



# Lloyds TSB

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## **LLOYDS TSB SETTLEMENT WITH US AUTHORITIES**

Lloyds TSB has announced today that it has reached a settlement with both the United States Department of Justice and the New York County District Attorney's Office in relation to a previously disclosed investigation involving those agencies into certain historic US dollar payment practices by Lloyds TSB.

Lloyds TSB disclosed in its interim results for the first half of 2008 that it was in discussions regarding a resolution of the investigation and that it had provided £180 million in respect of this matter. That provision was hedged into US dollars at the time and fully covers the settlement amount announced today.

We are committed to running our business with the highest levels of integrity and regulatory compliance across all of our operations and have undertaken a range of significant steps to further enhance our compliance programmes.

We committed substantial resources to a thorough internal investigation, the results of which were shared with US investigators and regulators. We are gratified that the US Department of Justice and the New York County District Attorney's Office both recognise that we have provided prompt and substantial cooperation throughout their investigation.

Lloyds TSB is continuing discussions with the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) regarding the terms of the resolution of its investigation. OFAC has confirmed to Lloyds TSB that the amount paid to the United States Department of Justice and the New York County District Attorney's Office will be credited towards satisfying any penalty it imposes. Accordingly, Lloyds TSB does not believe there will be any payment to OFAC and no further provisions are necessary.

We have fully briefed our UK and other US regulators on this settlement and the Bank does not anticipate any further enforcement actions as to these issues.

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