, liability, expense, demand, cost, claim or proceedings incurred by reason of the misconduct, omission or default on the part of such delegate or sub-delegate;
- 11.2.11 *Custodians and nominees*: the Trustee may appoint and pay any person to act as a custodian or nominee on any terms in relation to such assets of the trust as the Trustee may determine, including for the purpose of depositing with a custodian this Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement or any document relating to the trust created hereunder and provided the Trustee shall have exercised reasonable care in the selection of any such custodian or nominee the Trustee

shall not be responsible for any loss, liability, expense, demand, cost, claim or proceedings incurred by reason of the misconduct, omission or default on the part of any person appointed by it hereunder or be bound to supervise the proceedings or acts of any such person; the Trustee is not obliged to appoint a custodian if the Trustee invests in securities payable to bearer; and

11.2.12 *Confidential information*: the Trustee shall not (unless required by law or ordered so to do by a court of competent jurisdiction or if preventing that disclosure would otherwise cause any transaction contemplated herein to become an arrangement described in Part II A 1 of Annex IV of Directive 2011/16/ EU and so reportable by any person under the legislation of any EU Member State implementing such Directive) be required to disclose to any Noteholder or Couponholder confidential information or other information made available to the Trustee by the Issuer or the Guarantor in connection with this Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement and no Noteholder or Couponholder shall be entitled to take any action to obtain from the Trustee any such information.

11.3 **Financial matters**

11.3.1 *Professional charges*: any trustee being a banker, lawyer, broker or other person engaged in any profession or business shall be entitled to charge and be paid all usual professional and other charges for business transacted and acts done by such person or such person's partner or firm on matters arising in connection with the trusts of this Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement and also such person's properly incurred charges in addition to disbursements for all other work and business done and all time spent by such person or such person's partner or firm on matters arising in connection with this Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement, including matters which might or should have been attended to in person by a trustee not being a banker, lawyer, broker or other professional person;

11.3.2 *Expenditure by the Trustee*: nothing contained in this Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of its duties or the exercise of any right, power, authority or discretion hereunder if it has grounds for believing the repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity against, or security for, such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it; and

11.3.3 *Trustee may enter into financial transactions with the Issuer and Guarantor*: no Trustee or affiliate of the Trustee and no director or officer of any corporation being a Trustee or an affiliate of the Trustee hereof shall by reason of the fiduciary position of such Trustee be in any way precluded from making any contracts or entering into any transactions in the ordinary course of business with the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of their respective Subsidiaries, or any person or body corporate directly or indirectly associated with the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of their respective Subsidiaries, or from accepting the trusteeship of any other debenture stock, debentures or securities of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of their respective Subsidiaries or any person or body corporate directly or indirectly associated with the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of their respective Subsidiaries, and neither the Trustee nor any such director or

officer shall be accountable to the Noteholders, the Couponholders, the Issuer, the Guarantor or any Subsidiary of the Issuer or the Guarantor, or any person or body corporate directly or indirectly associated with the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of their respective Subsidiaries, for any profit, fees, commissions, interest, discounts or share of brokerage earned, arising or resulting from any such contracts or transactions and the Trustee and any such director or officer shall also be at liberty to retain the same for their own benefit.

11.4 **Trustee Liability**

Subject to Section 750 of the Companies Act 2006 (if applicable) and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Trust Deed, the Notes or the Agency Agreement, the Trustee shall not be liable to any person for any matter or thing done or omitted in any way in connection with or in relation to this Trust Deed, the Notes or the Agency Agreement save in relation to its own gross negligence, wilful default or fraud.

11.5 **Consequential damages disclaimer**

Notwithstanding any provision of this Trust Deed to the contrary, the Trustee shall not in any event be liable for special, indirect, punitive or consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including but not limited to lost profits, goodwill, reputation or opportunity), whether or not foreseeable, even if the Trustee has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of whether the claim for loss or damage is made in negligence, for breach of contract, breach of duty, breach of trust, breach of fiduciary obligation or otherwise.

12. **COSTS AND EXPENSES**

12.1 **Remuneration**

12.1.1 *Normal remuneration:* The Issuer or, failing whom, the Guarantor shall pay to the Trustee remuneration for its services as trustee as from the date of this Trust Deed, such remuneration to be at such rate as may from time to time be agreed in writing between the Issuer and the Trustee. Such remuneration shall be payable in advance on the anniversary of the date hereof in each year and the first payment shall be made on the date hereof. Such remuneration shall accrue from day to day and be payable (in priority to payments to the Noteholders or Couponholders up to and including the date when, all the Notes having become due for redemption, the redemption moneys and interest thereon to the date of redemption have been paid to the Principal Paying Agent or the Trustee, provided that if upon due presentation (if required pursuant to the Conditions) of any Note or Note Certificate or any cheque, payment of the moneys due in respect thereof is improperly withheld or refused, remuneration will commence again to accrue).

12.1.2 *Extra remuneration:* In the event of the occurrence of an Event of Default or a Potential Event of Default or the Trustee considering it expedient or necessary or being requested by the Issuer or the Guarantor to undertake duties which the Trustee and the Issuer or the Guarantor agree to be of an exceptional nature or otherwise outside the scope of the normal duties of the Trustee under this Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement, the Issuer or, failing whom, the Guarantor shall

pay to the Trustee such additional remuneration as shall be agreed between them and which may be calculated by reference to the Trustee's normal hourly rates in force from time to time. For the avoidance of doubt, duties of the Trustee carried out in connection with the granting or waivers, modifications or enforcement action shall be deemed to be of an exceptional nature.

12.1.3 *Value added tax:* The Issuer or, failing whom, the Guarantor shall in addition pay to the Trustee an amount equal to the amount of any value added tax or similar tax chargeable in respect of its remuneration under this Trust Deed.

12.1.4 *Failure to agree:* In the event of the Trustee and the Issuer or the Guarantor failing to agree:

(a) (in a case to which sub-clause 12.1.1 applies) upon the amount of the remuneration; or

(b) (in a case to which sub-clause 12.1.2 applies) upon whether such duties shall be of an exceptional nature or otherwise outside the scope of the normal duties of the Trustee under this Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement, or upon such additional remuneration;

such matters shall be determined by an investment bank (acting as an expert and not as an arbitrator) selected by the Trustee and approved by the Issuer or, failing such approval, nominated (on the application of the Trustee) by the President for the time being of The Law Society of England and Wales (the expenses involved in such nomination and the fees of such investment bank being payable by the Issuer or, failing whom, the Guarantor) and the determination of any such investment bank shall be final and binding upon the Trustee, the Issuer and the Guarantor.

12.1.5 *Expenses:* The Issuer or, failing whom, the Guarantor shall also pay or discharge all costs, charges and expenses properly incurred by the Trustee in relation to the preparation and execution of, the exercise of its powers and the performance of its duties under, and in any other manner in relation to, this Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement, including but not limited to legal and travelling expenses and any stamp, issue, registration, documentary and other taxes or duties paid or payable by the Trustee in connection with any action taken or contemplated by or on behalf of the Trustee for enforcing, or resolving any doubt concerning, or for any other purpose in relation to, this Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement.

12.1.6 *Indemnity:* The Issuer, failing whom, the Guarantor, shall indemnify the Trustee (a) in respect of all Liabilities and expenses properly incurred by it or by any Appointee or other person appointed by it to whom any trust, power, authority or discretion may be delegated by it in the execution or purported execution of the trusts, powers, authorities or discretions vested in it by this Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement and (b) against all Liabilities in respect of any matter or thing done or omitted in any way relating to this Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement, save to the extent that any such Liabilities under (a) or (b) above result from the Trustee's gross negligence, wilful default or fraud *provided that*

it is expressly stated that Clause 11.4 (*Trustee Liability*) shall apply in relation to these provisions.

12.1.7 *Payment of amounts due*: All amounts due and payable pursuant to sub clauses 12.1.5 (*Expenses*) and 12.1.6 (*Indemnity*) shall be payable by the Issuer on the date specified in a demand by the Trustee; the rate of interest applicable to such payments shall be two per cent. per annum above the base rate from time to time of Bank of England and interest shall accrue:

- (a) in the case of payments made by the Trustee prior to the date of the demand, from the date of the demand (or, provided that demand is made within seven days of the payment being made, the date on which the payment was made) or such later date as specified in such demand;
- (b) in the case of payments made by the Trustee on or after the date of the demand, from the date specified in such demand, which date shall not be a date earlier than the date such payments are made.

All remuneration payable to the Trustee shall carry interest at the rate specified in this sub-clause 12.1.7 (*Payment of amounts due*) from the due date thereof.

12.1.8 *Apportionment of expenses*: The Trustee shall apportion the costs, charges, expenses and liabilities incurred by the Trustee in the preparation and execution of the trusts of this Trust Deed (including remuneration of the Trustee) between the several Series of Notes in such manner and in such amounts as it shall, in its absolute discretion, consider appropriate.

12.1.9 *Discharges*: Unless otherwise specifically stated in any discharge of this Trust Deed the provisions of this Clause 12.1 (*Remuneration*) shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding such discharge and notwithstanding the termination or expiry of this Agreement or the resignation or removal of the Trustee.

12.1.10 *Payments*: All payments to be made by the Issuer or the Guarantor to the Trustee under this Trust Deed shall be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for, any taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed by or within any relevant jurisdiction or any authority therein or thereof having power to tax, unless such withholding or deduction is required by law. In that event, the Issuer or the Guarantor shall pay such additional amounts as would have been received by it had no such withholding or deduction been required.

12.2 **Stamp duties**

The Issuer or, failing whom, the Guarantor will pay all stamp duties, registration taxes, capital duties and other similar duties or taxes (if any) payable (i) in the Netherlands, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Belgium and Luxembourg, on (a) the constitution and issue of the Notes, (b) the initial delivery of the Notes and (c) the execution of this Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement, and (ii) in any relevant jurisdiction in connection with any action taken by the Trustee (or any Noteholder or Couponholder where permitted or required under this Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement so to do) to

enforce the provisions of the Notes or this Trust Deed. If the Trustee (or any Noteholder or Couponholder where permitted under this Trust Deed so to do) shall take any proceedings against the Issuer or the Guarantor in any relevant jurisdiction and if for the purpose of any such proceedings this Trust Deed or any Note or Note Certificate is taken into any such jurisdiction and any stamp duties or other duties or taxes become payable thereon in any such jurisdiction, the Issuer, failing whom the Guarantor, will pay (or reimburse the person making payment of) such stamp duties or other duties or taxes (including penalties).

12.3 **Exchange rate indemnity**

12.3.1 *Currency of Account and Payment:* the Contractual Currency is the sole currency of account and payment for all sums payable by the Issuer under or in connection with this Trust Deed, the Notes and the Coupons including damages;

12.3.2 *Extent of Discharge:* An amount received or recovered in a currency other than the Contractual Currency (whether as a result of, or of the enforcement of, a judgment or order of a court of any jurisdiction, in the winding up or dissolution of the Issuer, the Guarantor or otherwise) by the Trustee or any Noteholder or Couponholder in respect of any sum expressed to be due to it from the Issuer and/or the Guarantor will only discharge the Issuer and/or the Guarantor to the extent of the Contractual Currency amount which the recipient is able to purchase with the amount so received or recovered in that other currency on the date of that receipt or recovery (or, if it is not practicable to make that purchase on that date, on the first date on which it is practicable to do so); and

12.3.3 *Indemnity:* If that Contractual Currency amount is less than the Contractual Currency amount expressed to be due to the recipient under this Trust Deed or the Notes or the Coupons, the Issuer or, failing whom, the Guarantor will indemnify it against any Liability sustained by it as a result. In any event, the Issuer will indemnify the recipient against the cost of making any such purchase.

12.4 **Indemnities separate**

The indemnities in this Clause 12 constitute separate and independent obligations from the other obligations in this Trust Deed, will give rise to separate and independent causes of action, will apply irrespective of any indulgence granted by the Trustee and/or any Noteholder or Couponholder and will continue in full force and effect despite any judgment, order, claim or proof for a liquidated amount in respect of any sum due under this Trust Deed or the Notes or the Coupons or any other judgment or order. Any such Liability as referred to in sub-clause 12.3.3 (*Indemnity*) shall be deemed to constitute a Liability suffered by the Trustee, the Noteholders and the Couponholders and no proof or evidence of any actual Liability shall be required by the Issuer or the Guarantor or their liquidator or liquidators.

13. **APPOINTMENT AND RETIREMENT**

13.1 **Appointment of Trustees**

The power of appointing new trustees of this Trust Deed shall be vested in the Issuer but no person shall be appointed who shall not previously have been approved by an

Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders. A trust corporation may be appointed sole trustee hereof but subject thereto there shall be at least two trustees hereof one at least of which shall be a trust corporation. Any appointment of a new trustee hereof shall as soon as practicable thereafter be notified by the Issuer to the Agents and the Noteholders. The Noteholders shall together have the power, exercisable by Extraordinary Resolution, to remove any trustee or trustees for the time being hereof. The removal of any trustee shall not become effective unless there remains a trustee hereof (being a trust corporation) in office after such removal.

13.2 **Co-trustees**

Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 13.1 (*Appointment of Trustees*), the Trustee may, upon giving prior notice to the Issuer and the Guarantor but without the consent of the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Noteholders or the Couponholders, appoint any person established or resident in any jurisdiction (whether a trust corporation or not) to act either as a separate trustee or as a co-trustee jointly with the Trustee:

- 13.2.1 if the Trustee considers such appointment to be in the interests of the Noteholders or the Couponholders; or
- 13.2.2 for the purposes of conforming to any legal requirements, restrictions or conditions in any jurisdiction in which any particular act or acts are to be performed; or
- 13.2.3 for the purposes of obtaining a judgment in any jurisdiction or the enforcement in any jurisdiction either of a judgment already obtained or of this Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement.

13.3 **Attorneys**

The Issuer and the Guarantor each hereby irrevocably appoints the Trustee to be its attorney in its name and on its behalf to execute any such instrument of appointment. Such a person shall (subject always to the provisions of this Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement) have such trusts, powers, authorities and discretions (not exceeding those conferred on the Trustee by this Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement) and such duties and obligations as shall be conferred on such person or imposed by the instrument of appointment. The Trustee shall have power in like manner to remove any such person. Such proper remuneration as the Trustee may pay to any such person, together with any attributable costs, charges and expenses properly incurred by it in performing its function as such separate trustee or co-trustee, shall for the purposes of this Trust Deed be treated as costs, charges and expenses properly incurred by the Trustee.

13.4 **Retirement of Trustees**

Any Trustee for the time being of this Trust Deed may retire at any time upon giving not less than 60 days' notice in writing to the Issuer and the Guarantor without assigning any reason therefor and without being responsible for any costs occasioned by such retirement. The retirement of any Trustee shall not become effective unless there remains a trustee hereof (being a trust corporation) in office after such retirement. Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor hereby covenants that in the event of the only trustee hereof which is a trust corporation giving notice under this Clause it shall use its best

endeavours to procure a new trustee, being a trust corporation, to be appointed and if the Issuer has not procured the appointment of a new trustee within 30 days of the expiry of the Trustee notice referred to in this Clause 13.4, the Trustee shall be entitled (at the expense of the Issuer) to procure forthwith a new trustee.

13.5 **Competence of a majority of Trustees**

Whenever there shall be more than two trustees hereof the majority of such trustees shall (provided such majority includes a trust corporation) be competent to execute and exercise all the trusts, powers, authorities and discretions vested by this Trust Deed in the Trustee generally.

13.6 **Powers additional**

The powers conferred by this Trust Deed upon the Trustee shall be in addition to any powers which may from time to time be vested in it by general law or as the holder of any of the Notes or the Coupons.

13.7 **Merger**

Any corporation into which the Trustee may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which the Trustee shall be a party, or any corporation succeeding to all or substantially all the corporate trust business of the Trustee, shall be the successor of the Trustee hereunder, provided such corporation shall be otherwise qualified and eligible under this Clause, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto.

14. **NOTICES**

14.1 **Addresses for notices**

All notices and other communications hereunder shall be made in writing and in English (by letter or email) and shall be sent as follows:

14.1.1 *Issuer*: If to the Issuer, to it at:

Malledijk 18, Spijkenisse
3208 LA
The Netherlands

Email: gert-jan.roest@sgs.com
Attention: Gert-Jan Roest

with a copy to:

Email: enrico.perrotta@sgs.com
Attention: Group Treasury

14.1.2 *Trustee*: if to the Trustee, to it at:

Citigroup Centre

Canada Square
Canary Wharf
London E14 5LB

Email: emea.at.debt@citi.com

Attention: Agency & Trust

14.1.3 *Guarantor*: if to the Guarantor

1 Place des Alpes
P.O. Box 2152
1211 Geneva 1
Switzerland

Email: enrico.perrotta@sgs.com

Attention: Group Treasury

14.2 **Effectiveness**

All notices and communications sent in accordance with Clause 14.1 (*Addressees for notices*) shall take effect, in the case of a letter, at the time of delivery, in the case of an electronic communication, when the relevant receipt of such communication being read is given, or where no read receipt is requested by the sender, at the time of sending, provided, that no delivery failure notification is received by the sender within 24 hours of sending such communication; *provided that* any communication which is received (or deemed to take effect in accordance with the foregoing) after 4.00 p.m. (local time) or on a non-business day in the place of receipt shall be deemed to take effect at the opening of business on the next following business day in such place. Any communication delivered to any party under this Agreement which is to be sent by electronic communication will be written legal evidence.

14.3 **No Notice to Couponholders**

Neither the Trustee nor the Issuer or the Guarantor shall be required to give any notice to the Couponholders for any purpose under this Trust Deed and the Couponholders shall be deemed for all purposes to have notice of the contents of any notice given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 21 (*Notices*).

15. **LAW AND JURISDICTION**

15.1 **Governing law**

This Trust Deed and the Notes and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with them are governed by English law.

15.2 **English courts**

Subject to Clause 15.4, each of the Issuer and the Guarantor irrevocably agrees for the benefit of the Trustee and the Noteholders that the courts of England have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute (a "**Dispute**"), arising out of or in connection with this Trust Deed or the Notes (including a dispute relating to the existence, validity or

termination of this Trust Deed or the Notes or any non-contractual obligation arising out of or in connection with them) or the consequences of their nullity and accordingly submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

15.3 **Appropriate forum**

The Issuer and the Guarantor agree that the courts of England are the most appropriate and convenient courts to settle any Dispute and, accordingly, that they will not argue to the contrary.

15.4 **Rights of the Trustee and Noteholders to take proceedings outside England**

Notwithstanding Clause 15.2 (*English courts*), the Trustee or any of the Noteholders may take proceedings relating to a Dispute ("**Proceedings**") in any other courts with jurisdiction. To the extent allowed by law, the Trustee or any of the Noteholders may take concurrent Proceedings in any number of jurisdictions.

15.5 **Service of process**

Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor agrees that the documents which start any Proceedings and any other documents required to be served in relation to those Proceedings may be served on it by being delivered to SGS United Kingdom Limited at Inward Way Rossmore Business Park, Ellesmere Port, CH65 3EN, United Kingdom, or to such other person with an address in England or Wales and/or at such other address in England or Wales as the Issuer/the Guarantor may specify by notice in writing to the Trustee. Nothing in this paragraph shall affect the right of the Trustee or any of the Noteholders to serve process in any other manner permitted by law. This Clause applies to Proceedings in England and to Proceedings elsewhere.

16. **SEVERABILITY**

In case any provision in or obligation under this Trust Deed shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions or obligations, or of such provision or obligation in any other jurisdiction, shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

17. **CONTRACTS (RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES) ACT 1999**

No person shall have any right to enforce any provision of this Trust Deed under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

18. **COUNTERPARTS**

This Trust Deed may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this Trust Deed has been executed as a deed by the parties hereto and is intended to be and is hereby delivered on the date first before written.

SCHEDULE 1 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

The following is the text of the terms and conditions which, as completed by the relevant Final Terms or Pricing Supplement, as the case may be, will be endorsed on each Note in definitive form issued under the Programme. To the extent permitted by applicable law and/or regulation, the Final Terms or Pricing Supplement in respect of any Tranche of Notes may supplement, amend or replace any information in this Base Prospectus.

The terms and conditions applicable to any Note in global form will differ from those terms and conditions which would apply to the Note were it in definitive form to the extent described under "Summary of Provisions Relating to the Notes while in Global Form" below.

1. Introduction

- (a) *Programme:* SGS Nederland Holding B.V. (the "**Issuer**") has established a Euro Medium Term Note Programme (the "**Programme**") for the issuance of up to EUR 1,000,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of notes (the "**Notes**") guaranteed by SGS S.A. (the "**Guarantor**").
- (b) *Final Terms/Pricing Supplement:* Notes issued under the Programme are issued in series (each a "**Series**") and each Series may comprise one or more tranches (each a "**Tranche**") of Notes. The Notes may be issued in bearer form ("**Bearer Notes**"), or in registered form ("**Registered Notes**"). Each Tranche is the subject of:
 - (i) for each Tranche of Notes other than Exempt Notes (as defined below), a final terms (the "**Final Terms**"); or
 - (ii) for each Tranche of Notes which is neither admitted to trading on (1) a regulated market in the European Economic Area or (2) a UK regulated market as defined in Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, nor offered in (A) the European Economic Area or (B) the United Kingdom in circumstances where a prospectus is required to be published under the Regulation (EU) 2017/1129, Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of domestic law of the United Kingdom by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 or the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as the case may be ("**Exempt Notes**"), a pricing supplement (the "**Pricing Supplement**"),

which (in each case) supplements these terms and conditions (the "**Conditions**"). References in these Conditions to any "Final Terms" shall be deemed to include, and should be read as, references to a "Pricing Supplement" in the context of Notes that are Exempt Notes. The terms and conditions applicable to any particular Tranche of Notes are these Conditions as supplemented, amended and/or replaced by the relevant Final Terms. In the event of any inconsistency between these Conditions and the relevant Final Terms, the relevant Final Terms shall prevail.

- (c) *Trust Deed:* The Notes are constituted by, are subject to, and have the benefit of, a trust deed dated 7 April 2021 (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "**Trust Deed**") between the Issuer, the Guarantor and Citicorp Trustee Company Limited as

trustee (the "**Trustee**", which expression includes all persons for the time being trustee or trustees appointed under the Trust Deed).

- (d) *Agency Agreement*: The Notes are the subject of an issue and paying agency agreement dated 7 April 2021 (the "**Agency Agreement**") between the Issuer, the Guarantor and Citibank N.A., London Branch as principal paying agent (the "**Principal Paying Agent**", which expression includes any successor principal paying agent appointed from time to time in connection with the Notes), Citigroup Global Markets Europe AG as registrar (the "**Registrar**", which expression includes any successor registrar appointed from time to time in connection with the Notes) and the paying agents named therein (together with the Principal Paying Agent, the "**Paying Agents**", which expression includes any successor or additional paying agents appointed from time to time in connection with the Notes), the transfer agents named therein (together with the Principal Paying Agent, the "**Transfer Agents**", which expression includes any successor or additional transfer agents appointed from time to time in connection with the Notes) and the Trustee. In these Conditions references to the "**Agents**" are to the Paying Agents and the Transfer Agents and any reference to an "**Agent**" is to any one of them.
- (e) *The Notes*: All subsequent references in these Conditions to "**Notes**" are to the Notes which are the subject of the relevant Final Terms. Copies of the relevant Final Terms are available for viewing at the Specified Office of the Principal Paying Agent, the initial Specified Office of which is set out below.
- (f) *Summaries*: Certain provisions of these Conditions are summaries of the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement and are subject to their detailed provisions. The Noteholders (as defined herein) and the holders of the related interest coupons, if any, (the "**Couponholders**" and the "**Coupons**", respectively) are bound by, and are deemed to have notice of, all the provisions of the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement applicable to them. Copies of the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement shall on request by Noteholders during normal business hours be made available via email.

2. **Interpretation**

- (a) *Definitions*: In these Conditions the following expressions have the following meanings:

"**Accrual Yield**" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"**Additional Business Centre(s)**" means the city or cities specified as such in the relevant Final Terms;

"**Additional Financial Centre(s)**" means the city or cities specified as such in the relevant Final Terms;

"**Business Day**" means:

- (a) other than in respect of Notes for which the Reference Rate is specified as SOFR in the relevant Final Terms:
 - (i) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a TARGET Settlement Day and a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments generally in each (if any) Additional Business Centre; and

- (ii) in relation to any sum payable in a currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments generally in London, in the Principal Financial Centre of the relevant currency and in each (if any) Additional Business Centre; and
- (b) in respect of Notes for which the Reference Rate is specified as SOFR in the relevant Final Terms, any weekday that is a U.S. Government Securities Business Day and is not a legal holiday in New York and each (if any) Additional Business Centre and is not a date on which banking institutions in those cities are authorised or required by law or regulation to be closed;

"Business Day Convention", in relation to any particular date, has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms and, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, may have different meanings in relation to different dates and, in this context, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

- (a) **"Following Business Day Convention"** means that the relevant date shall be postponed to the first following day that is a Business Day;
- (b) **"Modified Following Business Day Convention"** means that the relevant date shall be postponed to the first following day that is a Business Day unless that day falls in the next calendar month in which case that date will be the first preceding day that is a Business Day save in respect of Notes for which the Reference Rate is SOFR, for which the final Interest Payment Date will not be postponed and interest on that payment will not accrue during the period from and after the scheduled final Interest Payment Date;
- (c) **"Preceding Business Day Convention"** means that the relevant date shall be brought forward to the first preceding day that is a Business Day;
- (d) **"Modified Preceding Business Day Convention"** means that the relevant date shall be brought forward to the first preceding day that is a Business Day unless that day falls in the previous calendar month, in which case that date will be postponed to the next day that is a Business Day;
- (e) **"Floating Rate Convention"** means that each relevant date shall be the date which numerically corresponds to the preceding such date in the calendar month which is the number of months specified in the relevant Final Terms as the Specified Period after the calendar month in which the preceding such date occurred **provided, however, that:**
 - (i) if there is no such numerically corresponding day in the calendar month in which any such date should occur, then such date will be the last day which is a Business Day in that calendar month;
 - (ii) if any such date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then such date will be the first following day which is a Business Day unless that day falls in the next calendar month, in which case it will be the first preceding day which is a Business Day; and

- (iii) if the preceding such date occurred on the last day in a calendar month which was a Business Day, then all subsequent such dates will be the last day which is a Business Day in the calendar month which is the specified number of months after the calendar month in which the preceding such date occurred; and
- (f) "**No Adjustment**" means that the relevant date shall not be adjusted in accordance with any Business Day Convention;

"**Calculation Agent**" means the Principal Paying Agent in the case of Floating Rate Notes only or such other Person specified in the relevant Final Terms as the party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of Interest and Interest Amount(s) and/or such other amount(s) as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"**Calculation Amount**" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"**Code**" has the meaning given in Condition 11(d);

"**Coupon Sheet**" means, in respect of a Note, a coupon sheet relating to the Note;

"**DA Selected Bond**" means the government security or securities selected by the Determination Agent as having an actual or interpolated maturity comparable with the Remaining Term of the Notes, that would be utilised, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in determining the redemption price of corporate debt securities denominated in the same currency as the Notes and with a comparable remaining maturity to the Remaining Term of the Notes;

"**Day Count Fraction**" means, in respect of the calculation of an amount for any period of time (the "**Calculation Period**"), such day count fraction as may be specified in these Conditions or the relevant Final Terms and:

- (a) if "**Actual/Actual (ICMA)**" is so specified, means:
 - (i) where the Calculation Period is equal to or shorter than the Regular Period during which it falls, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by the product of (1) the actual number of days in such Regular Period and (2) the number of Regular Periods in any year; and
 - (ii) where the Calculation Period is longer than one Regular Period, the sum of:
 - (A) the actual number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the Regular Period in which it begins divided by the product of (1) the actual number of days in such Regular Period and (2) the number of Regular Periods in any year; and
 - (B) the actual number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the next Regular Period divided by the product of (a) the actual number of days in such Regular Period and (2) the number of Regular Periods in any year;

- (iii) if "**Actual/Actual (ISDA)**" is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of the Calculation Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (iv) if "**Actual/365 (Fixed)**" is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365;
- (v) if "**Actual/360**" is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360;
- (vi) if "**30/360**" is so specified, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows

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

where:

"**Y₁**" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"**Y₂**" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

"**M₁**" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"**M₂**" is the calendar month, expressed as number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

"**D₁**" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation 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 Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31 and D₁ is greater than 29, in which case D₂ will be 30";

- (vii) if "**30E/360**" or "**Eurobond Basis**" is so specified, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

where:

"**Y₁**" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"**Y₂**" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

"**M₁**" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"**M₂**" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

"**D₁**" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation 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 Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D₂ will be 30; and

- (viii) (if "**30E/360 (ISDA)**" is so specified, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

where:

"**Y₁**" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"**Y₂**" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

"**M₁**" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"**M₂**" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

"**D₁**" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation 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 Calculation 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,

provided, however, that in each such case the number of days in the Calculation Period is calculated from and including the first day of the Calculation Period to but excluding the last day of the Calculation Period;

"Determination Agent" means an independent adviser, investment bank or financial institution of recognised standing selected by the Issuer;

"Early Redemption Amount (Tax)" means, in respect of any Note, its principal amount or such other amount as may be specified in, or determined in accordance with, the relevant Final Terms;

"Early Termination Amount" means, in respect of any Note, its principal amount or such other amount as may be specified in, or determined in accordance with, these Conditions or the relevant Final Terms;

"EURIBOR" means, in respect of any specified currency and any specified period, the interest rate benchmark known as the Euro zone interbank offered rate which is calculated and published by a designated distributor in accordance with the requirements from time to time of the European Money Markets Institute (or any person which takes over administration of that rate);

"Extraordinary Resolution" has the meaning given in the Trust Deed;

"Final Redemption Amount" means, in respect of any Note, its principal amount or such other amount as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"First Interest Payment Date" means the date specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"Fixed Coupon Amount" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Gross Redemption Yield" means, with respect to a security, the gross redemption yield on such security, expressed as a percentage and calculated by the Determination Agent on the basis set out by the United Kingdom Debt Management Office in the paper *"Formulae for Calculating Gilt Prices from Yields"*, page 5, Section One: Price/Yield Formulae *"Conventional Gilts; Double-dated and Undated Gilts with Assumed (or Actual) Redemption on a Quasi-Coupon Date"* (published on 8 June 1998 and updated on 15 January 2002 and 16 March 2005, and as further amended, updated, supplemented or replaced from time to time) or, if such formula does not reflect generally accepted market practice at the time of redemption, a gross redemption yield calculated in accordance with generally accepted market practice at such time as determined by the Determination Agent;

"Guarantee" means, in relation to any Indebtedness of any Person, any obligation of another Person to pay such Indebtedness which obligation is incurred or entered into by way of guarantee, indemnity or similar arrangement, including (to the extent so incurred or entered into):

- (a) any obligation to purchase such Indebtedness;
- (b) any obligation to lend money, to purchase or subscribe shares or other securities or to purchase assets or services in order to provide funds for the payment of such Indebtedness;

- (c) any indemnity against the consequences of a default in the payment of such Indebtedness; and
- (d) any other agreement to be responsible for such Indebtedness;

"Guarantee of the Notes" means the guarantee of the Notes given by the Guarantor in the Trust Deed;

"Holder" and **"Noteholder"**, in the case of Bearer Notes, has the meaning given in Condition 3(b) (*Form, Denomination, Title and Transfer - Title to Bearer Notes*) and, in the case of Registered Notes, has the meaning given in Condition 3(d) (*Form, Denomination, Title and Transfer – Title to Registered Notes*);

"Indebtedness" means any indebtedness of any Person for money borrowed or raised including (without limitation) any indebtedness for or in respect of:

- (a) amounts raised by acceptance under any acceptance credit facility;
- (b) amounts raised under any note purchase facility;
- (c) the amount of any liability in respect of leases or hire purchase contracts which would, in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting principles, be treated as finance or capital leases;
- (d) the amount of any liability in respect of any purchase price for assets or services the payment of which is deferred for a period in excess of 60 days; and
- (e) amounts raised under any other transaction (including, without limitation, any forward sale or purchase agreement) having the commercial effect of a borrowing;

"Interest Accrual Period" means (i) each Interest Period and (ii) any other period (if any) in respect of which interest is to be calculated, being the period from (and including) the first day of such period to (but excluding) the day on which the relevant payment of interest falls due (which, if the Notes become due and payable in accordance with Condition 14 (*Events of Default*), shall be deemed to be the date on which the Notes become due and payable);

"Interest Amount" means, in relation to a Note and an Interest Accrual Period, the amount of interest payable in respect of that Note for that Interest Accrual Period;

"Interest Commencement Date" means the Issue Date of the Notes or such other date as may be specified as the Interest Commencement Date in the relevant Final Terms;

"Interest Determination Date" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Interest Payment Date" means the First Interest Payment Date and any other date or dates specified as such in, or determined in accordance with the provisions of, the relevant Final Terms and, if a Business Day Convention is specified in the relevant Final Terms:

- (a) as the same may be adjusted in accordance with the relevant Business Day Convention; or
- (b) if the Business Day Convention is the Floating Rate Convention and an interval of a number of calendar months is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being the Specified Period, each of such dates as may occur in accordance with the Floating Rate Convention at such Specified Period of calendar months following the Interest Commencement Date (in the case of the first Interest Payment Date) or the previous Interest Payment Date (in any other case);

"Interest Period" means each period beginning on (and including) the Interest Commencement Date or any Interest Payment Date and ending on (but excluding) the next Interest Payment Date;

"ISDA Benchmarks Supplement" means the Benchmarks Supplement (as amended and updated as at the date of issue of the first Tranche of the Notes of the relevant Series (as specified in the relevant Final Terms)) published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc;

"ISDA Definitions" means the 2006 ISDA Definitions (as supplemented, amended and updated as at the date of issue of the first Tranche of the Notes of the relevant Series (as specified in the relevant Final Terms)) as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. including, if specified in the relevant Final Terms, the ISDA Benchmark Supplement;

"Issue Date" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"LIBOR" means, in respect of any specified currency and any specified period, the interest rate benchmark known as the London interbank offered rate which is calculated and published by a designated distributor in accordance with the requirements from time to time of ICE Benchmark Administration Limited (or any other person which takes over the administration of that rate);

"Make Whole Redemption Price" has the meaning given in Condition 9(c) (*Redemption and Purchase - Redemption at the option of the Issuer*);

"Margin" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Material Subsidiary" means a Subsidiary of the Guarantor whose revenue (consolidated in the case of a Subsidiary which itself has Subsidiaries) or whose total assets represent not less than 10 per cent. of the consolidated revenues, or as the case may be, consolidated total assets of the Guarantor and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, all as calculated respectively by reference to the then-latest financial statements (consolidated, or as the case may be, unconsolidated) of the Subsidiary and the then-latest audited consolidated financial statements of the Guarantor; provided that in the case of a Subsidiary acquired after the end of the financial period to which the then latest audited consolidated financial statements of the Guarantor relate for the purpose of applying each of the foregoing tests, the reference to the Guarantor's latest audited consolidated financial statements shall be deemed to be a reference to such financial statements as if such Subsidiary had been shown therein by reference to its then latest relevant financial statements, adjusted as deemed appropriate by the Guarantor;

"Maturity Date" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Maximum Rate of Interest" for any Interest Accrual Period has the meaning given in the Final Terms, including any relevant margin;

"Maximum Redemption Amount" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Minimum Rate of Interest" for any Interest Accrual Period has the meaning given in the Final Terms but shall never be less than zero, including any relevant margin;

"Minimum Redemption Amount" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Non-Sterling Make Whole Redemption Amount" has the meaning given in Condition 9(c) (*Redemption and Purchase - Redemption at the option of the Issuer*);

"Optional Redemption Amount (Call)" means, in respect of any Note, its principal amount or such other amount as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"Optional Redemption Amount (Put)" means, in respect of any Note, its principal amount or such other amount as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"Optional Redemption Amount (Residual Call)" means, in respect of any Note, its principal amount or such other amount as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"Optional Redemption Date (Call)" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Optional Redemption Date (Put)" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Payment Business Day" means:

- (a) if the currency of payment is euro, any day which is:
 - (i) a day on which banks in the relevant place of presentation are open for presentation and payment of bearer debt securities and for dealings in foreign currencies; and
 - (ii) in the case of payment by transfer to an account, a TARGET Settlement Day and a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre; or
- (b) if the currency of payment is not euro, any day which is:
 - (i) a day on which banks in the relevant place of presentation are open for presentation and payment of bearer debt securities and for dealings in foreign currencies; and
 - (ii) in the case of payment by transfer to an account, a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in the Principal Financial Centre of the currency of payment and in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre;

"Person" means any individual, company, corporation, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, organisation, state or agency of a state or other entity, whether or not having separate legal personality;

"Permitted Security Interest" has the meaning given in Condition 5;

"Principal Financial Centre" means, in relation to any currency, the principal financial centre for that currency **provided, however, that:**

- (a) in relation to euro, it means the euro-zone; and
- (b) in relation to New Zealand dollars, it means Auckland;

"Put Option Notice" means a notice which must be delivered to a Paying Agent by any Noteholder wanting to exercise a right to redeem a Note at the option of the Noteholder;

"Put Option Receipt" means a receipt issued by a Paying Agent to a depositing Noteholder upon deposit of a Note with such Paying Agent by any Noteholder wanting to exercise a right to redeem a Note at the option of the Noteholder;

"Quotation Time" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Rate of Interest" means the rate or rates (expressed as a percentage per annum) of interest payable in respect of the Notes specified in the relevant Final Terms or calculated or determined in accordance with the provisions of these Conditions and/or the relevant Final Terms;

"Redemption Amount" means, as appropriate, the Final Redemption Amount, the Early Redemption Amount (Tax), the Optional Redemption Amount (Call), the Optional Redemption Amount (Residual Call), the Sterling Make Whole Redemption Amount, the Non-Sterling Make Whole Redemption Amount, the Optional Redemption Amount (Put), the Early Termination Amount or such other amount in the nature of a redemption amount as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"Redemption Margin" means the figure specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"Reference Banks" means four major banks selected by the Issuer in the market that is most closely connected with the Reference Rate;

"Reference Bond" means the bond specified in the relevant Final Terms or, if not so specified or to the extent that such Reference Bond specified in the Final Terms is no longer outstanding on the relevant Reference Date, the DA Selected Bond;

"Reference Bond Price" means, with respect to any Reference Date, (i) the arithmetic average of the Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotations for such date of redemption, after excluding the highest and lowest such Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotations, or (ii) if fewer than five such Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotations are received, the arithmetic average of all such quotations;

"Reference Bond Rate" means, with respect to any Reference Date, the rate per annum equal to the annual or semi-annual yield (as the case may be) for the Remaining Term or interpolated yield for the Remaining Term (on the relevant day count basis) of the

Reference Bond, assuming a price for the Reference Bond (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Reference Bond Price for such Reference Date;

"Reference Date" means the date falling three London Business Days prior to the Optional Redemption Date (Call);

"Reference Government Bond Dealer" means each of five banks selected by the Issuer (following, where practicable, consultation with the Determination Agent, if applicable), or their affiliates, which are (i) primary government securities dealers, and their respective successors, or (ii) market makers in pricing corporate bond issues;

"Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotations" means, with respect to each Reference Government Bond Dealer and any Reference Date, the arithmetic average, as determined by the Determination Agent, of the bid and offered prices for the Reference Bond (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) at the Quotation Time on the Reference Date quoted in writing to the Determination Agent by such Reference Government Bond Dealer;

"Reference Price" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Reference Rate" means EURIBOR, LIBOR, SONIA, SOFR or €STR as specified in the relevant Final Terms in respect of the currency and period specified in the relevant Final Terms. Other than in the case of a Note for which the "Reference Rate" is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being SOFR (in which case, the provisions of Condition 7(p) (*Benchmark Replacement (Effect of Benchmark Transition Event)*) will apply), the term Reference Rate shall, following the occurrence of a Benchmark Event under Condition 7(o) (*Benchmark Replacement (Independent Adviser)*), include any Successor Rate or Alternative Rate and shall, if a Benchmark Event should occur subsequently in respect of any such Successor Rate or Alternative Rate, also include any further Successor Rate or further Alternative Rate;

"Regular Period" means:

- (a) in the case of Notes where interest is scheduled to be paid only by means of regular payments, each period from and including the Interest Commencement Date to but excluding the first Interest Payment Date and each successive period from and including one Interest Payment Date to but excluding the next Interest Payment Date;
- (b) in the case of Notes where, apart from the first Interest Period, interest is scheduled to be paid only by means of regular payments, each period from and including a Regular Date falling in any year to but excluding the next Regular Date, where **"Regular Date"** means the day and month (but not the year) on which any Interest Payment Date falls; and
- (c) in the case of Notes where, apart from one Interest Period other than the first Interest Period, interest is scheduled to be paid only by means of regular payments, each period from and including a Regular Date falling in any year to but excluding the next Regular Date, where **"Regular Date"** means the day and month (but not the year) on which any Interest Payment Date falls other than the Interest Payment Date falling at the end of the irregular Interest Period;

"Relevant Date" means, in relation to any payment, whichever is the later of (a) the date on which the payment in question first becomes due and (b) if the full amount payable has not been received by the Principal Paying Agent or the Trustee on or prior to such due date, the date on which (the full amount having been so received) notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders;

"Relevant Financial Centre" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Relevant Indebtedness" means any Indebtedness which is in the form of or represented by any bond, note, debenture, debenture stock, loan stock, certificate or other similar debt instrument which is, or is intended by the Issuer to be, listed, quoted or traded on any stock exchange or in any securities market (including, without limitation, any over-the-counter market);

"Relevant Screen Page" means the page, section or other part of a particular information service (including, without limitation, Reuters) specified as the Relevant Screen Page in the relevant Final Terms, or such other page, section or other part as may replace it on that information service or such other information service, in each case, as may be nominated by the Person providing or sponsoring the information appearing there for the purpose of displaying rates or prices comparable to the Reference Rate;

"Relevant Time" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Remaining Term" means the term to maturity or, if a Par Redemption Date is specified in the relevant Final Terms, to such Par Redemption Date;

"Reserved Matter" means any proposal to change any date fixed for payment of principal or interest in respect of the Notes, to reduce the amount of principal or interest payable on any date in respect of the Notes, to alter the method of calculating the amount of any payment in respect of the Notes or the date for any such payment, to change the currency of any payment under the Notes or to change the quorum requirements relating to meetings or the majority required to pass an Extraordinary Resolution, all as more particularly defined in the Trust Deed;

"Security Interest" means any mortgage, charge, pledge, lien or other security interest including, without limitation, anything analogous to any of the foregoing under the laws of any jurisdiction;

"Specified Currency" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Specified Denomination(s)" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Specified Office" has the meaning given in the Agency Agreement;

"Specified Period" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Sterling Make Whole Redemption Amount" has the meaning given in Condition 9(c) (*Redemption and Purchase – Redemption at the option of the Issuer*);

"Subsidiary" means, in relation to any Person (the **"first Person"**) at any particular time, any other Person (the **"second Person"**):

- (a) whose affairs and policies the first Person controls or has the power to control, whether by ownership of share capital, contract, the power to appoint or remove members of the governing body of the second Person or otherwise; or
- (b) whose financial statements are, in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting principles, consolidated with those of the first Person;

"**Talon**" means a talon for further Coupons;

"**TARGET2**" means the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer payment system or any successor thereto;

"**TARGET Settlement Day**" means any day on which TARGET2 is open for the settlement of payments in euro;

"**Treaty**" means the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as amended; and

"**Zero Coupon Note**" means a Note specified as such in the relevant Final Terms.

(b) *Interpretation:* In these Conditions:

- (i) if the Notes are Zero Coupon Notes or are Registered Notes, references to Coupons, Talons and Couponholders are not applicable;
- (ii) if Talons are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being attached to the Notes at the time of issue, references to Coupons shall be deemed to include references to Talons;
- (iii) if Talons are not specified in the relevant Final Terms as being attached to the Notes at the time of issue, references to Talons are not applicable;
- (iv) any reference to "**principal**" in respect of any Note shall be deemed to include the Redemption Amount of such Note, any additional amounts in respect of principal which may be payable in respect of such Note under Condition 13 (*Taxation*), any premium payable in respect of such Note and any other amount in the nature of principal payable pursuant to these Conditions in respect of such Note;
- (v) any reference to "**interest**" in respect of any Note shall be deemed to include any additional amounts in respect of interest which may be payable in respect of such Note under Condition 13 (*Taxation*) and any other amount in the nature of interest payable pursuant to these Conditions in respect of such Note;
- (vi) references to Notes being "**outstanding**" shall be construed in accordance with the Trust Deed;
- (vii) if an expression is stated in Condition 2(a) (*Definitions*) to have the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms, but the relevant Final Terms gives no such meaning or specifies that such expression is "Not Applicable" then such expression is not applicable to the Notes; and

(viii) any reference to the Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement shall be construed as a reference to the Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement, as the case may be, as amended and/or supplemented up to and including the Issue Date of the Notes (and shall include any subsequent amendments or supplements thereto if, but only to the extent that, such amendments or supplements are expressed to apply to the relevant Notes).

3. **Form, Denomination and Title**

- (a) *Bearer Notes:* Bearer Notes are in the Specified Denomination(s) with Coupons and, if specified in the relevant Final Terms, Talons attached at the time of issue. In the case of a Series of Bearer Notes with more than one Specified Denomination, Bearer Notes of one Specified Denomination will not be exchangeable for Bearer Notes of another Specified Denomination.
- (b) *Title to Bearer Notes:* Title to Bearer Notes and the Coupons will pass by delivery. In the case of Bearer Notes, "**Holder**" means the holder of such Bearer Note and "**Noteholder**" and "**Couponholder**" shall be construed accordingly.
- (c) *Registered Notes:* Registered Notes are in the Specified Denomination(s), which may include a minimum denomination specified in the relevant Final Terms and higher integral multiples of a smaller amount specified in the relevant Final Terms.
- (d) *Title to Registered Notes:* Title to Registered Notes will pass only upon registration thereof in the register of Noteholders maintained by the Registrar in accordance with the provisions of the Agency Agreement. A certificate (each, a "**Note Certificate**") will be issued to each Holder of Registered Notes in respect of its registered holding. Each Note Certificate will be numbered serially with an identifying number which will be recorded in the Register. In the case of Registered Notes, "**Holder**" means the person in whose name such Registered Note is for the time being registered in the Register (or, in the case of a joint holding, the first named thereof) and "**Noteholder**" shall be construed accordingly.
- (e) *Ownership:* The Holder of any Note or Coupon shall (except as otherwise required by law) be treated as its absolute owner for all purposes (whether or not it is overdue and regardless of any notice of ownership, trust or any other interest therein, any writing thereon or, in the case of Registered Notes, on the Note Certificate relating thereto (other than the endorsed form of transfer) or any notice of any previous loss or theft thereof) and no Person shall be liable for so treating such Holder. No person shall have any right to enforce any term or condition of any Note under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.
- (f) *Transfers of Registered Notes:* Subject to paragraphs (i) (*Closed periods*) and (j) (*Regulations concerning transfers and registration*) below, a Registered Note may be transferred upon surrender of the relevant Note Certificate, with the endorsed form of transfer duly completed, at the Specified Office of the Registrar or any Transfer Agent, together with such evidence as the Registrar or (as the case may be) such Transfer Agent may reasonably require to prove the title of the transferor and the authority of the individuals who have executed the form of transfer; **provided, however, that** a Registered Note may not be transferred unless the principal amount of Registered Notes transferred and (where not all of the Registered Notes held by a Holder are being

transferred) the principal amount of the balance of Registered Notes not transferred are Specified Denominations. Where not all the Registered Notes represented by the surrendered Note Certificate are the subject of the transfer, a new Note Certificate in respect of the balance of the Registered Notes will be issued to the transferor.

- (g) *Registration and delivery of Note Certificates:* Within five business days of the surrender of a Note Certificate in accordance with paragraph (f) (*Transfers of Registered Notes*) above, the Registrar will register the transfer in question and deliver a new Note Certificate of a like principal amount to the Registered Notes transferred to each relevant Holder at its Specified Office or (as the case may be) the Specified Office of any Transfer Agent or (at the request and risk of any such relevant Holder) by uninsured first class mail (airmail if overseas) to the address specified for the purpose by such relevant Holder. In this paragraph, "**business day**" means a day on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign currencies) in the city where the Registrar or (as the case may be) the relevant Transfer Agent has its Specified Office.
- (h) *No charge:* The transfer of a Registered Note will be effected without charge by or on behalf of the Issuer or the Registrar or any Transfer Agent but against such indemnity as the Registrar or (as the case may be) such Transfer Agent may require in respect of any tax or other duty of whatsoever nature which may be levied or imposed in connection with such transfer.
- (i) *Closed periods:* Noteholders may not require transfers to be registered during the period of 15 days ending on the due date for any payment of principal or interest in respect of the Registered Notes.
- (j) *Regulations concerning transfers and registration:* All transfers of Registered Notes and entries on the Register are subject to the detailed regulations concerning the transfer of Registered Notes scheduled to the Agency Agreement. The regulations may be changed by the Issuer with the prior written approval of the Registrar. A copy of the current regulations will be mailed (free of charge) by the Registrar to any Noteholder who requests in writing a copy of such regulations.

4. **Status and Guarantee**

- (a) *Status of the Notes:* The Notes constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and (subject to Condition 5 (*Negative Pledge*)) unsecured obligations of the Issuer which will at all times rank *pari passu* among themselves and at least *pari passu* with all other present and future unsecured obligations of the Issuer, save for such obligations as may be preferred by provisions of law that are both mandatory and of general application.
- (b) *Guarantee of the Notes:* The Guarantor has in the Trust Deed unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed the due and punctual payment of all sums from time to time payable by the Issuer in respect of the Notes. This Guarantee of the Notes constitutes the direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and (subject to Condition 5 (*Negative Pledge*)) unsecured obligation of the Guarantor which will at all times rank at least *pari passu* with all other present and future unsecured obligations of the Guarantor, save for such obligations as may be preferred by provisions of law that are both mandatory and of general application.

5. Negative Pledge

So long as any Note remains outstanding, neither the Issuer nor the Guarantor shall, and the Issuer and the Guarantor shall procure that none of their respective Subsidiaries that are Material Subsidiaries will, create or permit to subsist any Security Interest (in each case other than a Permitted Security Interest) upon the whole or any part of its present or future undertaking, assets or revenues (including uncalled capital) to secure any Relevant Indebtedness or any Guarantee of any Relevant Indebtedness without (a) at the same time or prior thereto securing the Notes equally and rateably therewith to the satisfaction of the Trustee or (b) providing such other security for the Notes as the Trustee may in its absolute discretion consider to be not materially less beneficial to the interests of the Noteholders or as may be approved by an Extraordinary Resolution of Noteholders.

As used herein, "**Permitted Security Interest**" means any Security Interest securing any Relevant Indebtedness (or any Guarantee in respect of Relevant Indebtedness):

- (1) where such Security Interest was granted in respect of such Relevant Indebtedness (or such Guarantee in respect of Relevant Indebtedness) prior to the Issue Date of the Notes, or in the event that the Notes are to be consolidated with an earlier Series, the Issue Date of the first Tranche of such Series; or
- (2)
 - (a) of any Subsidiary of the Issuer or the Guarantor acquired after the Issue Date; or
 - (b) the obligations in respect of which are assumed by the Issuer, the Guarantor or the relevant Subsidiary as obligor (or, as the case may be, as guarantor or indemnifier) pursuant to a merger between the Issuer, the Guarantor or such Subsidiary (as the case may be) and a third party which had incurred the Relevant Indebtedness (or Guarantee in respect of Relevant Indebtedness) prior to the merger,

so long as such Security Interest was outstanding on the date on which the relevant entity became a Subsidiary of the Issuer or the Guarantor, or (as the case may be) merged with the Issuer, the Guarantor or the relevant Subsidiary (as applicable), was not created in contemplation of such entity becoming a Subsidiary of the Issuer or the Guarantor or (as the case may be) merging with the Issuer, the Guarantor or the relevant Subsidiary (as applicable) and the principal amount of Relevant Indebtedness (or any Guarantee in respect of Relevant Indebtedness) so secured was not increased in contemplation of such entity becoming a Subsidiary of the Issuer or the Guarantor, or (as the case may be) merging with the Issuer, the Guarantor or the relevant Subsidiary (as applicable); or

- (3) where such Security Interest is granted in respect of any Relevant Indebtedness (or any Guarantee in respect thereof) incurred to refinance any such Relevant Indebtedness as is referred to under (1) or (2) above (or to refinance any such refinancing, and so on and so forth), provided that the amount of such Relevant Indebtedness is not thereby increased (save for increases as a result of any fees,

break costs, hedge unwind costs or similar costs or expenses associated therewith), and only the same assets are secured as were secured by the prior Security Interest.

6. **Fixed Rate Note Provisions**

- (a) *Application:* This Condition 6 (*Fixed Rate Note Provisions*) is applicable to the Notes only if the Fixed Rate Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable.
- (b) *Accrual of interest:* The Notes bear interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date at the Rate of Interest. Interest shall be payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date, subject as provided in Condition 11 (*Payments - Bearer Notes*) or, as the case may be, Condition 12 (*Payments - Registered Notes*). Each Note will cease to bear interest from the due date for redemption unless, upon due presentation, payment of the applicable Redemption Amount is improperly withheld or refused, in which case it will continue to bear interest in accordance with this Condition 6 (both before and after judgment) until whichever is the earlier of (i) the day on which all sums due in respect of such Note up to that day are received by or on behalf of the relevant Noteholder and (ii) the day which is seven days after the Principal Paying Agent or the Trustee has notified the Noteholders that it has received all sums due in respect of the Notes up to such seventh day (except to the extent that there is any subsequent default in payment).
- (c) *Fixed Coupon Amount:* The amount of interest payable in respect of each Note for any Interest Period shall be the relevant Fixed Coupon Amount and, if the Notes are in more than one Specified Denomination, shall be the relevant Fixed Coupon Amount in respect of the relevant Specified Denomination.
- (d) *Notes accruing interest otherwise than a Fixed Coupon Amount:* This Condition 6(d) shall apply to Notes which are Fixed Rate Notes only where the Final Terms for such Notes specify that the Interest Payment Dates are subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention specified therein. The relevant amount of interest payable in respect of each Note for any Interest Accrual Period for such Notes shall be calculated by multiplying the product of the Rate of Interest and the Calculation Amount by the relevant Day Count Fraction and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the Specified Currency (half a sub-unit being rounded upwards).
- (e) *Calculation of interest amount:* The amount of interest payable in respect of each Note for any period for which a Fixed Coupon Amount is not specified or which is not a full Interest Period shall be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest to the Calculation Amount, multiplying the product by the relevant Day Count Fraction, rounding the resulting figure to the nearest sub-unit of the Specified Currency (half a sub-unit being rounded upwards) and multiplying such rounded figure by a fraction equal to the Specified Denomination of such Note divided by the Calculation Amount. For this purpose a "**sub-unit**" means, in the case of any currency other than euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, in the case of euro, means one cent.

7. **Floating Rate Note Provisions**

- (a) *Application:* This Condition 7 (*Floating Rate Note Provisions*) is applicable to the Notes only if the Floating Rate Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable.
- (b) *Accrual of interest:* The Notes bear interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date at the Rate of Interest. Interest shall be payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date, subject as provided in Condition 11 (*Payments - Bearer Notes*) or, as the case may be, Condition 12 (*Payments - Registered Notes*). Each Note will cease to bear interest from the due date for redemption unless, upon due presentation, payment of the applicable Redemption Amount is improperly withheld or refused, in which case it will continue to bear interest in accordance with this Condition 7(b) (both before and after judgment) until whichever is the earlier of (i) the day on which all sums due in respect of such Note up to that day are received by or on behalf of the relevant Noteholder and (ii) the day which is seven days after notice is given to the Noteholders that the Principal Paying Agent or the Trustee has received all sums due in respect of the Notes up to such seventh day (except to the extent that there is any subsequent default in payment).
- (c) *Screen Rate Determination – Term Rate:*

This Condition 7(c) shall apply if the relevant Final Terms specify both "*Screen Rate Determination*" and "*Term Rate*" to be applicable.

Where this Condition 7(c) applies, the Rate of Interest applicable to the Notes for each Interest Period will (subject to Condition 7(o) (*Benchmark Replacement (Independent Adviser)*)) be determined by the Calculation Agent on the following basis:

- (i) if the Reference Rate is a composite quotation or customarily supplied by one entity, the Calculation Agent will determine the Reference Rate which appears on the Relevant Screen Page as of the Relevant Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date;
- (ii) if Linear Interpolation is specified as applicable in respect of an Interest Period in the applicable Final Terms, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be calculated by the Calculation Agent by straight-line linear interpolation by reference to two rates which appear on the Relevant Screen Page as of the Relevant Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date, where:
 - (A) one rate shall be determined as if the relevant Interest Period were the period of time for which rates are available next shorter than the length of the relevant Interest Period; and
 - (B) the other rate shall be determined as if the relevant Interest Period were the period of time for which rates are available next longer than the length of the relevant Interest Period;

provided, however, that if no rate is available for a period of time next shorter or, as the case may be, next longer than the length of the relevant Interest Period, then the Calculation Agent shall calculate the Rate of Interest at such time and by reference to such sources as the Issuer, in consultation with an Independent

Adviser appointed by the Issuer, and such Independent Adviser acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner, determines appropriate;

- (iii) in any other case, the Calculation Agent will determine the arithmetic mean of the Reference Rates which appear on the Relevant Screen Page as of the Relevant Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date;
- (iv) if, in the case of (i) above, such rate does not appear on that page or, in the case of (iii) above, fewer than two such rates appear on that page or if, in either case, the Relevant Screen Page is unavailable, the Issuer will:
 - (A) request the principal Relevant Financial Centre office of each of the Reference Banks to provide a quotation of the Reference Rate at approximately the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date to prime banks in the Relevant Financial Centre interbank market in an amount that is representative for a single transaction in that market at that time; and
 - (B) provide such quotations to the Calculation Agent who shall determine the arithmetic mean of such quotations; and
- (v) if fewer than two such quotations are provided as requested, the Calculation Agent will determine the arithmetic mean of the rates (being the nearest to the Reference Rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent) quoted by major banks in the Principal Financial Centre of the Specified Currency, requested and selected by the Issuer, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (local time in the Principal Financial Centre of the Specified Currency or, if the Specified Currency is euro, Central European Time) on the first day of the relevant Interest Period for loans in the Specified Currency to leading European banks for a period equal to the relevant Interest Period and in an amount that is representative for a single transaction in that market at that time,

and the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be the sum of the Margin and the rate or (as the case may be) the arithmetic mean so determined; **provided, however, that** if the Calculation Agent is unable to determine a rate or (as the case may be) an arithmetic mean in accordance with the above provisions in relation to any Interest Period, the Rate of Interest applicable to the Notes during such Interest Period will be the sum of the Margin and the rate or (as the case may be) the arithmetic mean last determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Condition 7(c) in relation to the Notes in respect of a preceding Interest Period.

(d) *ISDA Determination:*

This Condition 7(d) shall apply if the relevant Final Terms specify "*ISDA Determination*" to be applicable.

Where this Condition 7(d) applies, if ISDA Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined, the Rate of Interest applicable to the Notes for each Interest Period will be the sum of the Margin and the relevant ISDA Rate where "ISDA Rate" in relation to any Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) that would

be determined by the Calculation Agent under an interest rate swap transaction if the Calculation Agent were acting as Calculation Agent for that interest rate swap transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the ISDA Definitions and under which:

- (i) the Floating Rate Option (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) is as specified in the relevant Final Terms;
- (ii) the Designated Maturity (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) is a period specified in the relevant Final Terms;
- (iii) the relevant Reset Date (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) is either (A) if the relevant Floating Rate Option is based on the LIBOR for a currency, the first day of that Interest Period or (B) in any other case, as specified in the relevant Final Terms; and
- (iv) if Linear Interpolation is specified as applicable in respect of an Interest Period in the applicable Final Terms, the rate for such Interest Period shall be calculated by the Calculation Agent by straight-line linear interpolation by reference to two rates based on the relevant Floating Rate Option, where:
 - (A) one rate shall be determined as if the Designated Maturity were the period of time for which rates are available next shorter than the length of the relevant Interest Period; and
 - (B) the other rate shall be determined as if the Designated Maturity were the period of time for which rates are available next longer than the length of the relevant Interest Period

provided, however, that if there is no rate available for a period of time next shorter than the length of the relevant Interest Period or, as the case may be, next longer than the length of the relevant Interest Period, then the Calculation Agent shall calculate the Rate of Interest at such time and by reference to such sources as the Issuer, in consultation with an Independent Adviser appointed by the Issuer, and such Independent Adviser acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner, determines appropriate.

(e) *Screen Rate Determination – Overnight Rate - SONIA - Non-Index Determination:*

This Condition 7(e) applies where the relevant Final Terms specifies: (1) "Screen Rate Determination" and "Overnight Rate" to be 'Applicable'; (2) "SONIA" as the Reference Rate; and (3) "Index Determination" to be 'Not Applicable'.

- (i) Where this Condition 7(e) applies, the Rate of Interest for an Interest Accrual Period will, (subject to Condition 7(o) (*Benchmark Replacement (Independent Adviser)*)) and as provided below, be Compounded Daily SONIA with respect to such Interest Accrual Period plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the applicable Margin (if any), all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

"Compounded Daily SONIA" means, with respect to an Interest Accrual Period, the rate of return of a daily compound interest investment (with the daily

Sterling overnight reference rate as reference rate for the calculation of interest) as calculated by the Calculation Agent as at the relevant Interest Determination Date in accordance with the following formula (and the resulting percentage will be rounded if necessary to the nearest fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards):

$$\left[\prod_{i=1}^{d_o} \left(1 + \frac{SONIA_i \times n_i}{D} \right) - 1 \right] \times \frac{D}{d}$$

where:

"*d*" is the number of calendar days in:

- (i) where "*Lag*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Interest Accrual Period; or
- (ii) where "*Observation Shift*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Observation Period;

"*D*" is the number specified as such in the applicable Final Terms (or, if no such number is specified, 365);

"*d_o*" means:

- (i) where "*Lag*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the number of London Banking Days in the relevant Interest Accrual Period; or
- (ii) where "*Observation Shift*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the number of London Banking Days in the relevant Observation Period;

"*i*" is a series of whole numbers from one to "*d_o*", each representing the relevant London Banking Day in chronological order from, and including, the first London Banking Day in:

- (i) where "*Lag*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Interest Accrual Period; or
- (ii) where "*Observation Shift*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Observation Period;

"**London Banking Day**" means any day on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in London;

"*n_i*" for any London Banking Day "*i*" in the relevant Interest Accrual Period or Observation Period (as applicable), means the number of calendar days

from (and including) such London Banking Day "i" up to (but excluding) the following London Banking Day;

"Observation Period" means the period from (and including) the date falling "*p*" London Banking Days prior to the first day of the relevant Interest Accrual Period to (but excluding) the date falling "*p*" London Banking Days prior to (A) (in the case of an Interest Period) the Interest Payment Date for such Interest Period or (B) (in the case of any other Interest Accrual Period) the date on which the relevant payment of interest falls due;

"*p*" means:

- (i) where "*Lag*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the number of London Banking Days specified as the "*Lag Period*" in the applicable Final Terms (or, if no such number is so specified, five London Banking Days); or
- (ii) where "*Observation Shift*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the number of London Banking Days specified as the "*Observation Shift Period*" in the applicable Final Terms (or, if no such number is specified, five London Banking Days);

"SONIA reference rate" means, in respect of any London Banking Day, a reference rate equal to the daily Sterling Overnight Index Average ("**SONIA**") rate for such London Banking Day as provided by the administrator of SONIA to authorised distributors and as then published on the Relevant Screen Page (or, if the Relevant Screen Page is unavailable, as otherwise published by such authorised distributors) on the London Banking Day immediately following such London Banking Day; and

"SONIA_{*i*}" means the SONIA reference rate for:

- (i) where "*Lag*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the London Banking Day falling "*p*" London Banking Days prior to the relevant London Banking Day "*i*"; or
- (ii) where "*Observation Shift*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant London Banking Day "*i*".

For the avoidance of doubt, the formula for the calculation of Compounded Daily SONIA only compounds the SONIA Reference Rate in respect of any London Banking Day. The SONIA Reference Rate applied to a day that is a non-London Banking Day will be taken by applying the SONIA Reference Rate for the previous London Banking Day but without compounding.

- (ii) Subject to Condition 7(o) (*Benchmark Replacement (Independent Adviser)*), if, where any Rate of Interest is to be calculated pursuant to Condition 7(e)(i) above, in respect of any London Banking Day on which an applicable SONIA reference rate is required to be determined, such SONIA reference rate is not made

available on the Relevant Screen Page or has not otherwise been published by the relevant authorised distributors, then the SONIA reference rate in respect of such London Banking Day shall be the rate determined by the Calculation Agent as:

- (A) the sum of (i) the Bank of England's Bank Rate (the "**Bank Rate**") prevailing at 5.00 p.m. (London time) (or, if earlier, close of business) on such London Banking Day; and (ii) the mean of the spread of the SONIA reference rate to the Bank Rate over the previous five London Banking Days in respect of which a SONIA reference rate has been published, excluding the highest spread (or, if there is more than one highest spread, one only of those highest spreads) and lowest spread (or, if there is more than one lowest spread, one only of those lowest spreads); or
- (B) if the Bank Rate under paragraph (ii)(A) above is not available at the relevant time, either (A) the SONIA reference rate published on the Relevant Screen Page (or otherwise published by the relevant authorised distributors) for the first preceding London Banking Day in respect of which the SONIA reference rate was published on the Relevant Screen Page (or otherwise published by the relevant authorised distributors) or (B) if this is more recent, the latest rate determined under paragraph (ii)(A) above,

and, in each case, references to "SONIA reference rate" in Condition 7(e)(i) above shall be construed accordingly.

- (iii) In the event that the Rate of Interest cannot be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Condition 7(e), and without prejudice to Condition 7(o) (*Benchmark Replacement (Independent Adviser)*), the Rate of Interest shall be:

- (A) that determined as at the last preceding Interest Determination Date on which the Rate of Interest was so determined (though substituting, where a different Margin, Maximum Rate of Interest and/or Minimum Rate of Interest is to be applied to the relevant Interest Accrual Period from that which applied to the last preceding Interest Accrual Period, the Margin, Maximum Rate of Interest and/or Minimum Rate of Interest (as the case may be) relating to the relevant Interest Accrual Period, in place of the Margin, Maximum Rate of Interest and/or Minimum Rate of Interest (as applicable) relating to that last preceding Interest Accrual Period); or
- (B) if there is no such preceding Interest Determination Date, the initial Rate of Interest which would have been applicable to such Series of Notes for the first scheduled Interest Period had the Notes been in issue for a period equal in duration to the first scheduled Interest Period but ending on (and excluding) the Interest Commencement Date (applying the Margin and, if applicable, any Maximum Rate of Interest and/or Minimum Rate of Interest, applicable to the first scheduled Interest Period),

in each case as determined by the Calculation Agent.

(f) *Screen Rate Determination – Overnight Rate - SONIA - Index Determination*

This Condition 7(f) applies where the applicable Final Terms specifies: (1) "*Screen Rate Determination*" and "*Overnight Rate*" to be 'Applicable'; (2) "*SONIA*" as the Reference Rate; and (3) "*Index Determination*" to be 'Applicable'.

- (i) Where this Condition 7(f) applies, the Rate of Interest for an Interest Accrual Period will, subject to Condition 7(o) (*Benchmark Replacement (Independent Adviser)*) and as provided below, be the Compounded Daily SONIA Rate with respect to such Interest Accrual Period plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the applicable Margin (if any), all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

"**Compounded Daily SONIA Rate**" means, with respect to an Interest Accrual Period, the rate of return of a daily compound interest investment (with the daily Sterling overnight reference rate as reference rate for the calculation of interest) (expressed as a percentage and rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to the screen rate or index for compounded daily SONIA rates administered by the administrator of the SONIA reference rate that is published or displayed by such administrator or other information service from time to time on the relevant Interest Determination Date, as further specified in the applicable Final Terms (the "**SONIA Compounded Index**") and in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Compounded Daily SONIA Rate} = \left(\frac{\text{SONIA Compounded Index}_{\text{End}}}{\text{SONIA Compounded Index}_{\text{Start}}} \right)^{\frac{365}{d}}$$

where:

"**d**" is the number of calendar days from (and including) the day in relation to which SONIA Compounded Index_{Start} is determined to (but excluding) the day in relation to which SONIA Compounded Index_{End} is determined;

"**London Banking Day**" means any day on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in London;

"**Relevant Number**" is the number specified as such in the applicable Final Terms (or, if no such number is specified, five);

"**SONIA Compounded Index_{Start}**" means, with respect to an Interest Accrual Period, the SONIA Compounded Index determined in relation to the day falling the Relevant Number of London Banking Days prior to the first day of such Interest Accrual Period; and

"**SONIA Compounded Index_{End}**" means, with respect to an Interest Accrual Period, the SONIA Compounded Index determined in relation to the day falling the Relevant Number of London Banking Days prior to (A) the Interest Payment Date for such Interest Accrual Period, or (B) such other date on which the relevant payment of interest falls due (but which by its definition or the operation of the relevant provisions is excluded from such Interest Accrual Period).

- (ii) If the relevant SONIA Compounded Index is not published or displayed by the administrator of the SONIA reference rate or other information service by 5.00 p.m. (London time) (or, if later, by the time falling one hour after the customary or scheduled time for publication thereof in accordance with the then-prevailing operational procedures of the administrator of the SONIA reference rate or of such other information service, as the case may be) on the relevant Interest Determination Date, the Compounded Daily SONIA Rate for the applicable Interest Accrual Period for which the SONIA Compounded Index is not available shall be deemed to be the "Compounded Daily SONIA" rate determined in accordance with Condition 7(e) above as if "*Index Determination*" were specified in the applicable Final Terms as being 'Not Applicable', and for these purposes: (i) the "*Observation Method*" shall be deemed to be "*Observation Shift*" and (ii) the "*Observation Shift Period*" shall be deemed to be equal to the Relevant Number of London Banking Days, as if those alternative elections had been made in the applicable Final Terms.

(g) *Screen Rate Determination – Overnight Rate – SOFR – Non-Index Determination*

This Condition 7(g) applies where the applicable Final Terms specifies: (1) "*Screen Rate Determination*" and "*Overnight Rate*" to be 'Applicable'; (2) "*SOFR*" as the Reference Rate; and (3) "*Index Determination*" to be 'Not Applicable'.

- (i) Where this Condition 7(g) applies, the Rate of Interest for an Interest Accrual Period will, subject to Condition 7(p) (*Benchmark Replacement (Effect of Benchmark Transition Event)*) and as provided below, be Compounded Daily SOFR with respect to such Interest Accrual Period plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the applicable Margin (if any), all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

"**Compounded Daily SOFR**" means, with respect to an Interest Accrual Period, the rate of return of a daily compound interest investment (with the daily U.S. dollars secured overnight financing rate as reference rate for the calculation of interest) as calculated by the Calculation Agent as at the relevant Interest Determination Date in accordance with the following formula (and the resulting percentage will be rounded if necessary to the nearest fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards):

$$\left[\prod_{i=1}^{d_o} \left(1 + \frac{SOFR_i \times n_i}{D} \right) - 1 \right] \times \frac{D}{d}$$

where:

"*d*" is the number of calendar days in:

- (i) where "*Lag*" or "*Lock-out*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Interest Accrual Period;
or

- (ii) where "*Observation Shift*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Observation Period;

"**D**" is the number specified as such in the applicable Final Terms (or, if no such number is specified, 360);

"*d_o*" means:

- (i) where "*Lag*" or "*Lock-out*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days in the relevant Interest Accrual Period; or
- (ii) where "*Observation Shift*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days in the relevant Observation Period;

"*i*" is a series of whole numbers from one to "*d_o*", each representing the relevant U.S. Government Securities Business Day in chronological order from, and including, the first U.S. Government Securities Business Day in:

- (i) where "*Lag*" or "*Lock-out*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Interest Accrual Period; or
- (ii) where "*Observation Shift*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Observation Period;

"**Lock-out Period**" means the period from (and including) the day following the Interest Determination Date to (but excluding) the corresponding Interest Payment Date;

"**New York Fed's Website**" means the website of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (or a successor administrator of SOFR) or any successor source;

"*n_i*" for any U.S. Government Securities Business Day "*i*", means the number of calendar days from (and including) such U.S. Government Securities Business Day "*i*" up to (but excluding) the following U.S. Government Securities Business Day;

"**Observation Period**" means the period from (and including) the date falling "*p*" U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to the first day of the relevant Interest Accrual Period to (but excluding) the date falling "*p*" U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to (A) (in the case of an Interest Period) the Interest Payment Date for such Interest Period or (B) (in the case of any other Interest Accrual Period) the date on which the relevant payment of interest falls due;

"*p*" means:

- (i) where "*Lag*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the number of U.S. Government Securities

Business Days specified as the "*Lag Period*" in the applicable Final Terms (or, if no such number is so specified, five U.S. Government Securities Business Days);

- (ii) where "*Lock-out*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, zero U.S. Government Securities Business Days; or
- (iii) where "*Observation Shift*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days specified as the "*Observation Shift Period*" in the applicable Final Terms (or, if no such number is specified, five U.S. Government Securities Business Days);

"Reference Day" means each U.S. Government Securities Business Day in the relevant Interest Accrual Period, other than any U.S. Government Securities Business Day in the Lock-out Period;

"SOFR" in respect of any U.S. Government Securities Business Day, is a reference rate equal to the daily secured overnight financing rate as provided by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, as the administrator of such rate (or any successor administrator of such rate) on the New York Fed's Website, in each case at or around 3.00 p.m. (New York City time) on the U.S. Government Securities Business Day immediately following such U.S. Government Securities Business Day;

"SOFR_i" means the SOFR for:

- (i) where "*Lag*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the U.S. Government Securities Business Day falling "*p*" U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to the relevant U.S. Government Securities Business Day "*i*";
- (ii) where "*Lock-out*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (I) in respect of each U.S. Government Securities Business Day "*i*" that is a Reference Day, the SOFR in respect of the U.S. Government Securities Business Day immediately preceding such Reference Day; or
 - (II) in respect of each U.S. Government Securities Business Day "*i*" that is not a Reference Day (being a U.S. Government Securities Business Day in the Lock-out Period), the SOFR in respect of the U.S. Government Securities Business Day immediately preceding the last Reference Day of the relevant Interest Accrual Period (such last Reference Day coinciding with the Interest Determination Date); or

- (iii) where "*Observation Shift*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant U.S. Government Securities Business Day "*i*"; and

"U.S. Government Securities Business Day" means any day except for a Saturday, Sunday or a day on which the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association recommends that the fixed income departments of its members be closed for the entire day for purposes of trading in U.S. government securities.

- (ii) Subject to Condition 7(p) (*Benchmark Replacement (Effect of Benchmark Transition Event)*), if, where any Rate of Interest is to be calculated pursuant to Condition 7(g)(i) above, in respect of any U.S. Government Securities Business Day in respect of which an applicable SOFR is required to be determined, such SOFR is not available, such SOFR shall be the SOFR for the first preceding U.S. Government Securities Business Day in respect of which the SOFR was published on the New York Fed's Website.
- (iii) In the event that the Rate of Interest cannot be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Condition 7(g) but without prejudice to Condition 7(p) (*Benchmark Replacement (Effect of Benchmark Transition Event)*), the Rate of Interest shall be calculated in accordance, *mutatis mutandis*, with the provisions of Conditions 7(e)(iii)(A) and (B).

(h) *Screen Rate Determination – Overnight Rate - SOFR - Index Determination*

This Condition 7(h) applies where the applicable Final Terms specifies: (1) "*Screen Rate Determination*" and "*Overnight Rate*" to be 'Applicable'; (2) "*SOFR*" as the Reference Rate; and (3) "*Index Determination*" to be 'Applicable'.

- (i) Where this Condition 7(h) applies, the Rate of Interest for an Interest Accrual Period will, subject to Condition 7(p) (*Benchmark Replacement (Effect of Benchmark Transition Event)*) and as provided below, be the Compounded SOFR with respect to such Interest Accrual Period plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the applicable Margin (if any), all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

"Compounded SOFR" means, with respect to an Interest Accrual Period, the rate (expressed as a percentage and rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

where:

$$\left(\frac{SOFR_{Index_{End}}}{SOFR_{Index_{Start}}} - 1 \right) \times \frac{360}{d_c}$$

"*d_c*" is the number of calendar days from (and including) the day in relation to which SOFR Index_{Start} is determined to (but excluding) the day in relation to which SOFR Index_{End} is determined;

"Relevant Number" is the number specified as such in the applicable Final Terms (or, if no such number is specified, five);

"**SOFR**" means the daily secured overnight financing rate as provided by the SOFR Administrator on the SOFR Administrator's Website;

"**SOFR Administrator**" means the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (or a successor administrator of SOFR);

"**SOFR Administrator's Website**" means the website of the SOFR Administrator, or any successor source;

"**SOFR Index**", with respect to any U.S. Government Securities Business Day, means the SOFR index value as published by the SOFR Administrator as such index appears on the SOFR Administrator's Website at or around 3.00 p.m. (New York time) on such U.S. Government Securities Business Day (the "**SOFR Determination Time**");

"**SOFR Index_{Start}**", with respect to an Interest Accrual Period, is the SOFR Index value for the day which is the Relevant Number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days preceding the first day of such Interest Accrual Period;

"**SOFR Index_{End}**", with respect to an Interest Accrual Period, is the SOFR Index value for the day which is the Relevant Number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days preceding (A) the Interest Payment Date for such Interest Accrual Period, or (B) such other date on which the relevant payment of interest falls due (but which by its definition or the operation of the relevant provisions is excluded from such Interest Accrual Period); and

"**U.S. Government Securities Business Day**" means any day except for a Saturday, Sunday or a day on which the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association recommends that the fixed income departments of its members be closed for the entire day for purposes of trading in U.S. government securities.

- (ii) If, as at any relevant SOFR Determination Time, the relevant SOFR Index is not published or displayed on the SOFR Administrator's Website by the SOFR Administrator, the Compounded SOFR for the applicable Interest Accrual Period for which the relevant SOFR Index is not available shall be deemed to be the "Compounded Daily SOFR" rate determined in accordance with Condition 7(g) above as if "*Index Determination*" were specified in the applicable Final Terms as being 'Not Applicable', and for these purposes: (i) the "*Observation Method*" shall be deemed to be "*Observation Shift*" and (ii) the "*Observation Shift Period*" shall be deemed to be equal to the Relevant Number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days, as if such alternative elections had been made in the applicable Final Terms.

- (i) *Screen Rate Determination – Overnight Rate - €STR – Non-Index Determination*

This Condition 7(i) applies where the applicable Final Terms specifies: (1) "*Screen Rate Determination*" and "*Overnight Rate*" to be 'Applicable'; (2) "*€STR*" as the Reference Rate; and (3) "*Index Determination*" to be 'Not Applicable'.

- (i) Where this Condition 7(i) applies, the Rate of Interest for an Interest Accrual Period will, subject to Condition 7(o) (*Benchmark Replacement (Independent Adviser)*) and as provided below, be Compounded Daily €STR with respect to such Interest Accrual Period plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the applicable Margin (if any), all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

"**Compounded Daily €STR**" means, with respect to an Interest Accrual Period, the rate of return of a daily compound interest investment (with the daily euro short-term rate as reference rate for the calculation of interest) as calculated by the Calculation Agent as at the relevant Interest Determination Date in accordance with the following formula (and the resulting percentage will be rounded if necessary to the nearest fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards):

$$\left[\prod_{i=1}^{d_o} \left(1 + \frac{\text{€STR}_i \times n_i}{D} \right) - 1 \right] \times \frac{D}{d}$$

where:

the "**€STR reference rate**", in respect of any TARGET Business Day, is a reference rate equal to the daily euro short-term rate ("**€STR**") for such TARGET Business Day as provided by the European Central Bank as the administrator of €STR (or any successor administrator of such rate) on the website of the European Central Bank (or, if no longer published on its website, as otherwise published by it or provided by it to authorised distributors and as then published on the Relevant Screen Page or, if the Relevant Screen Page is unavailable, as otherwise published by such authorised distributors) on the TARGET Business Day immediately following such TARGET Business Day (in each case, at the time specified by, or determined in accordance with, the applicable methodology, policies or guidelines, of the European Central Bank or the successor administrator of such rate);

"**€STR_i**" means the €STR reference rate for:

- (i) where "*Lag*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the TARGET Business Day falling "*p*" TARGET Business Days prior to the relevant TARGET Business Day "*i*"; or
- (ii) where "*Observation Shift*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant TARGET Business Day "*i*".

"***d***" is the number of calendar days in:

- (i) where "*Lag*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Interest Accrual Period; or
- (ii) where "*Observation Shift*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Observation Period;

"**D**" is the number specified as such in the applicable Final Terms (or, if no such number is specified, 360);

"*d_o*" means:

- (i) where "*Lag*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the number of TARGET Business Days in the relevant Interest Accrual Period; or
- (ii) where "*Observation Shift*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the number of TARGET Business Days in the relevant Observation Period;

"*i*" is a series of whole numbers from one to "*d_o*", each representing the relevant TARGET Business Day in chronological order from, and including, the first TARGET Business Day in:

- (i) where "*Lag*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Interest Accrual Period; or
- (ii) where "*Observation Shift*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Observation Period;

"*n_i*" for any TARGET Business Day "*i*", means the number of calendar days from (and including) such TARGET Business Day "*i*" up to (but excluding) the following TARGET Business Day;

"**Observation Period**" means the period from (and including) the date falling "*p*" TARGET Business Days prior to the first day of the relevant Interest Accrual Period to (but excluding) the date falling "*p*" TARGET Business Days prior to (A) (in the case of an Interest Period) the Interest Payment Date for such Interest Period or (B) (in the case of any other Interest Accrual Period) the date on which the relevant payment of interest falls due;

"*p*" means:

- (i) where "*Lag*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the number of TARGET Business Days specified as the "*Lag Period*" in the applicable Final

Terms (or, if no such number is so specified, five TARGET Business Days); or

- (ii) where "*Observation Shift*" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the number of TARGET Business Days specified as the "*Observation Shift Period*" in the applicable Final Terms (or, if no such number is specified, five TARGET Business Days); and

"TARGET Business Day" means any day on which TARGET2 is open.

- (ii) Subject to Condition 7(o) (*Benchmark Replacement (Independent Adviser)*), if, where any Rate of Interest is to be calculated pursuant to Condition 7(i)(i) above, in respect of any TARGET Business Day in respect of which an applicable €STR reference rate is required to be determined, such €STR reference rate is not made available on the Relevant Screen Page or has not otherwise been published by the relevant authorised distributors, then the €STR reference rate in respect of such TARGET Business Day shall be the €STR reference rate for the first preceding TARGET Business Day in respect of which €STR reference rate was published by the European Central Bank on its website, as determined by the Calculation Agent.
 - (iii) In the event that the Rate of Interest cannot be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Condition 7(i) but without prejudice to Condition 7(o) (*Benchmark Replacement (Independent Adviser)*), the Rate of Interest shall be calculated in accordance, *mutatis mutandis*, with the provisions of Conditions 7(e)(iii)(A) and (B).
- (j) *Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest:* If any Maximum Rate of Interest or Minimum Rate of Interest is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable to one or more Interest Periods (or, if no particular Interest Periods are specified, generally), then:
- (i) if a Rate of Interest determined in accordance with this Condition 7 in respect of any relevant Interest Period (or an Interest Accrual Period falling within such Interest Period) would otherwise be greater than the Maximum Rate of Interest applicable to such Interest Period, the Rate of Interest in respect of that Interest Period (or, as the case may be, that Interest Accrual Period) will be equal to such Maximum Rate of Interest; and
 - (ii) if a Rate of Interest determined in accordance with this Condition 7 in respect of any relevant Interest Period (or an Interest Accrual Period falling within such Interest Period) would otherwise be less than the Minimum Rate of Interest applicable to such Interest Period, the Rate of Interest in respect of that Interest Period (or, as the case may be, that Interest Accrual Period) will be equal to such Minimum Rate of Interest.
- (k) *Calculation of Interest Amount:* The Calculation Agent will, as soon as practicable after the time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined in relation to each Interest Period or any other Interest Accrual Period, calculate the Interest Amount payable in respect of each Note for such Interest Period or, as the case may be, such other Interest Accrual Period. The Interest Amount will be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest

for such Interest Period or, as the case may be, such other Interest Accrual Period to the Calculation Amount, multiplying the product by the relevant Day Count Fraction, rounding the resulting figure to the nearest sub-unit of the Specified Currency (half a sub-unit being rounded upwards) and multiplying such rounded figure by a fraction equal to the Specified Denomination of the relevant Note divided by the Calculation Amount. For this purpose a "**sub-unit**" means, in the case of any currency other than euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, in the case of euro, means one cent.

- (l) *Publication:* The Calculation Agent will cause each Rate of Interest and Interest Amount determined by it, together with the relevant Interest Payment Date, and any other amount(s) required to be determined by it together with any relevant payment date(s) to be notified to the Paying Agents and each competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system (if any) by which the Notes have then been admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation as soon as practicable after such determination. Notice thereof shall also promptly be given to the Noteholders. The Calculation Agent will be entitled to recalculate any Interest Amount and, if applicable, Rate of Interest (on the basis of the foregoing provisions) without notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the relevant Interest Period (or if the relevant payment of interest becomes due prior to the scheduled Interest Payment Date). If the Calculation Amount is less than the minimum Specified Denomination the Calculation Agent shall not be obliged to publish each Interest Amount but instead may publish only the Calculation Amount and the Interest Amount in respect of a Note having the minimum Specified Denomination.
- (m) *Notifications etc:* All notifications, opinions, determinations, certificates, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of this Condition 7 by the Calculation Agent will (in the absence of manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Paying Agents, the Trustee, the Noteholders and the Couponholders and (subject as aforesaid) no liability to any such Person will attach to the Calculation Agent in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions for such purposes.
- (n) *Determination of Rate of Interest following acceleration:* If (i) the Notes become due and payable in accordance with Condition 14 (*Events of Default*) and (ii) the Rate of Interest for the Interest Period during which the Notes become due and payable is to be determined by reference to any of Conditions 7(e), 7(f), 7(g), 7(h) and 7(i), then the final Rate of Interest for the Notes shall be calculated for the Interest Accrual Period to (but excluding) the date on which the Notes become so due and payable, and such Rate of Interest shall continue to apply to the Notes for so long as interest continues to accrue thereon as provided in the Trust Deed.
- (o) *Benchmark Replacement (Independent Adviser):*

This Condition 7(o) (*Benchmark Replacement (Independent Adviser)*) shall not apply to Notes for which the Reference Rate is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being "SOFR", in respect of which the benchmark discontinuation provisions of Condition 7(p) (*Benchmark Replacement (Effect of Benchmark Transition Event)*) will apply.

- (i) If the Issuer has determined that a Benchmark Event has occurred in relation to the Reference Rate when the Rate of Interest (or any component part thereof) for

any Interest Period remains to be determined by reference to such Reference Rate (including, for the avoidance of doubt, if the Issuer determines that the Benchmark Event occurred prior to the Issue Date of the Notes), then the Issuer shall notify the Calculation Agent and use its reasonable endeavours to select and appoint an Independent Adviser, as soon as reasonably practicable, to determine, no later than ten Business Days prior to the relevant Interest Determination Date, a Successor Rate, failing which an Alternative Rate, and, in either case, an Adjustment Spread and any Benchmark Amendments (all in accordance with this Condition 7(o)).

- (ii) In the absence of bad faith or fraud, none of the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Independent Adviser shall have any liability whatsoever to any person (including the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee, the Agents or the Noteholders or Couponholders) for any determination made by it pursuant to this Condition 7(o) and the Trustee will not be liable for any loss, liability, cost, charge or expense which may arise as a result thereof.
- (iii) If (i) the Issuer is unable to appoint an Independent Adviser or (ii) the Independent Adviser appointed by it fails to determine a Successor Rate or, failing which, an Alternative Rate, and (in either case) an Adjustment Spread and any Benchmark Amendments in accordance with this Condition 7(o) prior to the relevant Interest Determination Date, the fallback provisions provided in Condition 7(c), 7(d), 7(e), 7(f), 7(g), 7(h) or 7(i), as applicable, will continue to apply to the corresponding Interest Period. Any subsequent Interest Period may be subject to the subsequent operation of this Condition 7(o)).
- (iv) If the Independent Adviser determines in its discretion and notifies the Calculation Agent prior to the date which is five Business Days prior to the next relevant Interest Determination Date that:
 - (A) there is a Successor Rate, then such Successor Rate shall (subject to adjustment by the Adjustment Spread) subsequently be used in place of the Reference Rate to determine the Rate of Interest for the immediately following Interest Period and all following Interest Periods, subject to the subsequent operation of this Condition 7(o) in the event of a further Benchmark Event affecting the Successor Rate; or
 - (B) there is no Successor Rate but that there is an Alternative Rate, then such Alternative Rate shall (subject to adjustment by the Adjustment Spread) subsequently be used in place of the Reference Rate to determine the Rate of Interest for the immediately following Interest Period and all following Interest Periods, subject to the subsequent operation of this Condition 7(o) in the event of a further Benchmark Event affecting the Alternative Rate.
- (v) The Independent Adviser shall determine the quantum of, or a formula or methodology for determining, an Adjustment Spread, and such Adjustment Spread shall apply to the Successor Rate or the Alternative Rate (as the case may be).

- (vi) If any relevant Successor Rate or Alternative Rate and (in either case) an Adjustment Spread is determined in accordance with this Condition 7(o) and the Independent Adviser determines in its discretion (i) that amendments to these Conditions, the Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement are necessary or appropriate to ensure the proper operation of such Successor Rate or Alternative Rate (as applicable) as adjusted by the Adjustment Spread (such amendments, the "**Benchmark Amendments**") and (ii) the terms of the Benchmark Amendments, then the Issuer shall, subject to giving notice thereof in accordance with Condition 7(o)(viii), without any requirement for the consent or approval of relevant Noteholders, vary or amend these Conditions, the Trust Deed and/or the Agency Agreement to give effect to such Benchmark Amendments with effect from the date specified in such notice.
- (vii) The Trustee shall, at the request and expense of the Issuer and without the requirement for any consent or approval of the Noteholders, concur with the Issuer in effecting any Benchmark Amendments as may be required in order to give effect to this Condition 7(o) (which, for the avoidance of doubt, shall not be treated as being within the scope of the Reserved Matters (as defined in the Trust Deed)), subject to receipt by the Trustee of the certificate referred to in subparagraph (ix) below, provided however, that neither the Trustee nor the Agents shall be obliged so to concur if in the sole opinion of the Trustee and/or the Agents, doing so would have the effect of (i) imposing more onerous obligations upon it or expose it to any additional duties, responsibilities or liabilities or reduce or amend the protective provisions in these Conditions, the Agency Agreement or the Trustee Deed (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any documents supplemental thereto) or (ii) expose it to any liabilities against which it has not been indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction.
- (viii) Any Successor Rate, Alternative Rate, Adjustment Spread and the specific terms of any Benchmark Amendments, determined under this Condition 7(o) will be notified promptly by the Issuer to the Trustee, the Calculation Agent, the Paying Agents and, in accordance with Condition 21 (*Notices*), the Noteholders. Such notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify the effective date, which shall be not less than five Business Days prior to the next Interest Determination Date, of the Benchmark Amendments, if any.
- (ix) No later than notifying the Trustee and the Agents of the same, the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee and the Agents a certificate signed by two authorised signatories of the Issuer:
 - (A) confirming (1) that a Benchmark Event has occurred, (2) the relevant Successor Rate, or, as the case may be, the relevant Alternative Rate, (3) the relevant Adjustment Spread and (4) if applicable, any relevant Benchmark Amendments, in each case as determined by the Independent Adviser in accordance with the provisions of this Condition 7(o); and
 - (B) certifying that, following consultation with the Independent Adviser, (1) the relevant Benchmark Amendments are necessary or appropriate to ensure the proper operation of such relevant Successor Rate, Alternative Rate and/or Adjustment Spread (as applicable) and (2) the intent of the

drafting of such changes is solely to implement the relevant Benchmark Amendments.

The Trustee and the Agents shall be entitled to rely on such certificate (without further enquiry and without liability to any person) as sufficient evidence thereof.

(x) The Successor Rate or Alternative Rate (as the case may be) and the Adjustment Spread and the Benchmark Amendments (if any) specified in such certificate will (in the absence of manifest error or bad faith in the determination thereof) be binding on the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent, the Calculation Agent, the other Paying Agents and the Noteholders and Couponholders.

(xi) As used in this Condition 7(o):

"Adjustment Spread" means either a spread (which may be positive, negative or zero), or the formula or methodology for calculating a spread, in either case, which the Independent Adviser determines is required to be applied to the relevant Successor Rate or the relevant Alternative Rate (as the case may be) and is the spread, formula or methodology which:

(A) in the case of a Successor Rate, is formally recommended, or formally provided as an option for parties to adopt, in relation to the replacement of the Reference Rate with the Successor Rate by any Relevant Nominating Body; or

(B) (if no such recommendation has been made under (A) above in the case of a Successor Rate, or in the case of an Alternative Rate), the Independent Adviser, determines is customarily applied to the relevant Successor Rate or Alternative Rate (as the case may be) in international debt capital markets transactions to produce an industry-accepted replacement rate for the Reference Rate; or

(C) (if no such determination in accordance with (A) or (B) applies) the Independent Adviser determines, is recognised or acknowledged as being the industry standard for over-the-counter derivative transactions which reference the Reference Rate, where such rate has been replaced by the Successor Rate or the Alternative Rate (as the case may be) (unless the Independent Adviser considers that an adjustment spread based on over-the-counter derivative transactions is not appropriate for determining the Adjustment Spread in respect of the Notes); or

(D) (if no determination of the Adjustment Spread is made under (A), (B) or (C) above) the Independent Adviser determines to be appropriate to reduce or eliminate, to the extent reasonably practicable in the circumstances, any economic prejudice or benefit (as the case may be) to Noteholders as a result of the replacement of the Reference Rate with the Successor Rate or the Alternative Rate (as the case may be).

"Alternative Rate" means an alternative benchmark or screen rate which the Independent Adviser determines in accordance with this Condition 7(o)] is

customary in market usage in the international debt capital markets, or is an industry-accepted rate, for the purposes of determining floating rates of interest (or the relevant component part thereof) in the Specified Currency of, and for a commensurate interest period in respect of, the Notes.

"Benchmark Event" means:

- (A) the relevant Reference Rate has ceased to be published on the Relevant Screen Page as a result of such benchmark ceasing to be calculated or administered on a permanent or indefinite basis; or
- (B) a public statement by the administrator of the relevant Reference Rate that (in circumstances where no successor administrator has been or will be appointed that will continue publication of such Reference Rate) it has ceased publishing such Reference Rate permanently or indefinitely or that it will cease to do so by a specified future date (the "**Specified Future Date**"); or
- (C) a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the relevant Reference Rate that such Reference Rate has been or will, by or as of a specified future date (the "**Specified Future Date**"), be permanently or indefinitely discontinued; or
- (D) a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the relevant Reference Rate that means that such Reference Rate will, by or as of a specified future date (the "**Specified Future Date**"), be prohibited from being used or that its use will be subject to restrictions or adverse consequences, either generally or in respect of the Notes; or
- (E) a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the relevant Reference Rate (as applicable) that, in the view of such supervisor, (i) such Reference Rate is or will, by or as of a specified future date (the "**Specified Future Date**"), be no longer representative of an underlying market or (ii) the methodology to calculate such Reference Rate has materially changed; or
- (F) it has or will, by a specified date within the following six months, become unlawful for the Calculation Agent to calculate any payments due to be made to any Noteholder using the relevant Reference Rate (as applicable) (including, without limitation, under the Benchmarks Regulation (EU) 2016/1011, if applicable).

Notwithstanding the sub-paragraphs above, where the relevant Benchmark Event is a public statement within sub-paragraphs (B), (C), (D) or (E) above and the Specified Future Date in the public statement is more than six months after the date of that public statement, the Benchmark Event shall not be deemed occur until the date falling six months prior to such Specified Future Date.

"Benchmark Amendments" has the meaning given to it in Condition 7(o)(vi).

"Independent Adviser" means an independent financial institution of international repute or other independent adviser of recognised standing and experienced in the international capital markets, in each case selected and appointed by the Issuer at its own expense under Condition 7(o).

"Relevant Nominating Body" means, in respect of a benchmark or screen rate (as applicable):

- (A) the central bank for the currency to which the benchmark or screen rate (as applicable) relates, or any central bank or other supervisory authority which is responsible for supervising the administrator of the benchmark or screen rate (as applicable); or
- (B) any working group or committee sponsored by, chaired or co-chaired by or constituted at the request of (a) the central bank for the currency to which the benchmark or screen rate (as applicable) relates, (b) any central bank or other supervisory authority which is responsible for supervising the administrator of the benchmark or screen rate (as applicable), (c) a group of the aforementioned central banks or other supervisory authorities or (d) the Financial Stability Board or any part thereof.

"Successor Rate" means a successor to or replacement of the Reference Rate which is formally recommended by any Relevant Nominating Body.

(p) *Benchmark Replacement (Effect of Benchmark Transition Event):*

This Condition 7(p) (*Benchmark Replacement*) shall apply only to Notes for which the Reference Rate is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being "SOFR", otherwise the benchmark replacement provisions of Condition 7(o) (*Benchmark Replacement (Independent Adviser)*) will apply.

- (i) If the Issuer, or, in the Issuer's discretion, an Independent Adviser appointed by the Issuer for such purpose, determines on or prior to the relevant Reference Time that a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to the then-current Benchmark, (including, for the avoidance of doubt, where the Benchmark Transition Event and/or the related Benchmark Replacement Date occurred prior to the Issue Date of the Notes), the Benchmark Replacement will replace the then-current Benchmark for all purposes relating to the Notes in respect of all determinations on such date and for all determinations on all subsequent dates (subject to any further subsequent operation of this Condition 7(p) (*Benchmark Replacement (Effect of Benchmark Transition Event)*) in respect of such replacement benchmark). In connection with the implementation of a Benchmark Replacement, the Issuer will have the right subject to giving notice thereof in accordance with Condition 7(p)(v) below to make Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes from time to time, without any requirement for the consent or approval of the Noteholders.
- (ii) The Trustee shall, at the request and expense of the Issuer and without the requirement for any consent or approval of the Noteholders, concur with the Issuer in effecting any Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes as may be required in order to give effect to this Condition 7(p) (which, for the avoidance

of doubt, shall not be treated as being within the scope of the Reserved Matters (as defined in the Trust Deed)), subject to receipt by the Trustee of the certificate referred to in subparagraph (vi) below, provided however, that neither the Trustee nor the Agents shall be obliged so to concur if in the sole opinion of the Trustee and/or the Agents, doing so would have the effect of (i) imposing more onerous obligations upon it or expose it to any additional duties, responsibilities or liabilities or reduce or amend the protective provisions in these Conditions, the Agency Agreement or the Trustee Deed (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any documents supplemental thereto) or (ii) expose it to any liabilities against which it has not been indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction.

- (iii) Any determination, decision or election that may be made by the Issuer or, if applicable, an Independent Adviser appointed by it pursuant to this section, including any determination with respect to a tenor, rate or adjustment or of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event, circumstance or date and any decision to take or refrain from taking any action or any selection:
 - (a) will be conclusive and binding absent manifest error;
 - (b) will be made in the sole discretion of the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Independent Adviser; and
 - (c) notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the documentation relating to the Notes, shall become effective without consent from the holders of the Notes, the Trustee or any other party.
- (iv) In the absence of bad faith or fraud, none of the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Independent Adviser shall have any liability to any person (including the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee, the Agents or the Noteholders or Couponholders) for any determination made by it pursuant to this Condition 7(p) (*Benchmark Replacement (Effect of Benchmark Transition Event)*) and the Trustee will not be liable for any loss, liability, cost, charge or expense which may arise as a result thereof.
- (v) Any Benchmark Replacement, Benchmark Replacement Adjustment and the specific terms of any Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes, determined under this Condition 7(p) (*Benchmark Replacement (Effect of Benchmark Transition Event)*) will be notified promptly by the Issuer to the Trustee, the Calculation Agent, the Paying Agents and, in accordance with Condition 21 (*Notices*), the Noteholders. Such notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify the effective date on which such changes take effect.
- (vi) No later than notifying the Trustee and the Agents of the same, the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee and the Agents a certificate signed by two authorised signatories of the Issuer:
 - (A) confirming (1) that a Benchmark Transition Event has occurred, (2) the relevant Benchmark Replacement, (3) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment and (4), if applicable, the specific terms of any relevant Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes, in each case as

determined by the Issuer or the Independent Adviser (as applicable) in accordance with the provisions of this Condition 7(p) (*Benchmark Replacement (Effect of Benchmark Transition Event)*); and

- (B) certifying that, following consultation with the Independent Adviser, (1) the relevant Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes are necessary to ensure the proper operation of such Benchmark Replacement and/or Benchmark Replacement Adjustment and (2) the intent of the drafting of such changes is solely to implement the relevant Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes.

The Trustee and the Agents shall be entitled to rely on such certificate (without further enquiry and without liability to any person) as sufficient evidence thereof.

- (vii) As used in these Conditions:

"Benchmark" means, initially, Compounded SOFR or Compounded Daily SOFR (as applicable), as each such term is defined above; provided that if the Issuer or the Independent Adviser (as applicable) determines on or prior to the Reference Time that a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to Compounded SOFR or Compounded Daily SOFR (or the published daily SOFR used in the calculation thereof) or the then-current Benchmark, then "Benchmark" shall mean the applicable Benchmark Replacement.

"Benchmark Replacement" means the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the Issuer or the Independent Adviser (as applicable) as of the Benchmark Replacement Date:

- (i) the sum of: (A) the alternate rate of interest that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body as the replacement for the then-current Benchmark and (B) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;
- (ii) the sum of: (A) the ISDA Fallback Rate and (B) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment; or
- (iii) the sum of: (A) the alternate rate of interest that has been selected by the Issuer or the Independent Adviser (as applicable) as the replacement for the then-current Benchmark giving due consideration to any industry-accepted rate of interest as a replacement for the then-current Benchmark for U.S. dollar-denominated floating rate notes at such time and (B) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;

"Benchmark Replacement Adjustment" means the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the Issuer or the Independent Adviser (as applicable) as of the Benchmark Replacement Date:

- (i) the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body for the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement;

- (ii) if the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement is equivalent to the ISDA Fallback Rate, the ISDA Fallback Adjustment; or
- (iii) the spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected by the Issuer or the Independent Adviser (as applicable) giving due consideration to any industry-accepted spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of the then-current Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for U.S. dollar-denominated floating rate notes at such time;

"Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes" means, with respect to any Benchmark Replacement, any technical, administrative or operational changes (including changes to the timing and frequency of determining rates and making payments of interest, rounding of amounts or tenors, and other administrative matters) that the Issuer or the Independent Adviser (as applicable) decides may be appropriate to reflect the adoption of such Benchmark Replacement in a manner substantially consistent with market practice (or, if the Issuer or the Independent Adviser (as applicable) decides that adoption of any portion of such market practice is not administratively feasible or if the Issuer or the Independent Adviser (as applicable) determines that no market practice for use of the Benchmark Replacement exists, in such other manner as the Issuer or the Independent Adviser (as applicable) determines is reasonably necessary);

"Benchmark Replacement Date" means the earliest to occur of the following events with respect to the then-current Benchmark (including the daily published component used in the calculation thereof):

- (i) in the case of clause (i) or (ii) of the definition of "Benchmark Transition Event," the later of (a) the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein and (b) the date on which the administrator of the Benchmark permanently or indefinitely ceases to provide the Benchmark (or such component); or
- (ii) in the case of clause (iii) of the definition of "Benchmark Transition Event," the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein.

For the avoidance of doubt, if the event that gives rise to the Benchmark Replacement Date occurs on the same day as, but earlier than, the Reference Time in respect of any determination, the Benchmark Replacement Date will be deemed to have occurred prior to the Reference Time for such determination;

"Benchmark Transition Event" means the occurrence of one or more of the following events with respect to the then-current Benchmark (including the daily published component used in the calculation thereof):

- (i) a public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the administrator of the Benchmark (or such component) announcing that such administrator has ceased or will cease to provide the Benchmark (or such component), permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide the Benchmark (or such component); or

- (ii) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of the Benchmark (or such component), the central bank for the currency of the Benchmark (or such component), an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator for the Benchmark (or such component), a resolution authority with jurisdiction over the administrator for the Benchmark (or such component) or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator for the Benchmark, which states that the administrator of the Benchmark (or such component) has ceased or will cease to provide the Benchmark (or such component) permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide the Benchmark (or such component); or
- (iii) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of the Benchmark announcing that the Benchmark is no longer representative;

"Independent Adviser" means an independent financial institution of international repute or other independent adviser of recognised standing and experienced in the international capital markets, in each case appointed by the Issuer at its own expense;

"ISDA Definitions" means the 2006 ISDA Definitions published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. or any successor thereto, as amended or supplemented from time to time, or any successor definitional booklet for interest rate derivatives published from time to time;

"ISDA Fallback Adjustment" means the spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that would apply for derivatives transactions referencing the ISDA Definitions to be determined upon the occurrence of an index cessation event with respect to the Benchmark;

"ISDA Fallback Rate" means the rate that would apply for derivatives transactions referencing the ISDA Definitions to be effective upon the occurrence of an index cessation date with respect to the Benchmark for the applicable tenor excluding the applicable ISDA Fallback Adjustment;

"Reference Time" with respect to any determination of the Benchmark means (i) if the Benchmark is Compounded SOFR, the SOFR Determination Time, and (ii) if the Benchmark is not Compounded SOFR, the time determined by the Issuer or the Independent Adviser (as applicable) after giving effect to the Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes;

"Relevant Governmental Body" means the Federal Reserve Board and/or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the Federal Reserve Board and/or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York or any successor thereto; and

"Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement" means the Benchmark Replacement excluding the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment.

8. Zero Coupon Note Provisions

- (a) *Application:* This Condition 8 (*Zero Coupon Note Provisions*) is applicable to the Notes only if the Zero Coupon Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable.
- (b) *Late payment on Zero Coupon Notes:* If the Redemption Amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Note is improperly withheld or refused, the Redemption Amount shall thereafter be an amount equal to the sum of:
 - (i) the Reference Price; and
 - (ii) the product of the Accrual Yield (compounded annually) being applied to the Reference Price on the basis of the relevant Day Count Fraction from (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) whichever is the earlier of (i) the day on which all sums due in respect of such Note up to that day are received by or on behalf of the relevant Noteholder and (ii) the day which is seven days after notice has been given to the Noteholders that the Principal Paying Agent has received all sums due in respect of the Notes up to such seventh day (except to the extent that there is any subsequent default in payment).

9. **Redemption and Purchase**

- (a) *Scheduled redemption at maturity:* Unless previously redeemed, or purchased and cancelled, the Notes will be redeemed at their Final Redemption Amount on the Maturity Date, subject as provided in Condition 11 (*Payments – Bearer Notes*) or, as the case may be, Condition 12 (*Payments – Registered Notes*).
- (b) *Redemption for tax reasons:* The Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part:
 - (i) at any time (if the Floating Rate Note Provisions are not specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable); or
 - (ii) on any Interest Payment Date (if the Floating Rate Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable),

on giving not less than 15 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Noteholders, or such other period(s) as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms, (which notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify the date for redemption), at their Early Redemption Amount (Tax), together with interest accrued (if any) to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption, if, immediately before giving such notice, the Issuer satisfies the Trustee that:

- (A) (1) the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay additional amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 13 (*Taxation*) as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of The Netherlands 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 date of issue of the first Tranche of the Notes; and (2) such obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer taking reasonable measures available to it; or

- (B) (1) the Guarantor has or (if a demand was made under the Guarantee of the Notes) would become obliged to pay additional amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 13 (*Taxation*) as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of Switzerland 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 (including a holding by a court of competent jurisdiction), which change or amendment becomes effective on or after the date of issue of the first Tranche of the Notes and (2) such obligation cannot be avoided by the Guarantor taking reasonable measures available to it,

provided, however, that no such notice of redemption shall be given earlier than:

- (1) where the Notes may be redeemed at any time, 90 days (or such other period as may be specified in the relevant final terms) prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer or the Guarantor would be obliged to pay such additional amounts if a payment in respect of the Notes were then due or (as the case may be) a demand under the Guarantee of the Notes were then made; or
- (2) where the Notes may be redeemed only on an Interest Payment Date, 60 days (or such other period as may be specified in the relevant final terms) prior to the Interest Payment Date occurring immediately before the earliest date on which the Issuer or the Guarantor would be obliged to pay such additional amounts if a payment in respect of the Notes were then due or (as the case may be) a demand under the Guarantee of the Notes were then made.

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this paragraph, the Issuer shall deliver or procure that there is delivered to the Trustee (1) a certificate signed by two authorised signatories 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 (2) an opinion of independent legal advisers of recognised standing to the effect that the Issuer or (as the case may be) the Guarantor 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 treat such certificate and opinion as satisfaction of the conditions precedent set out in (A) and/or (B) above. Upon the expiry of any such notice as is referred to in this Condition 9(b), the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Notes in accordance with this Condition 9(b).

- (c) *Redemption at the option of the Issuer:* If "*Call Option*" is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, the Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole or, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, in part on any Optional Redemption Date (Call) on the Issuer's giving not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice to the Noteholders, or such other notice period as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms (which notice shall specify the date for redemption and shall be irrevocable, but may (at the option of the Issuer) be conditional on one or more conditions precedent being satisfied, or waived by the Issuer), at either:

- (i) the Optional Redemption Amount (Call); or
- (ii) the Make Whole Redemption Price,

as specified in the applicable Final Terms, together, if applicable, with accrued interest to (but excluding) the relevant Optional Redemption Date (Call).

The "**Make Whole Redemption Price**" will, in respect of Notes to be redeemed, be:

- (i) if "**Sterling Make Whole Redemption Amount**" is specified as being applicable in the relevant Final Terms, an amount equal to the higher of (i) 100 per cent. of the principal amount of such Notes and (ii) the principal amount of such Notes multiplied by the price (expressed as a percentage), as reported in writing to the Issuer by the Determination Agent (if applicable), at which the Gross Redemption Yield on such Notes on the Reference Date is equal to the sum of (x) the Gross Redemption Yield (as determined by reference to the middle market price) at the Quotation Time on the Reference Date of the Reference Bond, plus (y) the Redemption Margin, as determined by the Determination Agent; or
- (ii) if "**Non-Sterling Make Whole Redemption Amount**" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the higher of (i) 100 per cent. of the principal amount of such Notes and (ii) the principal amount of such Notes multiplied by the price (expressed as a percentage), as reported in writing to the Issuer by the Determination Agent (if applicable), at which the yield to maturity (or, if applicable, yield to the Par Redemption Date) on such Notes on the Reference Date is equal to the sum of (x) the Reference Bond Rate at the Quotation Time on the Reference Date, plus (y) the Redemption Margin, as determined by the Determination Agent,

provided however that, in the case of either (i) or (ii) above, if the Optional Redemption Date (Call) occurs on or after the Par Redemption Date (if any) specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Make-Whole Redemption Price will be equal to 100 per cent of the principal amount of the Notes.

- (d) *Partial redemption:* If the Notes are to be redeemed in part only on any date in accordance with Condition 9(c) (*Redemption at the option of the Issuer*), in the case of Bearer Notes, the Notes to be redeemed shall be selected by the drawing of lots in such place as the Principal Paying Agent approves and in such manner as the Principal Paying Agent considers appropriate, subject to compliance with applicable law, the rules of each competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system (if any) by which the Notes have then been admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation and the notice to Noteholders referred to in Condition 9(c) (*Redemption at the option of the Issuer*) shall specify the serial numbers of the Notes so to be redeemed and, in the case of Registered Notes, each Note shall be redeemed in part in the proportion which the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes to be redeemed on the relevant Optional Redemption Date (Call) bears to the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes on such date. If any Maximum Redemption Amount or Minimum Redemption Amount is specified in the relevant Final Terms, then the Optional Redemption Amount (Call) shall in no event be greater than the maximum or be less than the minimum so specified.
- (e) *Issuer Residual Call:* If "*Issuer Residual Call*" is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, and if, at any time (other than as a direct result of a redemption of some, but not all, of the Notes at the Make Whole Redemption Price at the Issuer's option pursuant to Condition 9(c)), the outstanding aggregate nominal amount of the

Notes is 20 per cent. or less of the aggregate nominal amount of the Notes originally issued (and, for these purposes, any further Notes issued pursuant to Condition 20 (*Further Issues*) and consolidated with the Notes as part of the same Series shall be deemed to have been originally issued), the Issuer may redeem all (but not some only) of the remaining outstanding Notes on any date (or, if the Floating Rate Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, on any Interest Payment Date) upon giving not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice to the Noteholders (or such other notice period as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms) (which notice shall specify the date for redemption and shall be irrevocable), at the Optional Redemption Amount (Residual Call) together with any accrued and unpaid interest up to (but excluding) the date of redemption. Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition 9(e), the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee a certificate signed by two authorised signatories of the Issuer stating that the Issuer is entitled to effect such redemption and setting forth a statement of facts showing that the outstanding aggregate nominal amount of the Notes is 20 per cent. or less of the aggregate nominal amount of the Notes originally issued. The Trustee shall be entitled to accept such certificate as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the condition precedent set out above, in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on the Noteholders and the Couponholders.

- (f) *Redemption at the option of Noteholders:* If the Put Option is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, the Issuer shall, at the option of the Holder of any Note redeem such Note on the Optional Redemption Date (Put) specified in the relevant Put Option Notice (if validly given) at the relevant Optional Redemption Amount (Put) together with interest (if any) accrued to (but excluding) such date. In order to exercise the option contained in this Condition 9(f), the Holder of a Note must, not less than 30 nor more than 60 days before the relevant Optional Redemption Date (Put) (or such other period(s) as may be specified in the relevant final terms), deposit with any Paying Agent such Note together with all unmatured Coupons relating thereto and a duly completed Put Option Notice in the form obtainable from any Paying Agent. The Paying Agent with which a Note is so deposited shall deliver a duly completed Put Option Receipt to the depositing Noteholder. No Note, once deposited with a duly completed Put Option Notice in accordance with this Condition 9(f), may be withdrawn; **provided, however, that** if, prior to the relevant Optional Redemption Date (Put), any such Note becomes immediately due and payable or, upon due presentation of any such Note on the relevant Optional Redemption Date (Put), payment of the redemption moneys is improperly withheld or refused, the relevant Paying Agent shall mail notification thereof to the depositing Noteholder at such address as may have been given by such Noteholder in the relevant Put Option Notice and shall hold such Note at its Specified Office for collection by the depositing Noteholder against surrender of the relevant Put Option Receipt. For so long as any outstanding Note is held by a Paying Agent in accordance with this Condition 9(f), the depositor of such Note and not such Paying Agent shall be deemed to be the holder of such Note for all purposes.
- (g) *Change of Control Put Option:* If "*Change of Control Put Option*" is specified as applicable in the relevant Final Terms, then if at any time while any Note remains outstanding, there occurs:
- (A) a Change of Control (as defined below), and, within the Change of Control Period, a Rating Event in respect of that Change of Control

occurs (such Change of Control and Rating Event not having been cured prior to the expiry of the Change of Control Period); or

- (B) a Change of Control (as defined below), and, on the occurrence of the Change of Control, neither the Issuer nor the Guarantor is rated by any Rating Agency and neither of them secures an investment grade rating in respect of itself or the Notes from at least one Rating Agency on or before the last day of the Change of Control Period,

(each, a "**Change of Control Put Event**"), each Noteholder will have the option (the "**Change of Control Put Option**") (unless, prior to the giving of the Change of Control Put Event Notice (as defined below), the Issuer gives notice to redeem the Notes under Condition 9(b), 9(c) or 9(e)) to require the Issuer to redeem or, at the Issuer's option, to purchase or procure the purchase of, all or some of its Notes, on the Optional Redemption Date (as defined below) at the principal amount outstanding of such Notes together with (or where purchased, together with an amount equal to) interest accrued to, but excluding, the Optional Redemption Date.

Definitions

As used herein:

"**acting in concert**" means acting together pursuant to an agreement or understanding (whether formal or informal);

A "**Change of Control**" shall be deemed to have occurred if any person or any persons acting in concert, other than a holding company whose shareholders are (or are to be) substantially similar to the pre-existing shareholders of SGS S.A. immediately prior thereto, directly or indirectly acquire (A) more than 50 per cent. of the issued share capital of SGS S.A. or (B) shares in the capital of SGS S.A. carrying more than 50 per cent. of the total voting rights attributable to the entire issued share capital of SGS S.A. and which may be exercised at a general meeting of SGS S.A.;

"**Change of Control Period**" means the period beginning on the date (the "**Relevant Announcement Date**") that is the earlier of (A) the first public announcement by or on behalf of the Guarantor or any bidder or any designated adviser thereto, of the relevant Change of Control; and (B) the date of the earliest Potential Change of Control Announcement, and ending (in either case) 90 days after the occurrence of the relevant Change of Control (such 90th day, the "**Initial Longstop Date**"); provided that if a Rating Agency publicly announces, at any time during the period commencing on the date which is 60 days prior to the Initial Longstop Date and ending on the Initial Longstop Date, that it has placed its rating of the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Notes under consideration for rating review (save where such rating review is expressed in such terms as to indicate that any change will be positive only) either entirely or partially as a result of the relevant public announcement of the Change of Control or Potential Change of Control Announcement, the Change of Control Period shall be extended to the date which falls 60 days after the date of such public announcement by such Rating Agency (or, if this is earlier (but after the Initial Longstop Date), the date on which such Rating Agency public confirms the outcome of its rating review);

"Potential Change of Control Announcement" means any public announcement or statement by SGS S.A., any actual or potential bidder or any designated adviser thereto relating to any specific potential Change of Control where such Change of Control then occurs within 180 days of the date of such announcement or statement;

"Rating Agency" means any of Fitch Ratings Inc., Moody's Investors Service Inc., or S&P Global Ratings Inc. or any of their respective successors, subsidiaries or affiliates; and

A **"Rating Event"** shall be deemed to have occurred in respect of a Change of Control if (within the Change of Control Period)

- (A) the rating previously assigned to the Notes or to the Issuer or the Guarantor by any Rating Agency solicited by (or with the consent of) the Issuer or the Guarantor is:
 - (x) withdrawn; or
 - (y) changed from an investment grade rating (i.e. BBB-/Baa3 or its equivalent for the time being, or better) to a non-investment grade rating (i.e. BB+/Ba1 or its equivalent for the time being, or worse); or
 - (z) (if the rating previously assigned to the Notes or to the Issuer or the Guarantor by any Rating Agency solicited by (or with the consent of) the Issuer or the Guarantor was below an investment grade rating (as described above)), lowered by at least one full rating notch (for example, from BB+ to BB, or their respective equivalents); and
- (B) in any such case, such rating is not within the Change of Control Period subsequently upgraded (in the case of a downgrade) or reinstated (in the case of a withdrawal) either to an investment grade credit rating (in the case of (x) and (y)) or to its earlier credit rating or better (in the case of (z)) by such Rating Agency,

provided that, in any such case, the Rating Agency making the withdrawal or reduction in rating announces or publicly confirms or, having been so requested by the Issuer or the Guarantor, informs the Issuer or the Guarantor in writing that the withdrawal or lowering of the rating or the failure to assign an investment grade rating was the result, in whole or in part, of the applicable Change of Control (whether or not the applicable Change of Control shall have occurred at the time of the Rating Event),

and *provided further that* no Rating Event shall occur if and for so long as at least one Rating Agency is maintaining an investment grade rating in respect of the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Notes.

If on the Relevant Announcement Date the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Notes carry a credit rating from more than one Rating Agency, at least one of which is an investment grade rating, then sub-paragraph (z) above will not apply;

Change of Control Put Event Notice

Promptly upon the Issuer or the Guarantor becoming aware that a Change of Control Put Event has occurred, the Issuer or the Guarantor shall give notice (a "**Change of Control Put Event Notice**") to the Trustee and to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 21 (*Notices*), specifying the nature of the Change of Control Put Event and the circumstances giving rise to it, the last day of the Change of Control Put Period (as defined below) and the procedure for exercising the Change of Control Put Option contained in this Condition 9(g).

Exercise of Put Right

To exercise the Change of Control Put Option, a Noteholder must, within the period (the "**Change of Control Put Period**") of 45 days after a Change of Control Put Event Notice is given, arrange for the delivery of (if the Notes are Bearer Notes) its Notes which it requires to be redeemed or purchased pursuant to this Condition 9(g) or (if the Notes are Registered Notes) the Note Certificate(s) in respect of such Notes, to the specified office of any Paying Agent, together with a duly signed and completed notice of exercise in the then current form obtainable from the Principal Paying Agent (a "**Change of Control Put Option Notice**") and in which the Noteholder shall specify a bank account to which payment is to be made under this Condition 9(g) (and, in the case of Registered Notes, such notice shall also specify the aggregate principal amount of the Notes which it instructs to be redeemed or purchased and, if such amount is less than the full aggregate principal amount of Notes represented by the Note Certificate(s) deposited by such Holder, an address to which a new Note Certificate in respect of the balance of such Registered Notes is to be sent).

A Change of Control Put Option Notice once given shall be irrevocable. The Issuer shall redeem or, at the option of the Issuer purchase or procure the purchase of, the Notes in respect of which the Change of Control Put Option has been validly exercised as provided above on the date which is the fifth Business Day following the end of the Change of Control Put Period (the "**Optional Redemption Date**"). Payment in respect of such Notes will be made on the Optional Redemption Date by transfer to the bank account specified in the Change of Control Put Option Notice.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Issuer shall have no responsibility for any cost or loss of whatever kind (including breakage costs) which the Noteholder may incur as a result of or in connection with such Noteholder's exercise or purported exercise of, or otherwise in connection with, any Change of Control Put Option (whether as a result of any purchase or redemption arising therefrom or otherwise).

Issuer Clean-up Call

If 80 per cent. or more in principal amount of the Notes outstanding as at the date of the relevant Change of Control have been redeemed pursuant to this Condition 9(g), the Issuer may, on not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' irrevocable notice to the Trustee and to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 21 (*Notices*) given within 30 days after the Optional Redemption Date, redeem on a date to be specified in such notice at its option, all (but not some only) of the remaining Notes at their principal amount, together with interest accrued to but excluding the date of redemption.

- (h) *No other redemption:* The Issuer shall not be entitled to redeem the Notes otherwise than as provided in this Condition 9 (*Redemption and Purchase*).

- (i) *Early redemption of Zero Coupon Notes:* Unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Redemption Amount payable on redemption of a Zero Coupon Note at any time before the Maturity Date shall be an amount equal to the sum of:
 - (i) the Reference Price; and
 - (ii) the product of the Accrual Yield (compounded annually) being applied to the Reference Price from (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which the Note becomes due and payable.

Where such calculation is to be made for a period which is not a whole number of years, the calculation in respect of the period of less than a full year shall be made on the basis of such Day Count Fraction as may be specified in the Final Terms for the purposes of this Condition 9(i) or, if none is so specified, a Day Count Fraction of 30E/360.

- (j) *Purchase:* The Issuer, the Guarantor or any of their respective Subsidiaries may at any time purchase Notes in the open market or otherwise and at any price and such Notes may be held, resold or, at the option of the Issuer, surrendered to any Paying Agent for cancellation (*provided that*, if the Notes are to be cancelled, they are purchased together with all unmatured Coupons and unexchanged Talons relating to them).
- (k) *Cancellation:* All Notes redeemed and any unmatured Coupons or unexchanged Talons attached to or surrendered with them shall be cancelled and all Notes so cancelled and any Notes cancelled pursuant to Condition 9(j) (*Purchase*) above (together with all unmatured Coupons and unexchanged Talons cancelled with them) may not be reissued or resold.

10. **Exempt Notes**

Exempt Notes may be issued upon such terms (including, without limitation, as to interest, redemption or otherwise) as the Issuer and the Guarantor may agree. The terms of any Exempt Notes will be set out in the relevant Pricing Supplement, which shall be construed in accordance with these Conditions. In the event of any inconsistency between these Conditions and the relevant Pricing Supplement, the relevant Pricing Supplement will prevail.

11. **Payments – Bearer Notes**

This Condition 11 is only applicable to Bearer Notes.

- (a) *Principal:* Payments of principal shall be made only against presentation and (**provided that** payment is made in full) surrender of Bearer Notes at the Specified Office of any Paying Agent outside the United States by cheque drawn in the currency in which the payment is due on, or by transfer to an account denominated in that currency (or, if that currency is euro, any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) and maintained by the payee with, a bank in the Principal Financial Centre of that currency.
- (b) *Interest:* Payments of interest shall, subject to paragraph (h) below, be made only against presentation and (**provided that** payment is made in full) surrender of the appropriate Coupons at the Specified Office of any Paying Agent outside the United States in the manner described in paragraph (a) above.

- (c) *Payments in New York City:* Payments of principal or interest may be made at the Specified Office of a Paying Agent in New York City if (i) the Issuer has appointed Paying Agents outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents will be able to make payment of the full amount of the interest on the Notes in the currency in which the payment is due when due, (ii) payment of the full amount of such interest at the offices of all such Paying Agents is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions and (iii) payment is permitted by applicable United States law.
- (d) *Payments subject to fiscal laws:* All payments in respect of the Bearer Notes (including, without limitation, under the Guarantee of the Notes in respect thereof) are subject in all cases to (i) any applicable fiscal or other laws and regulations in the place of payment or other laws and regulations to which the Issuer or the Guarantor are subject, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 13 (*Taxation*) and (ii) any withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "**Code**") or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder, any official interpretations thereof, or any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto.
- (e) *Commissions or Expenses:* No commissions or expenses shall be charged to the Noteholders or Couponholders in respect of such payments.
- (f) *Deductions for unmatured Coupons:* If the relevant Final Terms specifies that the Fixed Rate Note Provisions are applicable and a Bearer Note is presented without all unmatured Coupons relating thereto:
- (i) if the aggregate amount of the missing Coupons is less than or equal to the amount of principal due for payment, a sum equal to the aggregate amount of the missing Coupons will be deducted from the amount of principal due for payment; **provided, however, that** if the gross amount available for payment is less than the amount of principal due for payment, the sum deducted will be that proportion of the aggregate amount of such missing Coupons which the gross amount actually available for payment bears to the amount of principal due for payment;
 - (ii) if the aggregate amount of the missing Coupons is greater than the amount of principal due for payment:
 - (A) so many of such missing Coupons shall become void (in inverse order of maturity) as will result in the aggregate amount of the remainder of such missing Coupons (the "**Relevant Coupons**") being equal to the amount of principal due for payment; **provided, however, that** where this subparagraph would otherwise require a fraction of a missing Coupon to become void, such missing Coupon shall become void in its entirety; and
 - (B) a sum equal to the aggregate amount of the Relevant Coupons (or, if less, the amount of principal due for payment) will be deducted from the amount of principal due for payment; **provided, however, that**, if the gross amount available for payment is less than the amount of principal due for payment, the sum deducted will be that proportion of the aggregate amount of the Relevant Coupons (or, as the case may be, the

amount of principal due for payment) which the gross amount actually available for payment bears to the amount of principal due for payment.

Each sum of principal so deducted shall be paid in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above against presentation and (**provided that** payment is made in full) surrender of the relevant missing Coupons.

- (g) *Unmatured Coupons void:* If the relevant Final Terms specifies that this Condition 11(g) is applicable or that the Floating Rate Note Provisions are applicable, on the due date for final redemption of any Note or early redemption in whole of such Note pursuant to Condition 9 (*Redemption and Purchase*) or Condition 14 (*Events of Default*), all unmatured Coupons relating thereto (whether or not still attached) shall become void and no payment will be made in respect thereof.
- (h) *Payments on business days:* If the due date for payment of any amount in respect of any Bearer Note or Coupon is not a Payment Business Day in the place of presentation, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment in such place of the amount due until the next succeeding Payment Business Day in such place and shall not be entitled to any further interest or other payment in respect of any such delay.
- (i) *Payments other than in respect of matured Coupons:* Payments of interest other than in respect of matured Coupons shall be made only against presentation of the relevant Bearer Notes at the Specified Office of any Paying Agent outside the United States (or in New York City if permitted by paragraph (c) above).
- (j) *Partial payments:* If a Paying Agent makes a partial payment in respect of any Bearer Note or Coupon presented to it for payment, such Paying Agent will endorse thereon a statement indicating the amount and date of such payment.
- (k) *Exchange of Talons:* On or after the maturity date of the final Coupon which is (or was at the time of issue) part of a Coupon Sheet relating to the Bearer Notes, the Talon forming part of such Coupon Sheet may be exchanged at the Specified Office of the Principal Paying Agent for a further Coupon Sheet (including, if appropriate, a further Talon but excluding any Coupons in respect of which claims have already become void pursuant to Condition 15 (*Prescription*)). Upon the due date for redemption of any Bearer Note, any unexchanged Talon relating to such Note shall become void and no Coupon will be delivered in respect of such Talon.

12. **Payments - Registered Notes**

This Condition 12 is only applicable to Registered Notes.

- (a) *Principal:* Payments of principal shall be made by cheque drawn in the currency in which the payment is due drawn on, or, upon application by a Holder of a Registered Note to the Specified Office of the Principal Paying Agent not later than the fifteenth day before the due date for any such payment, by transfer to an account denominated in that currency (or, if that currency is euro, any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) and maintained by the payee with, a bank in the Principal Financial Centre of that currency (in the case of a sterling cheque, a town clearing branch of a bank in the City of London) and (in the case of redemption) upon surrender

(or, in the case of part payment only, endorsement) of the relevant Note Certificates at the Specified Office of any Paying Agent.

- (b) *Interest:* Payments of interest shall be made by cheque drawn in the currency in which the payment is due drawn on, or, upon application by a Holder of a Registered Note to the Specified Office of the Principal Paying Agent not later than the fifteenth day before the due date for any such payment, by transfer to an account denominated in that currency (or, if that currency is euro, any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) and maintained by the payee with, a bank in the Principal Financial Centre of that currency (in the case of a sterling cheque, a town clearing branch of a bank in the City of London) and (in the case of interest payable on redemption) upon surrender (or, in the case of part payment only, endorsement) of the relevant Note Certificates at the Specified Office of any Paying Agent.
- (c) *Payments subject to fiscal laws:* All payments in respect of the Registered Notes (including, without limitation, under the Guarantee of the Notes in respect thereof) are subject in all cases to (i) any applicable fiscal or other laws and regulations in the place of payment or other laws and regulations to which the Issuer or the Guarantor are subject, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 13 (*Taxation*) and (ii) any withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the Code or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder, any official interpretations thereof, or any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto. No commissions or expenses shall be charged to the Noteholders in respect of such payments.
- (d) *Payments on business days:* Where payment is to be made by transfer to an account, payment instructions (for value the due date, or, if the due date is not Payment Business Day, for value the next succeeding Payment Business Day) will be initiated and, where payment is to be made by cheque, the cheque will be mailed (i) (in the case of payments of principal and interest payable on redemption) on the later of the due date for payment and the day on which the relevant Note Certificate is surrendered (or, in the case of part payment only, endorsed) at the Specified Office of a Paying Agent and (ii) (in the case of payments of interest payable other than on redemption) on the due date for payment. A Holder of a Registered Note shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of any delay in payment resulting from (A) the due date for a payment not being a Payment Business Day or (B) a cheque mailed in accordance with this Condition 12 arriving after the due date for payment or being lost in the mail.
- (e) *Partial payments:* If a Paying Agent makes a partial payment in respect of any Registered Note, the Issuer shall procure that the amount and date of such payment are noted on the Register and, in the case of partial payment upon presentation of a Note Certificate, that a statement indicating the amount and the date of such payment is endorsed on the relevant Note Certificate.
- (f) *Record date:* Each payment in respect of a Registered Note will be made to the person shown as the Holder in the Register at the opening of business in the place of the Registrar's Specified Office on the fifteenth day before the due date for such payment (the "**Record Date**"). Where payment in respect of a Registered Note is to be made by cheque, the cheque will be mailed to the address shown as the address of the Holder in the Register at the opening of business on the relevant Record Date.

13. **Taxation**

- (a) *Gross up:* All payments of principal and interest in respect of the Notes and the Coupons by or on behalf of the Issuer or the Guarantor shall 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, levied, collected, withheld or assessed by or on behalf of (in the case of the Issuer) The Netherlands or (in the case of the Guarantor) Switzerland or (in either case) any political subdivision therein or any authority therein or thereof having power to tax, unless the withholding or deduction of such taxes, duties, assessments, or governmental charges is required by law. In that event, the Issuer or (as the case may be) the Guarantor shall pay such additional amounts as will result in receipt by the Noteholders and the Couponholders after such withholding or deduction of such amounts as would have been received by them had no such withholding or deduction been required, except that no such additional amounts shall be payable in respect of any Note or Coupon:
- (i) presented for payment in The Netherlands or Switzerland; or
 - (ii) held by or on behalf of a Holder which is liable to such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges in respect of such Note or Coupon by reason of its having some connection with the jurisdiction by which such taxes, duties, assessments or charges have been imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed other than the mere holding of the Note or Coupon; or
 - (iii) where the relevant Note or Coupon or Note Certificate is presented or surrendered for payment more than 30 days after the Relevant Date except to the extent that the Holder of such Note or Coupon would have been entitled to such additional amounts on presenting or surrendering such Note or Coupon or Note Certificate for payment on the last day of such period of 30 days; or
 - (iv) where such deduction or withholding is required to be made pursuant to the Dutch Withholding Tax Act 2021 (*Wet bronbelasting 2021*), as amended, on payments due to holders of Notes affiliated to the Issuer (within the meaning of the Dutch Withholding Tax Act 2021 as published in the Official Gazette (Staatsblad) Stb. 2019, 513 of 27 December 2019); or
 - (v) where the Holder of such Note or Coupon is able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting an appropriate certificate or making an appropriate filing; or
 - (vi) any combination of the foregoing.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Conditions, in no event will any additional amounts be payable by (or on behalf of) the Issuer or the Guarantor under this Condition 13 or otherwise in respect of any withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the Code or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code (or any regulations or agreements thereunder or any official interpretations thereof) or an intergovernmental agreement between the United States and another jurisdiction facilitating the implementation thereof or any law implementing such an intergovernmental agreement.

- (b) *Taxing jurisdiction:* If, at any time, the Issuer or the Guarantor becomes subject, in respect of payments of principal or interest in respect of the Notes, to any taxing jurisdiction in addition to, or in the alternative to, The Netherlands or Switzerland, respectively, references in these Conditions to The Netherlands or Switzerland shall be construed as references to such relevant taxing jurisdiction in addition to or, as the case may be, in the alternative to The Netherlands or Switzerland, as applicable.

14. **Events of Default**

If any of the following events (each, together where applicable with the requisite certification by the Trustee as described below, an "**Event of Default**") occurs and is continuing, then the Trustee at its discretion may and, if so requested in writing by Holders of at least one quarter of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution, shall (subject, in the case of the happening of any of the events mentioned in paragraphs (b) (*Breach of other obligations*), (i) (*Failure to take action, etc*) or (j) (*Unlawfulness*) below and, in relation only to a Material Subsidiary, paragraphs (e) (*Security enforced*), (f) (*Insolvency, etc*), (g) (*Winding up, etc*) or (h) (*Analogous event*) below, to the Trustee having certified in writing that the happening of such event is in its opinion materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders and, in all cases, to the Trustee having been indemnified or provided with security to its satisfaction) give written notice to the Issuer declaring the Notes to be immediately due and payable, whereupon they shall become immediately due and payable at their Early Termination Amount together with accrued interest (if any) without further action or formality:

- (a) *Non-payment:* the Issuer and the Guarantor fail to pay any amount of principal in respect of the Notes on the due date for payment thereof or fail to pay any amount of interest in respect of the Notes on the due date for payment thereof, and (in each case) such default continues for a period of 14 days from the due date for payment thereof; or
- (b) *Breach of other obligations:* the Issuer or the Guarantor defaults in the performance or observance of any of its other obligations under or in respect of the Notes, the Guarantee of the Notes or the Trust Deed and such default (i) is, in the opinion of the Trustee, incapable of remedy or (ii) being a default which is, in the opinion of the Trustee, capable of remedy, remains unremedied for 30 days or such longer period as the Trustee may agree after the Trustee has given written notice thereof, addressed to the Issuer and the Guarantor; or
- (c) *Cross-acceleration of Issuer, Guarantor or Material Subsidiary:*
- (i) any Indebtedness of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any Material Subsidiary is not paid when due or (as the case may be) within any applicable grace period; or
 - (ii) any such Indebtedness becomes due and payable prior to its stated maturity by reason of any default or event of default (however described); or
 - (iii) the Issuer, the Guarantor or any Material Subsidiary fails to pay when due or (as the case may be) within any applicable grace period any amount payable by it under any Guarantee in respect of any Indebtedness,

provided that the amount of Indebtedness referred to in sub-paragraph (i) and/or sub-paragraph (ii) above and/or the amount payable under any Guarantee referred to in sub-paragraph (iii) above individually or in the aggregate exceeds EUR 30,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency or currencies); or

- (d) *Unsatisfied judgment*: one or more judgment(s) or order(s) for the payment of an aggregate amount in excess of EUR 30,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency or currencies) is rendered against the Issuer, the Guarantor or any Material Subsidiary and continue(s) unsatisfied and unstayed for a period of 60 days after the date(s) thereof or, if later, the date therein specified for payment; or
- (e) *Security enforced*: a secured party takes possession, or a receiver, manager or other similar officer is appointed, of the whole or a substantial (in the opinion of the Trustee) part of the undertaking, assets and revenues of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any Material Subsidiary; or
- (f) *Insolvency etc*:
 - (i) the Issuer, the Guarantor or any Material Subsidiary becomes insolvent or is unable to pay its debts as they fall due; or
 - (ii) an administrator or liquidator is appointed in respect of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any Material Subsidiary or the whole or a substantial (in the opinion of the Trustee) part of the undertaking, assets and revenues of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any Material Subsidiary; or
 - (iii) the Issuer, the Guarantor or any Material Subsidiary takes any action for a readjustment or deferment of all of its Indebtedness or of a substantial part thereof which it will otherwise be unable to pay when due, or makes a general assignment or an arrangement or composition with or for the benefit of its creditors generally or declares a moratorium in respect of any of its Indebtedness or any Guarantee in respect of any Indebtedness given by it (provided that such Indebtedness, individually or in the aggregate, exceeds EUR 30,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency or currencies)); or
- (g) *Winding up etc*: an order is made or an effective resolution is passed for the winding up, liquidation or dissolution of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any Material Subsidiary, or the Issuer, the Guarantor or any Material Subsidiary ceases or publicly announces its intention to cease to carry on all or substantially all of its business, except, in any such case:
 - (i) pursuant to or in connection with a reconstruction, amalgamation, reorganisation, merger or consolidation on terms approved by the Trustee or by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders; or
 - (ii) (in the case of a Material Subsidiary only), either (1) pursuant to or in connection with a voluntary solvent winding-up where surplus assets are available for distribution, or (2) in circumstances where (in the case of a winding up, liquidation or dissolution) all or substantially all of the undertaking and assets of the Material Subsidiary or (in the case of any other cessation of business) all or substantially all of the business being ceased by such Material Subsidiary, are

transferred to or otherwise vested in the Issuer, the Guarantor and/or one or more other Subsidiaries of the Issuer or the Guarantor which (or each of which) is, or thereby becomes, a Material Subsidiary; or

- (iii) a disposal of any business or assets (including the disposal of shares in a Subsidiary) for fair value on an arm's length basis; or
- (h) *Analogous event*: any event occurs which under the laws of The Netherlands or Switzerland has an analogous effect to any of the events referred to in paragraphs (d) to (g) above; or
- (i) *Failure to take action etc*: any action, condition or thing at any time required to be taken, fulfilled or done in order (i) to enable the Issuer and the Guarantor lawfully to enter into, exercise their respective rights and perform and comply with their respective obligations under and in respect of the Notes and the Trust Deed, (ii) to ensure that those obligations are legal, valid, binding and enforceable and (iii) to make the Notes, the Coupons and the Trust Deed admissible in evidence in the courts of The Netherlands and Switzerland is not taken, fulfilled or done; or
- (j) *Unlawfulness*: it is or will become unlawful for the Issuer or the Guarantor to perform or comply with any of its obligations under or in respect of the Notes or the Trust Deed; or
- (k) *Controlling shareholder*: the Issuer ceases to be a Subsidiary of SGS S.A.

15. **Prescription**

Claims for principal in respect of Bearer Notes shall become void unless the relevant Bearer Notes are presented for payment within ten years of the appropriate Relevant Date. Claims for interest in respect of Bearer Notes shall become void unless the relevant Coupons are presented for payment within five years of the appropriate Relevant Date. Claims for principal and interest on redemption in respect of Registered Notes shall become void unless the relevant Note Certificates are surrendered for payment within ten years of the appropriate Relevant Date.

16. **Replacement of Notes and Coupons**

If any Note, Note Certificate or Coupon is 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, or the Registrar, in the case of Registered Notes (and, if the Notes are then admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by any competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system which requires the appointment of a Paying Agent in any particular place, the Paying Agent having its Specified Office in the place required by such competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system), subject to all applicable laws and competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system requirements, upon payment by the claimant of the expenses incurred in connection with such replacement and on such terms as to evidence, security, indemnity and otherwise as the Issuer may reasonably require. Mutilated or defaced Notes, Note Certificates or Coupons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

17. **Trustee and Agents**

Under the Trust Deed, the Trustee is entitled to be indemnified and relieved from responsibility in certain circumstances and to be paid its costs and expenses in priority to the claims of the Noteholders. In addition, the Trustee is entitled to enter into business transactions with the Issuer, the Guarantor and any entity relating to the Issuer or the Guarantor without accounting for any profit.

In the exercise of its powers and discretions under these Conditions and the Trust Deed, the Trustee will have regard to the interests of the Noteholders as a class and will not be responsible for any consequence for individual Holders of Notes as a result of such Holders being connected in any way with a particular territory or taxing jurisdiction.

In acting under the Agency Agreement and in connection with the Notes and the Coupons, the Paying Agents act solely as agents of the Issuer and the Guarantor and (to the extent provided therein) the Trustee and do not assume any obligations towards or relationship of agency or trust for or with any of the Noteholders or Couponholders.

The initial Paying Agents and their initial Specified Offices are listed below. The initial Calculation Agent (if any) is specified in the relevant Final Terms. The Issuer and the Guarantor reserve the right, with the prior approval of the Trustee, at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of any Paying Agent and to appoint a successor principal paying agent or registrar or Calculation Agent and additional or successor paying agents; **provided, however, that:**

- (a) the Issuer and the Guarantor shall at all times maintain a principal paying agent and a registrar; and
- (b) if a Calculation Agent is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Issuer and the Guarantor shall at all times maintain a Calculation Agent; and
- (c) if and for so long as the Notes are admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by any competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system which requires the appointment of a Paying Agent and/or a Transfer Agent in any particular place, the Issuer and the Guarantor shall maintain a Paying Agent and/or a Transfer Agent having its Specified Office in the place required by such competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system.

Notice of any change in any of the Paying Agents or in their Specified Offices shall promptly be given to the Noteholders.

18. **Meetings of Noteholders; Modification and Waiver, Substitution**

- (a) *Meetings of Noteholders:* The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening meetings of Noteholders to consider any matter relating to their interests, including the modification or waiver of any provision of these Conditions. Any such modification may be made, and any such waiver shall be effective, if sanctioned by an Extraordinary Resolution. Such a meeting may be convened by the Issuer and the Guarantor (acting together) or by the Trustee and shall be convened by them/the Trustee upon the request in writing of Noteholders holding not less than one-tenth of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes. The quorum at any meeting convened to vote on an Extraordinary Resolution will be two or more Persons holding or representing more than half of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes or, at any adjourned

meeting, two or more Persons being or representing Noteholders whatever the principal amount of the Notes held or represented; **provided, however, that** Reserved Matters may only be sanctioned by an Extraordinary Resolution passed at a meeting of Noteholders at which two or more Persons holding or representing not less than three-quarters or, at any adjourned meeting, one quarter of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes form a quorum. Any Extraordinary Resolution duly passed at any such meeting shall be binding on all the Noteholders and Couponholders, whether present or not and whether or not voting in favour.

Any such meeting of the Noteholders may be convened at a physical location, or such other method (which may include, without limitation, a conference call or video conference) as the Trustee may determine in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed.

In addition, a resolution in writing signed by or on behalf of Noteholders holding or representing not less than 75 per cent. in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes will take effect as if it were an Extraordinary Resolution. Such a resolution in writing may be contained in one document or several documents in the same form, each signed by or on behalf of one or more Noteholders, and shall be binding on all the Noteholders and Couponholders, whether or not signing such written resolution.

- (b) *Modification and waiver:* The Trustee may, without the consent of the Noteholders, agree to any modification of these Conditions, the Agency Agreement, the Notes or the Trust Deed (other than in respect of a Reserved Matter) which is, in the opinion of the Trustee, proper to make if, in the opinion of the Trustee, such modification will not be materially prejudicial to the interests of Noteholders and to any modification of these Conditions, the Agency Agreement, the Notes or the Trust Deed which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is to correct a manifest error.

In addition, the Trustee may, without the consent of the Noteholders, authorise or waive any proposed breach or breach of these Conditions, the Agency Agreement, the Notes or the Trust Deed (other than a proposed breach or breach relating to the subject of a Reserved Matter) if, in the opinion of the Trustee, the interests of the Noteholders will not be materially prejudiced thereby.

In addition, the Issuer may, subject to Condition 7(o) and 7(p), vary or amend these Conditions, the Trust Deed and/or the Agency Agreement to give effect to certain amendments without any requirement for the consent or approval of Noteholders as described in 7(o) and 7(p) and the Trustee shall agree to such variations or amendments on the basis set out in 7(o) and 7(p). Any such authorisation, waiver or modification shall be notified to the Noteholders as soon as practicable thereafter.

Any such authorisation, waiver or modification shall be binding on all Noteholders and Couponholders and notified to the Noteholders as soon as practicable thereafter.

- (c) *Substitution:* The Trust Deed contains provisions under which:
- (i) the Guarantor may, without the consent of the Noteholders, assume the obligations of the Issuer as principal debtor under the Trust Deed and the Notes;
or

- (ii) the Issuer (and any prior substitute therefor) may, without the consent of the Noteholders, be substituted as Issuer in respect of the Notes, provided that the Guarantee of the Notes remains in full force and effect,

provided, in each case, that certain conditions specified in the Trust Deed are fulfilled.

No Noteholder shall, in connection with any substitution, be entitled to claim any indemnification or payment in respect of any tax consequence thereof for such Noteholder, except to the extent provided for in Condition 13 (*Taxation*) (or any undertaking given in addition to or substitution for it pursuant to the provisions of the Trust Deed).

Any such substitution shall be binding on the Noteholders and Couponholders and shall be notified to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 21 within 14 days.

19. **Enforcement**

The Trustee may at any time, at its discretion and without notice, institute such proceedings as it thinks fit to enforce its rights under the Trust Deed in respect of the Notes, but it shall not be bound to do so unless:

- (i) it has been so requested in writing by the Holders of at least one quarter of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes or has been so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution; and
- (ii) it has been indemnified or provided with security to its satisfaction.

No Noteholder may proceed directly against the Issuer or the Guarantor unless the Trustee, having become bound to do so, fails, or is unable, to do so within a reasonable time and such failure or inability is continuing.

20. **Further Issues**

The Issuer may from time to time, without the consent of the Noteholders or the Couponholders and in accordance with the Trust Deed, create and issue further notes having the same terms and conditions as the Notes in all respects (or in all respects except for the first payment of interest) so as to form a single series with the Notes. The Issuer may from time to time with the consent of the Trustee, create and issue other series of notes having the benefit of the Trust Deed.

21. **Notices**

- (a) *Bearer Notes*: Notices to the Holders of Bearer Notes shall be valid if published in a leading English language daily newspaper published in London (which is expected to be the *Financial Times*) and, if the Bearer Notes are admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and it is a requirement of applicable law or regulations, a leading newspaper having general circulation in Luxembourg (which is expected to be *Luxemburger Wort*) or published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (*www.bourse.lu*) or, if such publication is not practicable, in a leading English language daily newspaper having general circulation in Europe. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the date of first publication (or if required to be published in more than one newspaper, on the first date on which publication shall have been made in all

the required newspapers). Couponholders shall be deemed for all purposes to have notice of the contents of any notice given to the Holders of Bearer Notes.

- (b) *Registered Notes:* Notices to the Holders of Registered Notes shall be sent to them by first class mail (or its equivalent) or (if posted to an overseas address) by airmail at their respective addresses on the Register and, if the Registered Notes are admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and it is a requirement of applicable law or regulations, notices to Noteholders will be published on the date of such mailing in a leading newspaper having general circulation in Luxembourg (which is expected to be *Luxemburger Wort*) or published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (*www.bourse.lu*) or, if such publication is not practicable, in a leading English language daily newspaper having general circulation in Europe. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the second day after the date of mailing.

22. **Rounding**

For the purposes of any calculations referred to in these Conditions (unless otherwise specified in these Conditions or the relevant Final Terms), (a) all percentages resulting from such calculations will be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point (with 0.000005 per cent. being rounded up to 0.00001 per cent.), (b) all United States dollar amounts used in or resulting from such calculations will be rounded to the nearest cent (with one half cent being rounded up), (c) all Japanese Yen amounts used in or resulting from such calculations will be rounded downwards to the next lower whole Japanese Yen amount, and (d) all amounts denominated in any other currency used in or resulting from such calculations will be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in such currency, with 0.005 being rounded upwards.

23. **Governing Law and Jurisdiction**

- (a) *Governing law:* The Notes, the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement and any non-contractual obligations arising out of, or in connection with them, are governed by English law.
- (b) *English courts:* Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor agrees that the courts of England have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute (a "**Dispute**") arising out of or in connection with the Notes (including any non-contractual obligation arising out of or in connection with the Notes).
- (c) *Appropriate forum:* Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor agrees that the courts of England are the most appropriate and convenient courts to settle any Dispute and, accordingly, that it will not argue to the contrary.
- (d) *Service of process:* Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor agrees that the documents which start any Proceedings and any other documents required to be served in relation to those Proceedings may be served on it by being delivered to SGS United Kingdom Limited at Inward Way, Rossmore Business Park, Ellesmere Port, CH65 3EN, United Kingdom, or to such other person with an address in England or Wales and/or at such other address in England or Wales as the Issuer or Guarantor may specify by notice in writing to the Noteholders. Nothing in this paragraph shall affect the right of any

Noteholder to serve process in any other manner permitted by law. This Condition applies to Proceedings in England and to Proceedings elsewhere.

- (e) *Rights of the Trustee or the Noteholders to take proceedings outside England:* Notwithstanding Condition 23(b) (*English courts*), the Trustee or any Noteholder may take proceedings relating to a Dispute ("**Proceedings**") in any other courts with jurisdiction. To the extent allowed by law, the Trustee or the Noteholders may take concurrent Proceedings in any number of jurisdictions.

SCHEDULE 2

PART A FORM OF TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE

[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.]¹

SGS NEDERLAND HOLDING B.V.
(incorporated in The Netherlands)

EUR 1,000,000,000
Euro Medium Term Note Programme

guaranteed by

SGS S.A.
(incorporated in Switzerland)

TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Notes

This Temporary Global Note is issued in respect of the notes (the "**Notes**") of SGS Nederland Holding B.V. (the "**Issuer**") described in the final terms or pricing supplement (the "**Final Terms**") a copy of which is annexed hereto.

The Notes:

- 1.1.1 *Trust Deed*: are subject to, and have the benefit of, a trust deed dated 7 April 2021 (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "**Trust Deed**") made between the Issuer, SGS S.A. (the "**Guarantor**") and Citicorp Trustee Company Limited as trustee (the "**Trustee**", which expression includes all persons for the time being appointed trustee or trustees under the Trust Deed); and
- 1.1.2 *Agency Agreement*: are the subject of an agency agreement dated 7 April 2021 (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "**Agency Agreement**") made between the Issuer, the Guarantor, Citibank, N.A., London Branch as principal paying agent (the "**Principal Paying Agent**", which expression includes any successor principal paying agent appointed from time to time in connection with the Notes), the other agents named therein (together with the Principal Paying Agent, the "**Agents**", which expression includes any successor

¹ Legend to appear on every Note with a maturity of more than one year.

or additional agents appointed from time to time in connection with the Notes) and the Trustee.

1.2 Construction

All references in this Temporary Global Note to an agreement, instrument or other document (including the Agency Agreement and the Trust Deed) shall be construed as a reference to that agreement, instrument or other document as the same may be amended, supplemented, replaced or novated from time to time *provided that*, in the case of any amendment, supplement, replacement or novation made after the date hereof, it is made in accordance with the Conditions. Headings and sub-headings are for ease of reference only and shall not affect the construction of this Temporary Global Note.

1.3 References to Conditions

Any reference herein to the "**Conditions**" is to the Conditions of the Notes as defined in the Trust Deed, as supplemented, amended and/or replaced by the Final Terms, and any reference to a numbered "**Condition**" is to the correspondingly numbered provision thereof. Words and expressions defined in the Conditions shall have the same meanings when used in this Temporary Global Note.

2. PROMISE TO PAY

2.1 Pay to bearer

The Issuer, for value received, promises to pay to the bearer of this Temporary Global Note, in respect of each Note represented by this Temporary Global Note, the amount payable in respect of each such Note on the Maturity Date or on such earlier date or dates as the same may become payable in accordance with the Conditions (or to pay such other amounts of principal on such dates as may be specified in the Final Terms), and (if the Notes bear interest) to pay interest on each such Note on the dates and in the manner specified in the Conditions, together with any additional amounts payable in accordance with the Conditions, all subject to and in accordance with the Conditions; *provided, however, that* such interest shall be payable only:

- 2.1.1 *Before the Exchange Date*: in the case of interest falling due before the Exchange Date (as defined below), to the extent that a certificate or certificates issued by Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ("**Euroclear**") and/or Clearstream Banking SA/NV ("**Clearstream, Luxembourg**", together with Euroclear, the international central securities depositaries or "**ICSDs**") and/or any other relevant clearing system dated not earlier than the date on which such interest falls due and in substantially the form set out in Schedule 3 (*Form of Euroclear/Clearstream, Luxembourg Certification*) hereto is/are delivered to the Specified Office of the Principal Paying Agent; or
- 2.1.2 *Failure to exchange*: in the case of interest falling due at any time, to the extent that the Issuer has failed to procure the exchange for a permanent global note of that portion of this Temporary Global Note in respect of which such interest has accrued.

2.2 **NGN Principal Amount**

If the Final Terms specify that the New Global Note form is applicable, this Temporary Global Note shall be a "**New Global Note**" or "**NGN**" and the principal amount of Notes represented by this Temporary Global Note shall be the aggregate amount from time to time entered in the records of both ICSDs. The records of the ICSDs (which expression in this Temporary Global Note means the records that each ICSD holds for its customers which reflect the amount of such customers' interests in the Notes (but excluding any interest in any Notes of one ICSD shown in the records of another ICSD)) shall be conclusive evidence of the principal amount of Notes represented by this Temporary Global Note and, for these purposes, a statement issued by an ICSD (which statement shall be made available to the bearer upon request) stating the principal amount of Notes represented by this Temporary Global Note at any time shall be conclusive evidence of the records of the ICSD at that time.

2.3 **CGN Principal Amount**

If the Final Terms specify that the New Global Note form is not applicable, this Temporary Global Note shall be a "**Classic Global Note**" or "**CGN**" and the principal amount of Notes represented by this Temporary Global Note shall be the amount stated in the Final Terms or, if lower, the principal amount most recently entered by or on behalf of the Issuer in the relevant column in Schedule 1 (*Payments, Exchange and Cancellation of Notes*).

3. **NEGOTIABILITY**

This Temporary Global Note is negotiable and, accordingly, title to this Temporary Global Note shall pass by delivery.

4. **EXCHANGE**

4.1 **Permanent Global Note**

If the Final Terms specify the form of Notes as being "Temporary Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note", then on or after the day following the expiry of 40 days after the date of issue of this Temporary Global Note (the "**Exchange Date**"), the Issuer shall procure (in the case of first exchange) the delivery of a Permanent Global Note (which expression has the meaning given in the Trust Deed) in accordance with the Agency Agreement to the bearer of this Temporary Global Note or (in the case of any subsequent exchange) an increase in the principal amount of the Permanent Global Note in accordance with its terms against:

4.1.1 *Presentation and surrender*: presentation and (in the case of final exchange) presentation and surrender of this Temporary Global Note to or to the order of the Principal Paying Agent; and

4.1.2 *Certification*: receipt by the Principal Paying Agent of a certificate or certificates issued by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system dated not earlier than the Exchange Date and in substantially the form set out in Schedule 3 (*Form of Euroclear/Clearstream, Luxembourg Certification*) hereto.

The principal amount of Notes represented by the Permanent Global Note shall be equal to the aggregate of the principal amounts specified in the certificates issued by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system and received by the Principal Paying Agent; *provided, however, that* in no circumstances shall the principal amount of Notes represented by the Permanent Global Note exceed the initial principal amount of Notes represented by this Temporary Global Note.

4.2 **Definitive Notes; Not D Rules**

If the Final Terms specify the form of Notes as being "Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes" and also specify that the C Rules are applicable or that neither the C Rules or the D Rules are applicable, then on or after the day following the expiry of 40 days after the date of issue of this Temporary Global Note (the "**Exchange Date**"), the Issuer shall procure the delivery of Definitive Notes (which expression has the meaning given in the Trust Deed) in accordance with the Agency Agreement with Coupons and Talons (if so specified in the Final Terms) attached and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of Notes represented by this Temporary Global Note to the bearer of this Temporary Global Note against presentation and surrender of this Temporary Global Note to or to the order of the Principal Paying Agent.

4.3 **Definitive Notes; D Rules**

If the Final Terms specify the form of Notes as being "Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes" and also specifies that the D Rules are applicable, then on or after the day following the expiry of 40 days after the date of issue of this Global Note (the "**Exchange Date**"), the Issuer shall procure the delivery of Definitive Notes (which expression has the meaning given in the Trust Deed) in accordance with the Agency Agreement with Coupons and Talons (if so specified in the Final Terms) attached against:

- 4.3.1 *Presentation and surrender:* presentation and (in the case of final exchange) surrender of this Temporary Global Note to or to the order of the Principal Paying Agent; and
- 4.3.2 *Certification:* receipt by the Principal Paying Agent of a certificate or certificates issued by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system dated not earlier than the Exchange Date and in substantially the form set out in Schedule 3 (*Form of Euroclear/Clearstream, Luxembourg Certification*) hereto.

The Definitive Notes so delivered from time to time shall be in an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate of the principal amounts specified in the certificates issued by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system and received by the Principal Paying Agent; *provided, however, that* in no circumstances shall the aggregate principal amount of Definitive Notes so delivered exceed the initial principal amount of Notes represented by this Temporary Global Note.

5. DELIVERY OF PERMANENT GLOBAL NOTE OR DEFINITIVE NOTES

5.1 Permanent Global Note

Whenever any interest in this Temporary Global Note is to be exchanged for an interest in a Permanent Global Note, the Issuer shall procure (in the case of first exchange) the prompt delivery (free of charge to the bearer) of such Permanent Global Note, duly authenticated, to the bearer of this Temporary Global Note or (in the case of any subsequent exchange) an increase in the principal amount of Notes represented by such Permanent Global Note in accordance with its terms, in each case in an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate of the principal amounts specified in the certificates issued by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system and received by the Principal Paying Agent against presentation and (in the case of final exchange) surrender of this Temporary Global Note to or to the order of the Principal Paying Agent within 7 days of the bearer requesting such exchange.

5.2 Definitive Notes

Whenever this Temporary Global Note is to be exchanged for Definitive Notes, the Issuer shall procure the prompt delivery (free of charge to the bearer) of such Definitive Notes, duly authenticated and with Coupons and Talons attached (if so specified in the Final Terms), in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of Notes represented by this Temporary Global Note to the bearer of this Temporary Global Note against the surrender of this Temporary Global Note to or to the order of the Principal Paying Agent within 30 days of the bearer requesting such exchange.

6. WRITING DOWN

On each occasion on which:

- 6.1 *Permanent Global Note*: the Permanent Global Note is delivered or the principal amount of Notes represented thereby is increased in accordance with its terms in exchange for a further portion of this Temporary Global Note; or
- 6.2 *Definitive Notes*: Definitive Notes are delivered in exchange for this Temporary Global Note; or
- 6.3 *Cancellation*: Notes represented by this Temporary Global Note are to be cancelled in accordance with Condition 9(k) (*Redemption and Purchase - Cancellation*),

the Issuer shall procure that:

- (a) if the Final Terms specify that the New Global Note form is not applicable, (i) the principal amount of Notes represented by the Permanent Global Note, the principal amount of such increase or (as the case may be) the aggregate principal amount of such Notes and (ii) the remaining principal amount of Notes represented by this Temporary Global Note (which shall be the previous principal amount of Notes represented by this Temporary Global Note *less* the aggregate of the amounts referred to in (i)) are entered in Schedule 1 (*Payments, Exchange and Cancellation of Notes*) hereto, whereupon the principal amount

of Notes represented by this Temporary Global Note shall for all purposes be as most recently so entered; and

- (b) if the Final Terms specify that the New Global Note form is applicable, details of the exchange or cancellation shall be entered pro rata in the records of the ICSDs.

7. PAYMENTS

7.1 Recording of Payments

Upon any payment being made in respect of the Notes represented by this Temporary Global Note, the Issuer shall procure that:

7.1.1 *CGN*: if the Final Terms specify that the New Global Note form is not applicable, details of such payment shall be entered in Schedule 1 (*Payments, Exchange and Cancellation of Notes*) hereto and, in the case of any payment of principal, the principal amount of the Notes represented by this Temporary Global Note shall be reduced by the principal amount so paid; and

7.1.2 *NGN*: if the Final Terms specify that the New Global Note form is applicable, details of such payment shall be entered pro rata in the records of the ICSDs and, in the case of any payment of principal, the principal amount of the Notes entered in the records of ICSDs and represented by this Temporary Global Note shall be reduced by the principal amount so paid.

7.2 Discharge of Issuer's and Guarantor's obligations

Payments due in respect of Notes for the time being represented by this Temporary Global Note shall be made to or to the order of the bearer of this Temporary Global Note and each payment so made will discharge the Issuer's and the Guarantor's obligations in respect thereof. Any failure to make the entries referred to above shall not affect such discharge. Accountholders in Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and any other relevant clearing system must look to such clearing system for their share of each such payment so made, and shall have no recourse to the Issuer or the Guarantor in respect thereof.

7.3 Payment Business Day

If the currency of any payment made in respect of Notes represented by this Temporary Global Note is euro, the applicable Payment Business Day shall be any day which is a TARGET Settlement Day and a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre; or, if the currency of any payment made in respect of the Notes represented by this Temporary Global Note is not euro, the applicable Payment Business Day shall be any day which is a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in the Principal Financial Centre of the currency of payment and in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre.

8. CONDITIONS APPLY

Until this Temporary Global Note has been exchanged as provided herein or cancelled in accordance with the Agency Agreement, the bearer of this Temporary Global Note

shall be subject to the Conditions and, subject as otherwise provided herein, shall be entitled to the same rights and benefits under the Conditions as if the bearer were the Holder of Definitive Notes and any related Coupons and Talons in the smallest Specified Denomination and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Notes represented by this Temporary Global Note.

9. **NOTICES**

Notwithstanding Condition 21 (*Notices*), while all the Notes are represented by this Temporary Global Note (or by this Temporary Global Note and the Permanent Global Note) and this Temporary Global Note is (or this Temporary Global Note and the Permanent Global Note are) deposited with a depository or a common depository for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system or a Common Safekeeper (which expression has the meaning given in the Trust Deed), notices to Noteholders may be given by delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system and, in any case, such notices shall be deemed to have been given to the Noteholders in accordance with the Condition 21 (*Notices*) on the date of delivery to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system, except that, for so long as such Notes are admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and it is a requirement of applicable law or regulations, such notices shall also be published in a leading newspaper having general circulation in Luxembourg (which is expected to be *Luxemburger Wort*) or published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu).

10. **AUTHENTICATION**

This Temporary Global Note shall not be valid for any purpose until it has been authenticated for and on behalf of Citibank, N.A., London Branch as principal paying agent.

11. **EFFECTUATION**

If the Final Terms specify that the New Global Note form is applicable, this Temporary Global Note shall not be valid for any purpose until it has been effectuated for and on behalf of the entity appointed as common safekeeper by the ICSDs.

12. **GOVERNING LAW**

This Temporary Global Note and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it are governed by English law.

AS WITNESS the signature of a duly authorised person for and on behalf of the Issuer.

SGS NEDERLAND HOLDING B.V.

By:
(*duly authorised*)

ISSUED on the Issue Date

AUTHENTICATED for and on behalf of
CITIBANK, N.A., LONDON BRANCH as principal paying agent without
recourse, warranty or liability

By:
(*duly authorised*)

EFFECTUATED for and on behalf of

.....
as common safekeeper without
recourse, warranty or liability

By:
(*duly authorised*)

Schedule 1
Payments, Exchange and Cancellation of Notes

Date of payment, delivery or cancellation	Amount of interest then paid	Principal amount of Permanent Global Note then delivered or by which Permanent Global Note then increased or aggregate principal amount of Definitive Notes then delivered	Aggregate principal amount of Notes then cancelled	Remaining principal amount of this Temporary Global Note	Authorised Signature

Schedule 2
Form of Accountholder's Certification

SGS NEDERLAND HOLDING B.V.
(incorporated in The Netherlands)

[*currency*][*amount*]
[*title of Notes*]
guaranteed by

SGS S.A.
(incorporated in Switzerland)

This is to certify that as of the date hereof, and except as set forth below, the above-captioned Securities held by you for our account (a) are owned by persons that are not citizens or residents of the United States, domestic partnerships, domestic corporations or any estate or trust the income of which is subject to United States Federal income taxation regardless of its source ("**United States persons**"), (b) are owned by United States person(s) that (i) are foreign branches of a United States financial institution (as defined in U.S. Treasury Regulations Section 1.165-12(c)(1)(iv)) ("**financial institutions**") purchasing for their own account or for resale, or (b) acquired the Securities through foreign branches of United States financial institutions and who hold the Securities through such United States financial institutions on the date hereof (and in either case (i) or (ii), each such United States financial institution hereby agrees, on its own behalf or through its agent, that you may advise the issuer or the issuer's agent that it will comply with the requirements of Section 165(j)(3)(A), (B) or (C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations thereunder), or (c) are owned by United States or foreign financial institution(s) for purposes of resale during the restricted period (as defined in U.S. Treasury Regulations Section 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D)(7)), and in addition if the owner of the Securities is a United States or foreign financial institution described in clause (c) (whether or not also described in clause (a) or (b)) this is to further certify that such financial institution has not acquired the Securities for purposes of resale directly or indirectly to a United States person or to a person within the United States or its possessions.

As used herein, "**United States**" means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia); and its "**possessions**" include Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Wake Island and the Northern Mariana Islands.

We undertake to advise you promptly by tested telex on or prior to the date on which you intend to submit your certification relating to the Securities held by you for our account in accordance with your operating procedures if any applicable statement herein is not correct on such date, and in the absence of any such notification it may be assumed that this certification applies as of such date.

This certification excepts and does not relate to [*currency*] [*amount*] of such interest in the above Securities in respect of which we are not able to certify and as to which we understand exchange and delivery of definitive Securities (or, if relevant, exercise of any rights or collection of any interest) cannot be made until we do so certify.

We understand that this certification is required in connection with certain tax laws and, if applicable, certain securities laws of the United States. In connection therewith, if administrative or legal proceedings are commenced or threatened in connection with which

this certification is or would be relevant, we irrevocably authorise you to produce this certification to any interested party in such proceedings.

Dated: []

[*name of account holder*]
as, or as agent for,
the beneficial owner(s) of the Securities
to which this certificate relates.

By:
Authorised signatory

Schedule 3
Form of Euroclear/Clearstream, Luxembourg Certification

SGS NEDERLAND HOLDING B.V.
(incorporated in The Netherlands)

[*currency*][*amount*]
[*title of Notes*]
guaranteed by

SGS S.A.
(incorporated in Switzerland)

This is to certify that, based solely on certifications we have received in writing, by tested telex or by electronic transmission from member organisations appearing in our records as persons being entitled to a portion of the principal amount set forth below (our "**Member Organisations**") substantially to the effect set forth in the temporary global note issued in respect of the securities, as of the date hereof, [*currency*] [*amount*] principal amount of the above-captioned Securities (a) is owned by persons that are not citizens or residents of the United States, domestic partnerships, domestic corporations or any estate or trust the income of which is subject to United States Federal income taxation regardless of its source ("**United States persons**"), (b) is owned by United States persons that (i) are foreign branches of United States financial institutions (as defined in U.S. Treasury Regulations Section 1.165-12(c)(1)(iv)) ("**financial institutions**") purchasing for their own account or for resale, or (ii) acquired the Securities through foreign branches of United States financial institutions and who hold the Securities through such United States financial institutions on the date hereof (and in either case (i) or (ii), each such United States financial institution has agreed, on its own behalf or through its agent, that we may advise the Issuer or the Issuer's agent that it will comply with the requirements of Section 165(j)(3)(A), (B) or (C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations thereunder), or (c) is owned by United States or foreign financial institutions for purposes of resale during the restricted period (as defined in U.S. Treasury Regulations Section 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D)(7)), and to the further effect that United States or foreign financial institutions described in clause (c) (whether or not also described in clause (a) or (b)) have certified that they have not acquired the Securities for purposes of resale directly or indirectly to a United States person or to a person within the United States or its possessions.

We further certify (1) that we are not making available herewith for exchange (or, if relevant, exercise of any rights or collection of any interest) any portion of the temporary global security excepted in such certifications and (2) that as of the date hereof we have not received any notification from any of our Member Organisations to the effect that the statements made by such Member Organisations with respect to any portion of the part submitted herewith for exchange (or, if relevant, exercise of any rights or collection of any interest) are no longer true and cannot be relied upon as of the date hereof.

We understand that this certification is required in connection with certain tax laws and, if applicable, certain securities laws of the United States. In connection therewith, if administrative or legal proceedings are commenced or threatened in connection with which this certification is or would be relevant, we irrevocably authorise you to produce this certification to any interested party in such proceedings.

Dated: []

Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V.

or

Clearstream Banking S.A.

By:
Authorised signatory

Schedule 4

Terms and Conditions of the Notes

[TO BE INSERTED]

PART B
FORM OF PERMANENT GLOBAL NOTE

[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.]²

SGS NEDERLAND HOLDING B.V.
(incorporated in The Netherlands)

EUR 1,000,000,000
Euro Medium Term Note Programme

guaranteed by

SGS S.A.
(incorporated in Switzerland)

PERMANENT GLOBAL NOTE

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Notes

This Global Note is issued in respect of the notes (the "**Notes**") of SGS Nederland Holding B.V. (the "**Issuer**") described in the final terms or pricing supplement (the "**Final Terms**") a copy of which is annexed hereto.

The Notes:

- 1.1.1 *Trust Deed*: are subject to, and have the benefit of, a trust deed dated 7 April 2021 (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "**Trust Deed**") made between the Issuer, SGS S.A. (the "**Guarantor**") and Citicorp Trustee Company Limited as trustee (the "**Trustee**", which expression includes all persons for the time being appointed trustee or trustees under the Trust Deed); and
- 1.1.2 *Agency Agreement*: are the subject of an agency agreement dated 7 April 2021 (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "**Agency Agreement**") made between the Issuer, the Guarantor, Citibank, N.A., London Branch as principal paying agent (the "**Principal Paying Agent**", which expression includes any successor principal paying agent appointed from time to time in connection with the Notes), the other agents named therein (together with the Principal Paying Agent, the "**Agents**", which expression includes any successor or additional agents appointed from time to time in connection with the Notes) and the Trustee.

² Legend to appear on every Note with a maturity of more than one year.

1.2 Construction

All references in this Global Note to an agreement, instrument or other document (including the Agency Agreement and the Trust Deed) shall be construed as a reference to that agreement, instrument or other document as the same may be amended, supplemented, replaced or novated from time to time *provided that*, in the case of any amendment, supplement, replacement or novation made after the date hereof, it is made in accordance with the Conditions. Headings and sub-headings are for ease of reference only and shall not affect the construction of this Global Note.

1.3 References to Conditions

Any reference herein to the "**Conditions**" is to the Conditions of the Notes as defined in the Trust Deed, as supplemented, amended and/or replaced by the Final Terms, and any reference to a numbered "**Condition**" is to the correspondingly numbered provision thereof. Words and expressions defined in the Conditions shall have the same meanings when used in this Global Note.

2. PROMISE TO PAY

2.1 Pay to bearer

The Issuer, for value received, promises to pay to the bearer of this Global Note, in respect of each Note represented by this Global Note, the amount payable in respect of the Notes on the Maturity Date or on such earlier date or dates as the same may become payable in accordance with the Conditions (or to pay such other amounts of principal on such dates as may be specified in the Final Terms), and (if the Notes bear interest) to pay interest on each such Note on the dates and in the manner specified in the Conditions, together with any additional amounts payable in accordance with the Conditions, all subject to and in accordance with the Conditions.

2.2 NGN Principal Amount

If the Final Terms specify that the New Global Note form is applicable, this Global Note shall be a "**New Global Note**" or "**NGN**" and the principal amount of Notes represented by this Global Note shall be the aggregate amount from time to time entered in the records of both ICSDs. The records of the ICSDs (which expression in this Global Note means the records that each ICSD holds for its customers which reflect the amount of such customers' interests in the Notes (but excluding any interest in any Notes of one ICSD shown in the records of another ICSD)) shall be conclusive evidence of the principal amount of Notes represented by this Global Note and, for these purposes, a statement issued by an ICSD (which statement shall be made available to the bearer upon request) stating the principal amount of Notes represented by this Global Note at any time shall be conclusive evidence of the records of the ICSD at that time.

2.3 CGN Principal Amount

If the Final Terms specify that the New Global Note form is not applicable, this Global Note shall be a "**Classic Global Note**" or "**CGN**" and the principal amount of Notes represented by this Global Note shall be the amount stated in the Final Terms or, if

lower, the principal amount most recently entered by or on behalf of the Issuer in the relevant column in Schedule 1 (*Payments, Exchange and Cancellation of Notes*).

3. **NEGOTIABILITY**

This Global Note is negotiable and, accordingly, title to this Global Note shall pass by delivery.

4. **EXCHANGE**

This Global Note will become exchangeable, in whole but not in part only and at the request of the bearer of this Global Note, for Definitive Notes (which expression has the meaning given in the Trust Deed) in accordance with the Agency Agreement:

4.1 *Upon notice*: on the expiry of such period of notice as may be specified in the Final Terms; or

4.2 *Upon demand*: at any time, if so specified in the Final Terms; or

4.3 *In limited circumstances*: if the Final Terms specifies "in the limited circumstances described in the Permanent Global Note", then if either of the following events occurs:

4.3.1 *Closure of clearing systems*: Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ("**Euroclear**") and Clearstream Banking S.A. ("**Clearstream, Luxembourg**", together with Euroclear, the international central securities depositories or "**ICSDs**") and each other relevant clearing system is closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of legal holidays) or announces an intention permanently to cease business, without a successor or alternative clearing system being available; or

4.3.2 *Event of Default*: an Event of Default (as defined in Condition 14 (*Events of Default*)) occurs and the Notes become due and payable.

5. **DELIVERY OF DEFINITIVE NOTES**

Whenever this Global Note is to be exchanged for Definitive Notes, the Issuer shall procure the prompt delivery (free of charge to the bearer) of such Definitive Notes, duly authenticated and with Coupons and Talons attached (if so specified in the Final Terms), in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of Notes represented by this Global Note to the bearer of this Global Note against the surrender of this Global Note to or to the order of the Principal Paying Agent within 60 days of the bearer requesting such exchange.

6. **WRITING DOWN**

On each occasion on which:

6.1 *Payment of principal*: a payment of principal is made in respect of this Global Note;

6.2 *Definitive Notes*: Definitive Notes are delivered; or

- 6.3 *Cancellation*: Notes represented by this Global Note are to be cancelled in accordance with Condition 9(k) (*Redemption and Purchase - Cancellation*),

the Issuer shall procure that:

- (a) if the Final Terms specify that the New Global Note form is not applicable, (i) the amount of such payment and the aggregate principal amount of such Notes; and (ii) the remaining principal amount of Notes represented by this Global Note (which shall be the previous principal amount hereof *less* the aggregate of the amounts referred to in (i) above) are entered in Schedule 1 (*Payments, Exchanges against Temporary Global Note, Delivery of Definitive Notes and Cancellation of Notes*) hereto, whereupon the principal amount of Notes represented by this Global Note shall for all purposes be as most recently so entered; and
- (b) if the Final Terms specify that the New Global Note form is applicable, details of the exchange or cancellation shall be entered pro rata in the records of the ICSDs.

7. WRITING UP

7.1 Initial Exchange

If this Global Note was originally issued in exchange for part only of a temporary global note representing the Notes, then all references in this Global Note to the principal amount of Notes represented by this Global Note shall be construed as references to the principal amount of Notes represented by the part of the temporary global note in exchange for which this Global Note was originally issued which the Issuer shall procure:

7.1.1 *CGN*: if the Final Terms specify that the New Global Note form is not applicable, is entered in Schedule 1 (*Payments, Exchanges against Temporary Global Note, Delivery of Definitive Notes and Cancellation of Notes*) hereto, whereupon the principal amount of Notes represented by this Global Note shall for all purposes be as most recently so entered; and

7.1.2 *NGN*: if the Final Terms specify that the New Global Note form is applicable, is entered by the ICSDs in their records.

7.2 Subsequent Exchange

If at any subsequent time any further portion of such temporary global note is exchanged for an interest in this Global Note, the principal amount of Notes represented by this Global Note shall be increased by the amount of such further portion, and the Issuer shall procure that the principal amount of Notes represented by this Global Note (which shall be the previous principal amount of Notes represented by this Global Note *plus* the amount of such further portion) is:

7.2.1 *CGN*: if the Final Terms specify that the New Global Note form is not applicable, entered in Schedule 1 (*Payments, Exchanges against Temporary Global Note, Delivery of Definitive Notes and Cancellation of Notes*) hereto,

whereupon the principal amount of this Global Note shall for all purposes be as most recently so entered; and

7.2.2 *NGN*: if the Final Terms specify that the New Global Note form is applicable, entered by the ICSDs in their records.

8. PAYMENTS

8.1 Recording of Payments

Upon any payment being made in respect of the Notes represented by this Global Note, the Issuer shall procure that:

8.1.1 *CGN*: if the Final Terms specify that the New Global Note form is not applicable, details of such payment shall be entered in Schedule 1 (*Payments, Exchange and Cancellation of Notes*) hereto and, in the case of any payment of principal, the principal amount of the Notes represented by this Global Note shall be reduced by the principal amount so paid; and

8.1.2 *NGN*: if the Final Terms specify that the New Global Note form is applicable, details of such payment shall be entered pro rata in the records of the ICSDs and, in the case of any payment of principal, the principal amount of the Notes entered in the records of ICSDs and represented by this Global Note shall be reduced by the principal amount so paid.

8.2 Discharge of Issuer's and Guarantor's obligations

Payments due in respect of Notes for the time being represented by this Global Note shall be made to or to the order of the bearer of this Global Note and each payment so made will discharge the Issuer's and the Guarantor's obligations in respect thereof. Any failure to make the entries referred to above shall not affect such discharge. Accountholders in Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and any other relevant clearing system must look to such clearing system for their share of each such payment so made, and shall have no recourse to the Issuer or the Guarantor in respect thereof.

8.3 Payment Business Day

If the currency of any payment made in respect of Notes represented by this Global Note is euro, the applicable Payment Business Day shall be any day which is a TARGET Settlement Day and a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre; or, if the currency of any payment made in respect of the Notes represented by this Global Note is not euro, the applicable Payment Business Day shall be any day which is a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in the Principal Financial Centre of the currency of payment and in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre.

9. CONDITIONS APPLY

Until this Global Note has been exchanged as provided herein or cancelled in accordance with the Agency Agreement, the bearer of this Global Note shall be subject to the Conditions and, subject as otherwise provided herein, shall be entitled to the same rights and benefits under the Conditions as if the bearer were the Holder of Definitive

Notes and any related Coupons and Talons in the smallest Specified Denomination and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of Notes represented by this Global Note.

10. **EXERCISE OF PUT OPTION OR CHANGE OF CONTROL PUT OPTION**

In order to exercise the option contained in Condition 9(f) (*Redemption and Purchase - Redemption at the option of Noteholders*) (the "**Put Option**") or Condition 9(g) (*Redemption and Purchase – Change of Control Put Option*) (the "**Change of Control Put Option**") (as applicable), the bearer of this Global Note must, within the period specified in the Conditions for the deposit of the relevant Note and Put Option Notice or Change of Control Put Option Notice (as applicable) (as each such expression is defined in the Agency Agreement), give notice of such exercise to the Principal Paying Agent, in accordance with the rules and procedures of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system, specifying the principal amount of Notes in respect of which the Put Option or Change of Control Put Option (as applicable) is being exercised. Any such notice shall be irrevocable and may not be withdrawn.

11. **EXERCISE OF CALL OPTION**

In connection with an exercise of the option contained in Condition 9(c) (*Redemption and Purchase - Redemption at the option of the Issuer*) in relation to some only of the Notes, this Global Note may be redeemed in part in the principal amount specified by the Issuer in accordance with the Conditions and the Notes to be redeemed will not be selected as provided in the Conditions but in accordance with the rules and procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (to be reflected in the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg as either a pool factor or a reduction in principal amount, at their discretion).

12. **NOTICES**

Notwithstanding Condition 21 (*Notices*), while all the Notes are represented by this Global Note (or by this Global Note and a temporary global note) and this Global Note is (or this Global Note a temporary global note are) deposited with a depositary or a common depositary for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system or a Common Safekeeper (which expression has the meaning given in the Trust Deed), notices to Noteholders may be given by delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system and, in any case, such notices shall be deemed to have been given to the Noteholders in accordance with the Condition 21 (*Notices*) on the date of delivery to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system, except that, for so long as such Notes are admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and it is a requirement of applicable law or regulations, such notices shall also be published in a leading newspaper having general circulation in Luxembourg (which is expected to be *Luxemburger Wort*) or published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu).

13. **AUTHENTICATION**

This Global Note shall not be valid for any purpose until it has been authenticated for and on behalf of Citibank, N.A., London Branch as principal paying agent.

14. **EFFECTUATION**

If the Final Terms specify that the New Global Note form is applicable, this Permanent Global Note shall not be valid for any purpose until it has been effectuated for and on behalf of the entity appointed as common safekeeper by the ICSDs.

15. **GOVERNING LAW**

This Global Note and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it are governed by English law.

AS WITNESS the signature of a duly authorised person for and on behalf of the Issuer.

SGS NEDERLAND HOLDING B.V.

By:
(*duly authorised*)

ISSUED on the Issue Date

AUTHENTICATED for and on behalf of
CITIBANK, N.A., LONDON BRANCH as principal paying agent without
recourse, warranty or liability

By:
(*duly authorised*)

EFFECTUATED for and on behalf of

By:
as common safekeeper without
recourse, warranty or liability

By:
(*duly authorised*)

SCHEDULE 2
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

[TO BE INSERTED]

PART C
FORM OF DEFINITIVE BEARER NOTE

[On the face of the Note:]

[currency][denomination]

[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.]³

SGS NEDERLAND HOLDING B.V.
(incorporated in The Netherlands)

[currency][amount]

[[fixed rate] Guaranteed/Guaranteed Floating Rate] Notes due [maturity]

guaranteed by

SGS S.A.

(incorporated in Switzerland)

This Note is one of a series of notes (the "**Notes**") of SGS Nederland Holding B.V. (the "**Issuer**") described in the final terms or pricing supplement (the "**Final Terms**") a copy of the relevant particulars of which is endorsed on this Note. Any reference herein to the "**Conditions**" is to the Terms and Conditions of the Notes endorsed on this Note, as supplemented, amended and/or replaced by the Final Terms, and any reference to a numbered "**Condition**" is to the correspondingly numbered provision thereof. Words and expressions defined in the Conditions shall have the same meanings when used in this Note.

The Issuer, for value received, promises to pay to the bearer of this Note the amount payable on this Note on the Maturity Date or on such earlier date or dates as the same may become payable in accordance with the Conditions (or to pay such other amounts of principal on such dates as may be specified in the Final Terms), and (if this Note bears interest) to pay interest on this Note on the dates and in the manner specified in the Conditions, together with any additional amounts payable in accordance with the Conditions, all subject to and in accordance with the Conditions.

This Note shall not be valid for any purpose until it has been authenticated for and on behalf of Citibank, N.A., London Branch as principal paying agent.

This Note and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it are governed by English law.

³ Legend to appear on every Note with a maturity of less than one year.

AS WITNESS the signature of a duly authorised person for and on behalf of the Issuer.

SGS NEDERLAND HOLDING B.V.

By:
(*duly authorised*)

ISSUED on the Issue Date

AUTHENTICATED for and on behalf of
CITIBANK, N.A., LONDON BRANCH as principal paying agent without
recourse, warranty or liability

By:
(*duly authorised*)

[On the reverse of the Note:]

FINAL TERMS

The following is a copy of the relevant particulars of the Final Terms.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

[As set out in the Base Prospectus]

[At the foot of the Terms and Conditions:]

PRINCIPAL PAYING AGENT

Citibank, N.A., London Branch

Agency and Trust
Citigroup Centre
Canada Square
Canary Wharf
London E14 5LB

PAYING AGENT

Citibank, N.A., London Branch

Agency and Trust
Citigroup Centre
Canada Square
Canary Wharf
London E14 5LB

PART D
FORM OF COUPON

[On the face of the Coupon:]

[For Fixed Rate Notes]

SGS NEDERLAND HOLDING B.V.

[currency][amount] [fixed rate] Guaranteed Notes due [maturity]

Coupon for [currency][amount of interest payment] due on [interest payment date].

Such amount is payable, subject to the terms and conditions (the "**Conditions**") endorsed on the Note to which this Coupon relates (which are binding on the holder of this Coupon whether or not it is for the time being attached to such Note), against presentation and surrender of this Coupon at the specified office for the time being of any of the agents shown on the reverse of this Coupon (or any successor or additional agents appointed from time to time in accordance with the Conditions).

[For Floating Rate Notes]

SGS NEDERLAND HOLDING B.V.

[currency][amount] Guaranteed Floating Rate Notes due [maturity]

This Coupon relates to a Note in the denomination of [currency] [amount].

Coupon for the amount of interest due on the Interest Payment Date falling in [month and year].

Such amount is payable, subject to the terms and conditions (the "**Conditions**") endorsed on the Note to which this Coupon relates (which are binding on the holder of this Coupon whether or not it is for the time being attached to such Note), against presentation and surrender of this Coupon at the specified office for the time being of any of the agents shown on the reverse of this Coupon (or any successor or additional agents appointed from time to time in accordance with the Conditions).

The Note to which this Coupon relates may, in certain circumstances specified in the Conditions, fall due for redemption before the maturity date of this Coupon. In such event, this Coupon shall become void and no payment will be made in respect hereof.

[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.]⁴

⁴ Legend to appear on every Coupon with a maturity of more than one year.

[On the reverse of the Coupon:]

Principal Paying Agent: Citibank, N.A., London Branch (Agency and Trust, Citigroup Centre, Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5LB)

Paying Agent: Citibank, N.A., London Branch (Agency and Trust, Citigroup Centre, Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5LB)

PART E
FORM OF TALON

[On the face of the Talon:]

SGS NEDERLAND HOLDING B.V.

[currency][amount] [[fixed rate] Guaranteed / Guaranteed Floating Rate] Notes due [maturity]

Talon for further Coupons.

On or after the maturity date of the final Coupon which is (or was at the time of issue) part of the Coupon Sheet to which this Talon is (or was at the time of issue) attached, this Talon may be exchanged at the specified office for the time being of the principal paying agent shown on the reverse of this Talon (or any successor principal paying agent appointed from time to time in accordance with the terms and conditions (the "**Conditions**") of the Notes to which this Talon relates) for a further Coupon Sheet (including a further Talon but excluding any Coupons in respect of which claims have already become void pursuant to the Conditions).

The Note to which this Talon relates may, in certain circumstances specified in the Conditions, fall due for redemption before the maturity date of such final Coupon. In such event, this Talon shall become void and no Coupon will be delivered in respect hereof.

[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.]⁵

[On the reverse of the Talon:]

Principal Paying Agent: Citibank, N.A., London Branch (Agency and Trust, Citigroup Centre, Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5LB)

⁵ Legend to appear on every Talon with a maturity of more than one year.

SCHEDULE 3

PART A FORM OF GLOBAL REGISTERED NOTE

SGS NEDERLAND HOLDING B.V.
(incorporated in The Netherlands)

EUR 1,000,000,000
Euro Medium Term Note Programme

guaranteed by

SGS S.A.
(incorporated in Switzerland)

GLOBAL REGISTERED NOTE

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Notes

This Global Registered Note is issued in respect of the notes (the "**Notes**") of SGS Nederland Holding B.V. (the "**Issuer**") described in the final terms or pricing supplement (the "**Final Terms**") a copy of which is annexed hereto.

The Notes:

1.1.1 *Trust Deed*: are subject to, and have the benefit of, a trust deed dated 7 April 2021 (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "**Trust Deed**") made between the Issuer, SGS S.A. (the "**Guarantor**") and Citicorp Trustee Company Limited as trustee (the "**Trustee**", which expression includes all persons for the time being appointed trustee or trustees under the Trust Deed); and

1.1.2 *Agency Agreement*: are the subject of an agency agreement dated 7 April 2021 (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "**Agency Agreement**") made between the Issuer, the Guarantor, Citigroup Global Markets Europe AG as registrar (the "**Registrar**", which expression includes any successor registrar appointed from time to time in connection with the Notes), the Trustee, Citibank, N.A., London Branch as principal paying agent and the other agents named therein.

1.2 Construction

All references in this Global Registered Note to an agreement, instrument or other document (including the Agency Agreement and the Trust Deed) shall be construed as a reference to that agreement, instrument or other document as the same may be amended, supplemented, replaced or novated from time to time *provided that*, in the case of any amendment, supplement, replacement or novation made after the date hereof, it is made in accordance with the Conditions. Headings and sub-headings are

for ease of reference only and shall not affect the construction of this Global Registered Note.

1.3 **References to Conditions**

Any reference herein to the "**Conditions**" is to the Conditions of the Notes as defined in the Trust Deed, as supplemented, amended and/or replaced by the Final Terms, and any reference to a numbered "**Condition**" is to the correspondingly numbered provision thereof. Words and expressions defined in the Conditions shall have the same meanings when used in this Global Registered Note.

2. **REGISTERED HOLDER**

OPTION 1 (WHERE THE CERTIFICATE IS NOT TO BE HELD UNDER THE NEW SAFEKEEPING STRUCTURE (NSS))

This is to certify that:

[Insert name of Common Depositary or, if applicable, its nominee]

is the person registered in the register maintained by the Registrar in relation to the Notes (the "**Register**") as the duly registered holder (the "**Holder**") of an aggregate principal amount of Notes equal to the Aggregate Nominal Amount specified in the Final Terms or (if the Aggregate Nominal Amount in respect of the Series specified in the Final Terms is different from the Aggregate Nominal Amount in respect of the Tranche specified in the Final Terms) the Aggregate Nominal Amount in respect of the Tranche specified in the Final Terms.

OPTION 2 (WHERE THE CERTIFICATE IS TO BE HELD UNDER THE NEW SAFEKEEPING STRUCTURE (NSS))

This certifies that the person whose name is entered in the register maintained by the Registrar in relation to the Notes (the "**Register**") is the duly registered holder (the "**Holder**") of the aggregate principal amount equal to the Aggregate Nominal Amount specified in the Final Terms or (if the Aggregate Nominal Amount in respect of the Series specified in the Final Terms is different from the Aggregate Nominal Amount in respect of the Tranche specified in the Final Terms) the Aggregate Nominal Amount in respect of the Tranche specified in the Final Terms.

END OF OPTION]

3. **PROMISE TO PAY**

The Issuer, for value received, promises to pay to the Holder, in respect of each Note represented by this Global Registered Note, the amount payable in respect of the Notes on the Maturity Date or on such earlier date or dates as the same may become payable in accordance with the Conditions (or to pay such other amounts of principal on such dates as may be specified in the Final Terms), and (if the Notes bear interest) to pay interest on each such Note on the dates and in the manner specified in the Conditions, together with any additional amounts payable in accordance with the Conditions, all subject to and in accordance with the Conditions.

4. **PAYMENT CONDITIONS**

- 4.1 *Payment Business Day*: If the currency of any payment made in respect of Notes represented by this Global Registered Note is euro, the applicable Payment Business Day shall be any day which is a TARGET Settlement Day and a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre; or, if the currency of any payment made in respect of Notes represented by this Global Registered Note is not euro, the applicable Payment Business Day shall be any day which is a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in the Principal Financial Centre of the currency of payment and in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre.
- 4.2 *Payment Record Date*: Each payment made in respect of this Global Registered Note will be made to the person shown as the Holder in the Register at the close of business (in the relevant clearing system) on the Clearing System Business Day before the due date for such payment (the "**Record Date**") where "**Clearing System Business Day**" means a day on which each clearing system for which this Global Registered Note is being held is open for business.
- 4.3 *Discharge of Issuer's and Guarantor's obligations*: Payments due in respect of Notes for the time being represented by this Global Registered Note shall be made to or to the order of the Holder and each payment so made will discharge the Issuer's and the Guarantor's obligations in respect thereof. Accountholders in Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and any other relevant clearing system must look to such clearing system for their share of each such payment so made, and shall have no recourse to the Issuer or the Guarantor in respect thereof.

5. **EXCHANGE FOR INDIVIDUAL NOTE CERTIFICATES**

This Global Registered Note will be exchanged in whole (but not in part) for duly authenticated and completed Individual Note Certificates (which expression has the meaning given in the Trust Deed) in accordance with the Agency Agreement:

- 5.1 *Upon notice*: on the expiry of such period of notice as may be specified in the Final Terms; or
- 5.2 *Upon demand*: at any time, if so specified in the Final Terms; or
- 5.3 *In limited circumstances*: if the Final Terms specifies "in the limited circumstances described in the Global Registered Note", then if either of the following events occurs:
- 5.3.1 *Closure of clearing systems*: Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ("**Euroclear**") and Clearstream Banking S.A. ("**Clearstream, Luxembourg**") and each other relevant clearing system is closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of legal holidays) or announces an intention permanently to cease business, without a successor or alternative clearing system being available; or
- 5.3.2 *Event of Default*: an Event of Default (as defined in Condition 14 (*Events of Default*)) occurs and the Notes become due and payable.

6. DELIVERY OF INDIVIDUAL NOTE CERTIFICATES

Whenever this Global Registered Note is to be exchanged for Individual Note Certificates, such Individual Note Certificates shall be issued in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of this Global Registered Note within fifteen business days of the delivery, by or on behalf of the Holder, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, to the Registrar of such information as is required to complete and deliver such Individual Note Certificates (including, without limitation, the names and addresses of the persons in whose names the Individual Note Certificates are to be registered and the principal amount of each such person's holding) against the surrender of this Global Registered Note at the Specified Office of the Registrar. Such exchange shall be effected in accordance with the provisions of the Agency Agreement and the regulations concerning the transfer and registration of Notes scheduled thereto and, in particular, shall be effected without charge to any Holder or the Trustee, but against such indemnity as the Registrar may require in respect of any tax or other duty of whatsoever nature which may be levied or imposed in connection with such exchange. In this paragraph, "business day" means a day on which commercial banks are open for business (including dealings in foreign currencies) in the city in which the Registrar has its Specified Office.

7. CONDITIONS APPLY

Save as otherwise provided herein, the Holder of this Global Registered Note shall have the benefit of, and be subject to, the Conditions and, for the purposes of this Global Registered Note, any reference in the Conditions to "**Note Certificate**" or "**Note Certificates**" shall, except where the context otherwise requires, be construed so as to include this Global Registered Note.

8. EXERCISE OF PUT OPTION OR CHANGE OF CONTROL PUT OPTION

In order to exercise the option contained in Condition 9(f) (*Redemption and Purchase - Redemption at the option of Noteholders*) (the "**Put Option**") or Condition 9(g) (*Redemption and Purchase – Change of Control Put Option*) (the "**Change of Control Put Option**") (as applicable), the Holder must, within the period specified in the Conditions for the deposit of the relevant Note Certificate and Put Option Notice or Change of Control Put Option Notice (as applicable) (as each such expression is defined in the Agency Agreement), give written notice of such exercise to the Principal Paying Agent, in accordance with the rules and procedures of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system, specifying the principal amount of Notes in respect of which the Put Option or Change of Control Put Option (as applicable) is being exercised. Any such notice shall be irrevocable and may not be withdrawn.

9. EXERCISE OF CALL OPTION

In connection with an exercise of the option contained in Condition 9(c) (*Redemption and Purchase - Redemption at the option of the Issuer*) in relation to some only of the Notes, the Notes represented by this Global Registered Note may be redeemed in part in the principal amount specified by the Issuer in accordance with the Conditions and the Notes to be redeemed will not be selected as provided in the Conditions.

10. **NOTICES**

Notwithstanding Condition 21 (*Notices*), so long as this Global Registered Note is held on behalf of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other clearing system (an "**Alternative Clearing System**"), notices to Holders of Notes represented by this Global Registered Note may be given by delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or (as the case may be) such Alternative Clearing System, and such notice shall be deemed to have been given in accordance with Condition 21 (*Notices*) on the date of delivery of the same to Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or (as the case may be) such Alternative Clearing System; except that, for so long as such Notes are admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and it is a requirement of applicable law or regulations, such notices shall also be published in a leading newspaper having general circulation in Luxembourg (which is expected to be *Luxemburger Wort*) or published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu).

11. **DETERMINATION OF ENTITLEMENT**

This Global Registered Note is evidence of entitlement only and is not a document of title. Entitlements are determined by the Register and only the Holder is entitled to payment in respect of this Global Registered Note.

12. **AUTHENTICATION**

This Global Registered Note shall not be valid for any purpose until it has been authenticated for and on behalf of Citigroup Global Markets Europe AG as registrar.

13. **EFFECTUATION**

This Global Registered Note shall not be valid for any purpose until it has been effectuated for or on behalf of the entity appointed as common safekeeper by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg.

14. **GOVERNING LAW**

This Global Registered Note and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it are governed by English law.

AS WITNESS the signature of a duly authorised person for and on behalf of the Issuer.

SGS NEDERLAND HOLDING B.V.

By:
(*duly authorised*)

ISSUED on [*issue date*]

**AUTHENTICATED for and on behalf of
CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS EUROPE AG**
as registrar without recourse, warranty
or liability

By:
(*duly authorised*)

**[EFFECTUATION OPTION (INCLUDE WHERE CERTIFICATE IS TO BE HELD
UNDER NEW SAFEKEEPING STRUCTURE (NSS))**

**[EFFECTUATED for and on behalf of
[COMMON SAFEKEEPER]** as common safekeeper
without recourse, warranty or liability

By:
(*duly authorised*)

END OF OPTION]

FORM OF TRANSFER

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, being the registered holder of this Global Registered Note, hereby transfers to.....
.....
of.....
.....
....., [currency] in principal amount of the Notes and irrevocably requests and authorises Citigroup Global Markets Europe AG, in its capacity as registrar in relation to the Notes (or any successor to Citigroup Global Markets Europe AG, in its capacity as such) to effect the relevant transfer by means of appropriate entries in the register kept by it.

Dated:

By:
(duly authorised)

Notes

The name of the person by or on whose behalf this form of transfer is signed must correspond with the name of the registered holder as it appears on the face of this Global Registered Note.

- (a) A representative of such registered holder should state the capacity in which such representative signs, e.g. executor.
- (b) The signature of the person effecting a transfer shall conform to any list of duly authorised specimen signatures supplied by the registered holder or be certified by a recognised bank, notary public or in such other manner as the Registrar may require.
- (c) Any transfer of Notes shall be in an amount equal to a Specified Denomination.

SCHEDULE 1
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES
[TO BE INSERTED]

PART B
FORM OF INDIVIDUAL NOTE CERTIFICATE

Serial Number:

SGS NEDERLAND HOLDING B.V.
(incorporated in The Netherlands)

[*currency*][*amount*]
[[*fixed rate*]**Guaranteed / Guaranteed Floating Rate**] Notes due [*maturity*]

guaranteed by

SGS S.A.
(incorporated in Switzerland)

This Note Certificate is issued in respect of a series of notes (the "**Notes**") of SGS Nederland Holding B.V. (the "**Issuer**") described in the final terms or pricing supplement (the "**Final Terms**") a copy of the relevant particulars of which is endorsed on this Note. Any reference herein to the "**Conditions**" is to the Terms and Conditions of the Notes endorsed on this Note, as supplemented, amended and/or replaced by the Final Terms, and any reference to a numbered "**Condition**" is to the correspondingly numbered provision thereof. Words and expressions defined in the Conditions shall have the same meanings when used in this Note.

This is to certify that:

.....
of
.....

is the person registered in the register maintained by the Registrar in relation to the Notes (the "**Register**") as the duly registered holder or, if more than one person is so registered, the first-named of such persons (the "**Holder**") of:

[*currency*].....
(..... [**CURRENCY IN WORDS**])

in aggregate principal amount of the Notes.

The Issuer, for value received, hereby promises to pay the amount payable in respect of the above Notes to the Holder on Maturity Date or on such earlier date or dates as the same may become payable in accordance with the Conditions (or to pay such other amounts of principal on such dates as may be specified in the Final Terms), and (if the Notes bear interest) to pay interest on this Note on the dates and in the manner specified in the Conditions, together with any additional amounts payable in accordance with the Conditions, all subject to and in accordance with the Conditions.

This Note Certificate is evidence of entitlement only and is not a document of title. Entitlements are determined by the Register and only the Holder is entitled to payment in respect of this Note Certificate.

This Note Certificate shall not be valid for any purpose until it has been authenticated for and on behalf of Citigroup Global Markets Europe AG as registrar.

This Note and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it are governed by English law.

AS WITNESS the signature of a duly authorised person for and on behalf of the Issuer.

SGS NEDERLAND HOLDING B.V.

By:
(*duly authorised*)

ISSUED as of [*issue date*]

AUTHENTICATED for and on behalf of
CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS EUROPE AG
as registrar without recourse, warranty
or liability

By:
(*duly authorised*)

FORM OF TRANSFER

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, being the registered holder of this Note Certificate, hereby transfers to.....
.....
of.....
.....
[currency] in principal amount of the Notes and irrevocably requests and authorises Citigroup Global Markets Europe AG, in its capacity as registrar in relation to the Notes (or any successor to Citigroup Global Markets Europe AG, in its capacity as such) to effect the relevant transfer by means of appropriate entries in the register kept by it.

Dated:

By:
(duly authorised)

Notes

The name of the person by or on whose behalf this form of transfer is signed must correspond with the name of the registered holder as it appears on the face of this Note Certificate.

- (a) A representative of such registered holder should state the capacity in which such representative signs, e.g. executor.
- (b) The signature of the person effecting a transfer shall conform to any list of duly authorised specimen signatures supplied by the registered holder or be certified by a recognised bank, notary public or in such other manner as the Registrar may require.
- (c) Any transfer of Notes shall be in an amount equal to a Specified Denomination.

[On the reverse of the Note Certificate:]

FINAL TERMS

The following is a copy of the relevant particulars of the Final Terms.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

[As set out in the Base Prospectus]

[At the foot of the Terms and Conditions:]

PRINCIPAL PAYING AGENT

Citibank, N.A., London Branch

Agency and Trust
Citigroup Centre
Canada Square
Canary Wharf
London E14 5LB

REGISTRAR

Citigroup Global Markets Europe AG

Agency & Trust Department
5th Floor
Reuterweg 16
60323 Frankfurt
Germany

PAYING AGENTS AND TRANSFER AGENTS

Citibank, N.A., London Branch

Agency and Trust
Citigroup Centre
Canada Square
Canary Wharf
London E14 5LB

SCHEDULE 4
PROVISIONS FOR MEETINGS OF NOTEHOLDERS

1. Definitions

In this Trust Deed and the Conditions, the following expressions have the following meanings:

1.1 In relation to Meetings of holders of Registered Notes and/or holders of Bearer Notes:

"Chairperson" means, in relation to any Meeting, the individual who takes the chair in accordance with paragraph 8 (*Chairperson*);

"Extraordinary Resolution" means a resolution passed at a Meeting duly convened and held in accordance with this Schedule by a majority of not less than three quarters of the votes cast;

"Meeting" means a meeting of Noteholders (whether originally convened or resumed following an adjournment);

"Relevant Fraction" means:

- (a) for all business other than voting on an Extraordinary Resolution, one tenth;
- (b) for voting on any Extraordinary Resolution other than one relating to a Reserved Matter, more than half; and
- (c) for voting on any Extraordinary Resolution relating to a Reserved Matter, three quarters;

provided, however, that, in the case of a Meeting which has resumed after adjournment for want of a quorum, it means:

- (i) for all business other than voting on an Extraordinary Resolution relating to a Reserved Matter, the fraction of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes represented or held by the Voters actually present at the Meeting; and
- (ii) for voting on any Extraordinary Resolution relating to a Reserved Matter, one quarter;

"Reserved Matter" means any proposal:

- (a) to change any date fixed for payment of principal or interest in respect of the Notes, to reduce the amount of principal or interest payable on any date in respect of the Notes or to alter the method of calculating the amount of any payment in respect of the Notes on redemption or maturity or the date for any such payment provided however for the avoidance of doubt that any Benchmark Amendment or Benchmark Replacement Conforming Change (as defined in the Conditions) and the selection of a Successor Rate, Alternative Rate, Adjustment Spread, Benchmark Replacement and/or Benchmark Replacement Adjustment (all as defined in the Conditions) shall not constitute a Reserved Matter;

- (b) to effect the exchange or substitution of the Notes for, or the conversion of the Notes into, shares, bonds or other obligations or securities of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any other person or body corporate formed or to be formed (other than as permitted under Clause 8.3 (*Substitution*) of this Trust Deed);
- (c) to change the currency in which amounts due in respect of the Notes are payable;
- (d) to change the quorum required at any Meeting or the majority required to pass an Extraordinary Resolution; or
- (e) to amend this definition;

"Written Resolution" means a resolution in writing signed by or on behalf of holders of Notes, who for the time being are entitled to receive notice of a Meeting in accordance with the provisions of this Schedule, holding not less than 75 per cent. in nominal amount of the Notes outstanding, whether contained in one document or several documents in the same form, each signed by or on behalf of one or more such holders of the Notes;

"24 hours" means a period of 24 hours including all or part of a day (disregarding for this purpose the day upon which such Meeting is to be held) upon which banks are open for business in both the place where the relevant Meeting is to be held and in each of the places where the Paying Agents have their Specified Offices and such period shall be extended by one period or, to the extent necessary, more periods of 24 hours until there is included as aforesaid all or part of a day upon which banks are open for business as aforesaid; and

"48 hours" means 2 consecutive periods of 24 hours.

1.2 In relation to Meetings of holders of Bearer Notes only:

"Block Voting Instruction" means, in relation to any Meeting, a document in the English language issued by a Paying Agent:

- (a) certifying that the Deposited Notes have been deposited with such Paying Agent (or to its order at a bank or other depository) or blocked in an account with a clearing system and will not be released until the earlier of:
 - (i) the conclusion of the Meeting; and
 - (ii) the surrender to such Paying Agent, not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for the Meeting (or, if the Meeting has been adjourned, the time fixed for its resumption), of the receipt for the Deposited Notes and notification thereof by such Paying Agent to the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Trustee; and
- (b) certifying that the depositor of each Deposited Note or a duly authorised person on its behalf has instructed the relevant Paying Agent that the votes attributable to such Deposited Note are to be cast in a particular way on each resolution to be put to the Meeting and that, during the period of 48 hours before the time fixed for the Meeting, such instructions may not be amended or revoked;

- (c) listing the total number and (if in definitive form) the certificate numbers of the Deposited Notes, distinguishing for each resolution between those in respect of which instructions have been given to vote for, or against, the resolution; and
- (d) authorising a named individual or individuals to vote in respect of the Deposited Notes in accordance with such instructions;

"Deposited Notes" means certain specified Bearer Notes which have been deposited with a Paying Agent (or to its order at a bank or other depository) or blocked in an account with a clearing system, for the purposes of the issuance of a Block Voting Instruction or a Voting Certificate;

"Proxy", in the case of Bearer Notes means, in relation to any Meeting, a person appointed to vote under a Block Voting Instruction other than any such person whose appointment has been revoked and in relation to whom the relevant Paying Agent has been notified in writing of such revocation by the time which is 48 hours before the time fixed for such Meeting;

"Voter" means, in relation to any Meeting, the bearer of a Voting Certificate, Proxy or the bearer of a Definitive Note who produces such Definitive Note at the Meeting;

"Voting Certificate" means, in relation to any Meeting, a certificate in the English language issued by a Paying Agent and dated in which it is stated:

- (a) that the Deposited Notes have been deposited with such Paying Agent (or to its order at a bank or other depository) or blocked in an account with a clearing system and will not be released until the earlier of:
 - (i) the conclusion of the Meeting; and
 - (ii) the surrender of such certificate to such Paying Agent; and
- (b) that the bearer of such certificate is entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting in respect of the Deposited Notes;

1.3 In relation to any Meeting of the holders of Registered Notes:

"Block Voting Instruction" means, in relation to any Meeting, a document in the English language issued by a Registrar:

- (a) certifying:
 - (i) that certain specified Registered Notes (each a **"Blocked Note"**) have been blocked in an account with a clearing system and will not be released until the conclusion of the Meeting and that the holder of each Blocked Note or a duly authorised person on its behalf has instructed the Registrar that the votes attributable to such Blocked Note are to be cast in a particular way on each resolution to be put to the Meeting; or
 - (ii) that each registered holder of certain specified Registered Notes (each a **"Relevant Note"**) or a duly authorised person on its behalf has instructed the Registrar that the votes attributable to each Relevant Note held by it

are to be cast in a particular way on each resolution to be put to the Meeting; and

in each case that, during the period of 48 hours before the time fixed for the Meeting, such instructions may not be amended or revoked;

- (b) listing the total principal amount of the Blocked Notes and the Relevant Notes, distinguishing for each resolution between those in respect of which instructions have been given to vote for, or against, the resolution; and
- (c) authorising a named individual or individuals to vote in respect of the Blocked Notes and the Relevant Notes in accordance with such instructions;

"Form of Proxy" means, in relation to any Meeting, a document in the English language available from the Registrar signed by a Noteholder or, in the case of a corporation, executed under its seal or signed on its behalf by a duly authorised officer and delivered to the Registrar, or the Registrar itself (as applicable) not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for such Meeting, appointing a named individual or individuals to vote in respect of the Registered Notes held by such Noteholder;

"Proxy", in the case of Registered Notes means, in relation to any Meeting, a person appointed to vote under a Block Voting Instruction or a Form of Proxy other than any such *person* whose appointment has been revoked and in relation to whom the Registrar has been notified in writing of such revocation by the time which is 48 hours before the time fixed for such Meeting;

"Voter" means, in relation to any Meeting, (a) a Proxy or (b) (subject to paragraph 5 (*Record Date*) below) a Noteholder; *provided, however, that* (subject to paragraph 5 (*Record Date*) below) any Noteholder which has appointed a Proxy under a Block Voting Instruction or Form of Proxy shall not be a **"Voter"** except to the extent that such appointment has been revoked and the Registrar notified in writing of such revocation at least 48 hours before the time fixed for such Meeting;

2. **Issue of Voting Certificates, Block Voting Instructions and Forms of Proxy**

2.1 **Bearer Notes**

The holder of a Bearer Note may obtain a Voting Certificate from any Paying Agent or require any Paying Agent to issue a Block Voting Instruction by depositing such Bearer Note with such Paying Agent or arranging for such Bearer Note to be (to its satisfaction) held to its order or under its control or blocked in an account with a clearing system not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the relevant Meeting. A Voting Certificate or Block Voting Instruction shall be valid until the release of the Deposited Notes to which it relates. So long as a Voting Certificate or Block Voting Instruction is valid, the bearer thereof (in the case of a Voting Certificate) or any Proxy named therein (in the case of a Block Voting Instruction) shall be deemed to be the holder of the Bearer Notes to which it relates for all purposes in connection with the Meeting. A Voting Certificate and a Block Voting Instruction cannot be outstanding simultaneously in respect of the same Bearer Note.

2.2 **Registered Notes**

The holder of a Registered Note may require the Registrar to issue a Block Voting Instruction by arranging (to the satisfaction of the Registrar) for such Registered Note to be blocked in an account with a clearing system not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the relevant Meeting. The holder of a Registered Note may require the Registrar to issue a Block Voting Instruction by delivering to the Registrar written instructions not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the relevant Meeting. Any holder of a Note may obtain an uncompleted and unexecuted Form of Proxy from the Registrar. A Block Voting Instruction and a Form of Proxy cannot be outstanding simultaneously in respect of the same Registered Note.

3. **References to deposit/release or blocking/release of Notes**

3.1 **Bearer Notes**

Where Bearer Notes are represented by one or more Global Note or are held in definitive form within a clearing system, references to the deposit, or release, of Bearer Notes shall be construed in accordance with the usual practices (including blocking the relevant account) of such clearing system; or

3.2 **Registered Notes**

Where Registered Notes are represented by a Global Registered Note or are held in definitive form within a clearing system, references to the blocking, or release, of Registered Notes shall be construed in accordance with the usual practices (including blocking the relevant account) of such clearing system.

4. **Validity of Block Voting Instructions and Forms of Proxy**

4.1 **Bearer Notes**

A Block Voting Instruction in relation to Bearer Notes shall be valid only if it is deposited at the Specified Office of the relevant Paying Agent or at some other place approved by the Trustee, at least 24 hours before the time fixed for the relevant Meeting or the Chairperson decides otherwise before the Meeting proceeds to business. If the Trustee requires, a notarised copy of each Block Voting Instruction and satisfactory proof of the identity of each Proxy named therein shall be produced at the Meeting, but the Trustee shall not be obliged to investigate the validity of any Block Voting Instruction or the authority of any Proxy.

4.2 **Registered Notes**

Block Voting Instructions in relation to Registered Notes and Forms of Proxy shall be valid only if deposited at the specified office of the Registrar or at some other place approved by the Trustee, at least 24 hours before the time fixed for the relevant Meeting or the Chairperson decides otherwise before the Meeting proceeds to business. If the Trustee requires, a notarised copy of each Block Voting Instruction and satisfactory proof of the identity of each Proxy named therein shall be produced at the Meeting, but the Trustee shall not be obliged to investigate the validity of any Block Voting Instruction or the authority of any Proxy.

5. **Record date in relation to Registered Notes**

The Issuer may fix a record date for the purposes of any Meeting of the holders of Registered Notes or any resumption thereof following its adjournment for want of a quorum *provided that* such record date is not more than 10 days prior to the time fixed for such Meeting or (as the case may be) its resumption. The person in whose name a Registered Note is registered in the Register on the record date at close of business in the city in which the Registrar has its Specified Office shall be deemed to be the holder of such Note for the purposes of such Meeting and notwithstanding any subsequent transfer of such Note or entries in the Register.

6. **Convening of Meeting**

The Issuer and the Guarantor (acting together) or the Trustee may convene a Meeting at any time, and they/the Trustee shall be obliged to do so subject to the Trustee being indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction upon the request in writing of Noteholders holding not less than one tenth of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes. Every Meeting shall be held on a date, and at a time and place, approved by the Trustee.

7. **Notice**

7.1 At least 21 days' notice (exclusive of the day on which the notice is given and of the day on which the relevant Meeting is to be held) specifying the date, time and place of the Meeting shall be given to the Noteholders and the Paying Agents in relation to Bearer Notes, and the Registrar, in relation to Registered Notes (with a copy to the Issuer and the Guarantor) where the Meeting is convened by the Trustee or, where the Meeting is convened by the Issuer and the Guarantor, the Trustee;

7.2 **In relation to Bearer Notes**

The notice shall set out the full text of any resolutions to be proposed unless the Trustee agrees that the notice shall instead specify the nature of the resolutions without including the full text and shall state that the Bearer Notes may be deposited with, or to the order of, any Paying Agent for the purpose of obtaining Voting Certificates or appointing Proxies not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the Meeting; or

7.3 **In relation to Registered Notes**

The notice shall set out the full text of any resolutions to be proposed unless the Trustee agrees that the notice shall instead specify the nature of the resolutions without including the full text and shall state that Registered Notes may be blocked in clearing systems for the purposes of appointing Proxies under Block Voting Instructions until 48 hours before the time fixed for the Meeting and a Noteholder may appoint a Proxy either under a Block Voting Instruction by delivering written instructions to the Registrar or by executing and delivering a Form of Proxy to the Specified Office of the Registrar, in either case until 48 hours before the time fixed for the Meeting.

8. **Chairperson**

An individual (who may, but need not, be a Noteholder) nominated in writing by the Trustee may take the chair at any Meeting but, if no such nomination is made or if the

individual nominated is not present within 15 minutes after the time fixed for the Meeting, those present shall elect one of themselves to take the chair failing which, the Issuer or the Guarantor may appoint a Chairperson. The Chairperson of an adjourned Meeting need not be the same person as was the Chairperson of the original Meeting.

9. **Quorum**

The quorum at any Meeting shall be at least two Voters representing or holding not less than the Relevant Fraction of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes; *provided, however, that*, the holder of any Global Note or Global Registered Note shall be deemed to be two Voters for the purpose of forming a quorum.

10. **Adjournment for want of quorum**

If within 15 minutes after the time fixed for any Meeting a quorum is not present, then:

- (a) in the case of a Meeting requested by Noteholders, it shall be dissolved; and
- (b) in the case of any other Meeting (unless the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Trustee otherwise agree), it shall be adjourned for such period (which shall be not less than 14 days and not more than 42 days) and to such place as the Chairperson determines (with the approval of the Trustee); *provided, however, that*:
 - (i) the Meeting shall be dissolved if the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Trustee together so decide; and
 - (ii) no Meeting may be adjourned more than once for want of a quorum.

11. **Adjourned Meeting**

The Chairperson may, with the consent of, and shall if directed by, any Meeting adjourn such Meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned Meeting except business which might lawfully have been transacted at the Meeting from which the adjournment took place.

12. **Notice following adjournment**

Paragraph 7 (*Notice*) shall apply to any Meeting which is to be resumed after adjournment for want of a quorum save that:

- (a) 10 days' notice (exclusive of the day on which the notice is given and of the day on which the Meeting is to be resumed) shall be sufficient; and
- (b) the notice shall specifically set out the quorum requirements which will apply when the Meeting resumes.

It shall not be necessary to give notice of the resumption of a Meeting which has been adjourned for any other reason.

13. **Participation**

The following may attend and speak at a Meeting:

- (a) Voters;
- (b) representatives of the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Trustee;
- (c) the financial advisers of the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Trustee;
- (d) the legal counsel to the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Trustee and such advisers;
- (e) any other person approved by the Meeting or the Trustee; and
- (f) in relation to Registered Notes, the Registrar, or in relation to Bearer Notes, the Principal Paying Agent.

14. **Show of hands**

Every question submitted to a Meeting shall be decided in the first instance by a show of hands. Unless a poll is validly demanded before or at the time that the result is declared, the Chairperson's declaration that on a show of hands a resolution has been passed, passed by a particular majority, rejected or rejected by a particular majority shall be conclusive, without proof of the number of votes cast for, or against, the resolution. Where there is only one Voter, this paragraph shall not apply and the resolution will immediately be decided by means of a poll.

15. **Poll**

A demand for a poll shall be valid if it is made by the Chairperson, the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee or one or more Voters representing or holding not less than one fiftieth of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes. The poll may be taken immediately or after such adjournment as the Chairperson directs, but any poll demanded on the election of the Chairperson or on any question of adjournment shall be taken at the Meeting without adjournment. A valid demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuation of the relevant Meeting for any other business as the Chairperson directs.

16. **Votes**

Every Voter shall have:

- (a) on a show of hands, one vote; and
- (b) on a poll, the number of votes obtained by dividing the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Note(s) represented or held by each Voter by the unit of currency in which the Notes are denominated.

In the case of a voting tie the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.

Unless the terms of any Block Voting Instruction or Form of Proxy state otherwise, a Voter shall not be obliged to exercise all the votes to which they are entitled or to cast all the votes which they exercise in the same way.

In the case of any Meeting of holders of more than one Series of Notes where not all such Series are in the same currency, the principal amount of such Notes shall for all purposes in this Schedule 4 (whether *inter alia* in respect of the Meeting or any poll resulting therefrom), be the equivalent in U.S. dollars translated at the spot rate of a bank nominated by the Trustee for the sale of the relevant currency or currencies for U.S. dollars on the seventh dealing day prior to such Meeting, or in the case of a written request pursuant to paragraph 6, the date of such request. In such circumstances, on any poll each person present shall have the number of votes obtained by dividing the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Note(s) represented or held by such person (converted as above) by one U.S. dollar.

17. Validity of Votes by Proxies

Any vote by a Proxy in accordance with the relevant Block Voting Instruction in relation to either Bearer of Registered Notes or Form of Proxy in relation to Registered Notes or shall be valid even if such Block Voting Instruction or Form of Proxy or any instruction pursuant to which it was given has been amended or revoked, *provided that* neither the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee nor the Chairperson has been notified in writing of such amendment or revocation by the time which is 24 hours before the time fixed for the relevant Meeting. Unless revoked, any appointment of a Proxy under a Block Voting Instruction or a Form of Proxy in relation to a Meeting shall remain in force in relation to any resumption of such Meeting following an adjournment. Any person appointed to vote at such a Meeting must be re-appointed under a Block Voting Instruction (or, in relation to Registered Notes, a Form of Proxy) to vote at the Meeting when it is resumed.

18. Powers

A Meeting shall have power (exercisable only by Extraordinary Resolution), without prejudice to any other powers conferred on it or any other person:

- (a) to approve any Reserved Matter;
- (b) to approve any proposal for any modification, abrogation, variation or compromise of any provisions of this Trust Deed or the Conditions or any arrangement in respect of the obligations of the Issuer and/or the Guarantor under or in respect of the Notes and this Trust Deed;
- (c) to approve any proposal for any modification of any provision of the Guarantee of the Notes or any arrangement in respect of the obligations of the Guarantor thereunder;
- (d) to approve the substitution of any person for the Issuer (or any previous substitute) as principal obligor under the Notes or the substitution of any person for the Guarantor as guarantor under the Guarantee of the Notes (but, for the avoidance of doubt, Noteholder approval shall not be

required for a substitution permitted under Clause 8.3 (*Substitution*) of this Trust Deed));

- (e) to waive any breach or authorise any proposed breach by the Issuer or the Guarantor of its obligations under or in respect of this Trust Deed or the Notes or any act or omission which might otherwise constitute an Event of Default under the Notes;
- (f) to sanction any scheme or proposal for the exchange or sale of the Notes for or the conversion of the Notes into or the cancellation of the Notes in consideration of shares, stock, notes, bonds, debentures, debenture stock and/or other obligations and/or securities of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any other company formed or to be formed, or for or into or in consideration of cash, or partly for or into or in consideration of such shares, stock, notes, bonds, debentures, debenture stock and/or other obligations and/or securities as aforesaid and partly for or into or in consideration of cash and for the appointment of some person with power on behalf of the Noteholders to execute an instrument of transfer of any registered Notes held by them in favour of the persons with or to whom the Notes are to be exchanged or sold respectively;
- (g) to remove any Trustee;
- (h) to approve the appointment of a new Trustee;
- (i) to authorise the Trustee (subject to its being indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction) or any other person to execute all documents and do all things necessary to give effect to any Extraordinary Resolution;
- (j) to discharge or exonerate the Trustee from any liability in respect of any act or omission for which it may become responsible under this Trust Deed or the Notes;
- (k) to give any other authorisation or approval which under this Trust Deed or the Notes is required to be given by Extraordinary Resolution; and
- (l) to appoint any persons as a committee to represent the interests of the Noteholders and to confer upon such committee any powers which the Noteholders could themselves exercise by Extraordinary Resolution.

19. **Electronic communication**

Subject to the following sentence, a Written Resolution may be contained in one document or in several documents in like form, each signed by or on behalf of one or more of the Noteholders.

For so long as the Notes are in the form of a Global Note held on behalf of, or a Global Certificate registered in the name of any nominee for, one or more of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant clearing system (the "**relevant clearing system**"), then, in respect of any resolution proposed by the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Trustee:

19.1 Electronic Consent

Where the terms of the resolution proposed by the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Trustee (as the case may be) have been notified to the Noteholders through the relevant clearing system(s) as provided in sub-paragraphs (i) and/or (ii) below, each of the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Trustee shall be entitled to rely upon approval of such resolution given by way of electronic consents communicated through the electronic communications systems of the relevant clearing system(s) to the Principal Paying Agent or another specified agent and/or the Trustee in accordance with their operating rules and procedures by or on behalf of the holders of not less than 75 per cent. in nominal amount of the Notes of the relevant Series outstanding (the "**Required Proportion**") ("**Electronic Consent**") by close of business on the Relevant Date. Any resolution passed in such manner shall be binding on all Noteholders and, in relation to Bearer Notes and Couponholders, even if the relevant consent or instruction proves to be defective. None of the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Trustee shall be liable or responsible to anyone for such reliance.

19.1.1 When a proposal for a resolution to be passed as an Electronic Consent has been made, at least 10 days' notice (exclusive of the day on which the notice is given and of the day on which affirmative consents will be counted) shall be given to the Noteholders through the relevant clearing system(s). The notice shall specify, in sufficient detail to enable Noteholders to give their consents in relation to the proposed resolution, the method by which their consents may be given (including, where applicable, blocking of their accounts in the relevant clearing system(s)) and the time and date (the "**Relevant Date**") by which they must be received in order for such consents to be validly given, in each case subject to and in accordance with the operating rules and procedures of the relevant clearing system(s).

19.1.2 If, on the Relevant Date on which the consents in respect of an Electronic Consent are first counted, such consents do not represent the Required Proportion, the resolution shall, if the party proposing such resolution (the "**Proposer**") so determines, be deemed to be defeated. Such determination shall be notified in writing to the other party or parties to the Trust Deed. Alternatively, the Proposer may give a further notice to Noteholders that the resolution will be proposed again on such date and for such period as shall be agreed with the Trustee (unless the Trustee is the Proposer). Such notice must inform Noteholders that insufficient consents were received in relation to the original resolution and the information specified in paragraph 19.1.1 above. For the purpose of such further notice, references to "Relevant Date" shall be construed accordingly.

For the avoidance of doubt, an Electronic Consent may only be used in relation to a resolution proposed by the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Trustee which is not then the subject of a meeting that has been validly convened in accordance with paragraph 6 above.

19.2 Written Resolution

Where Electronic Consent is not being sought, for the purpose of determining whether a Written Resolution has been validly passed, the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Trustee

shall be entitled to rely on consent or instructions given in writing directly to the Issuer, the Guarantor and/or the Trustee, as the case may be, (a) by accountholders in the clearing system(s) with entitlements to such Global Note or Global Certificate and/or, (b) where the accountholders hold any such entitlement on behalf of another person, on written consent from or written instruction by the person identified by that accountholder as the person for whom such entitlement is held. For the purpose of establishing the entitlement to give any such consent or instruction, the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Trustee shall be entitled to rely on any certificate or other document issued by, in the case of (a) above, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant clearing system and, in the case of (b) above, the relevant clearing system and the accountholder identified by the relevant clearing system for the purposes of (b) above. Any resolution passed in such manner shall be binding on all Noteholders and, in relation to Bearer Notes and Couponholders, even if the relevant consent or instruction proves to be defective. Any such certificate or other document shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes. 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 CreationOnline system) in accordance with its usual procedures and in which the accountholder of a particular principal or nominal amount of the Notes is clearly identified together with the amount of such holding. None of the Issuer, the Guarantor nor the Trustee shall 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 any such person and subsequently found to be forged or not authentic.

20. Extraordinary Resolution binds all holders

An Extraordinary Resolution shall be binding upon all Noteholders and, in relation to Bearer Notes, Couponholders, whether or not present at the relevant Meeting and voting in favour or, as the case may be, whether or not signing the Written Resolution or giving Electronic Consents, and each of the Noteholders shall be bound to give effect to it accordingly. Notice of the result of every vote on an Extraordinary Resolution shall be given to the Noteholders and, in relation to Bearer Notes, to the Paying Agents and, in relation to Registered Notes, the Registrar with a copy to the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Trustee) within 14 days of the conclusion of the Meeting.

For the avoidance of doubt, neither the Issuer nor the Guarantor shall be under any obligation to implement any matters resolved upon by the Noteholders (whether by way of Extraordinary Resolution or otherwise), and they may elect, in their sole discretion, whether or not so to implement such matters.

21. Minutes

Minutes of all resolutions and proceedings at each Meeting shall be made. The Chairperson shall sign the minutes, which shall be *prima facie* evidence of the proceedings recorded therein. Unless and until the contrary is proved, every such Meeting in respect of the proceedings of which minutes have been summarised and signed shall be deemed to have been duly convened and held and all resolutions passed or proceedings transacted at it to have been duly passed and transacted.

22. **Written Resolution and Electronic Consent**

A Written Resolution or Electronic Consent shall take effect as if it were an Extraordinary Resolution.

23. **Further regulations**

Subject to all other provisions contained in this Trust Deed, the Trustee may without the consent of the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Noteholders prescribe such further regulations regarding the holding of Meetings of Noteholders and attendance and voting at them as the Trustee may in its sole discretion determine, including (without limitation) regulations with respect to the convening and holding of meetings by way of conference call or video conference platform (or a similar electronic platform), whether or not such Meeting is also convened at a physical place.

24. **Several Series**

The following provisions shall apply where outstanding Notes belong to more than one Series:

- (a) Business which in the opinion of the Trustee affects the Notes of only one Series shall be transacted at a separate Meeting of the holders of the Notes of that Series.
- (b) Business which in the opinion of the Trustee affects the Notes of more than one Series but does not give rise to an actual or potential conflict of interest between the holders of Notes of one such Series and the holders of Notes of any other such Series shall be transacted either at separate Meetings of the holders of the Notes of each such Series or at a single Meeting of the holders of the Notes of all such Series, as the Trustee shall in its absolute discretion determine.
- (c) Business which in the opinion of the Trustee affects the Notes of more than one Series and gives rise to an actual or potential conflict of interest between the holders of Notes of one such Series and the holders of Notes of any other such Series shall be transacted at separate Meetings of the holders of the Notes of each such Series.
- (d) The preceding paragraphs of this Schedule shall be applied as if references to the Notes and Noteholders were to the Notes of the relevant Series and to the holders of such Notes.
- (e) In this paragraph, "**business**" includes (without limitation) the passing or rejection of any resolution.

**SCHEDULE 5
FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

[ON THE HEADED PAPER OF SGS NEDERLAND HOLDING B.V./SGS S.A.]

To: Citicorp Trustee Company Limited
Citigroup Centre,
Canada Square,
Canary Wharf,
London E14 5LB,
United Kingdom

For the attention of: Agency & Trust

[Date]

Dear Sirs/Mesdames

**SGS NEDERLAND HOLDING B.V. - €1,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme
Guaranteed by SGS S.A.**

This certificate is delivered to you in accordance with Clause 7.3 of the Trust Deed originally dated 7 April 2021 and as may be further modified, supplemented, amended and/or restated from time to time (the **Trust Deed**) and made between SGS Nederland Holding B.V. (the **Issuer**), SGS S.A. (the **Guarantor**) and Citicorp Trustee Company Limited (the **Trustee**). All words and expressions defined in the Trust Deed shall (save as otherwise provided herein or unless the context otherwise requires) have the same meanings herein.

We hereby certify, to the best of our knowledge, having made all reasonable enquires and without personal liability that:

- (a) as at []⁶, no Event of Default or Potential Event of Default existed [other than []⁷ and no Event of Default or Potential Event of Default had existed [or happened] at any time since []⁸ [the certification date (as defined in the Trust Deed) of the last certificate delivered under Clause [7.3]⁹ [other than []¹⁰; and
- (b) from and including []⁸ [the certification date of the last certificate delivered under Clause [7.3]⁹ to and including []⁶, [each of] the Issuer has complied in all respects with its obligations under these presents (as defined in the Trust Deed) [other than []¹¹.

For and on behalf of

[SGS NEDERLAND HOLDING B.V./SGS S.A.]

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⁶ Specify a date not more than 7 days before the date of delivery of the certificate.
⁷ If any Event of Default or Potential Event of Default did exist, give details; otherwise delete.
⁸ Insert date of Trust Deed in respect of the first certificate delivered under **Clause 7.3**, otherwise delete.
⁹ Include unless the certificate is the first certificate delivered under **Clause 7.3**, in which case delete.
¹⁰ If any Event of Default or Potential Event of Default did exist or had happened, give details; otherwise delete.
¹¹ If the Issuer has failed to comply with any obligation(s), give details; otherwise delete.

The Issuer

EXECUTED as a **DEED** by)
SGS NEDERLAND HOLDING B.V.:)

[JOHAN PYPE]

[RICHARD OOSTROM]

Name: Johan Pype

Richard Oostrom

Title: Managing Director

Finance Director Benelux

The Guarantor

EXECUTED as a **DEED** by
SGS SA:

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[ENRICO PERROTTA]

[MARC-ETIENNE RAY]

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Marc-Etienne Ray

Title: Group Treasurer

Vice President Finance

The Trustee

EXECUTED as a **DEED** by)
CITICORP TRUSTEE) [GEORGIA MITCHELL]
COMPANY LIMITED) Vice President
acting by one of its lawful attorneys)

Attorney:

in the presence of:

Witness name: Justin Ng

Signature: [JUSTIN NG]

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