



## **EUROPEAN BANKING AUTHORITY (EBA) STRESS TEST RESULTS**

Lloyds Banking Group (the 'Group') was subject to the 2011 EU-wide stress test conducted by the European Banking Authority (the 'EBA'), in cooperation with the FSA, the European Central Bank (the 'ECB'), the European Commission and the European Systemic Risk Board.

The Group notes the announcement made today by the EBA on the EU-wide stress test and fully acknowledges the outcomes of this exercise. The Group welcomes the steps being taken by the EBA to assess the resilience of financial institutions across the EU to adverse market developments, and to contribute to the overall assessment of systemic risk in the EU financial system.

The EU-wide stress test, carried out across 90 banks covering over 65 per cent of the EU banking system total assets, seeks to assess the resilience of European banks to severe shocks and their specific solvency in hypothetical stress events under certain restrictive conditions.

The EBA stress test was carried out based on common methodology and key common assumptions, as published in the EBA's Methodological note (eg constant balance sheet, uniform treatment of securitisation exposures). The assumptions and methodology were established to assess banks' capital adequacy against a 5 per cent core tier 1 capital benchmark and are intended to provide confidence in the resilience of the banks tested. The adverse stress test scenario was set by the ECB and covers a two-year time horizon (2011-2012). The stress test has been carried out using a static balance sheet assumption as at December 2010, with exemptions applied for restructuring plans agreed with the European Commission that are disclosed before 30 April 2011 and take place within the time horizon of the exercise.

As a result of the assumed shock, the estimated consolidated core tier 1 capital ratio of the Group would change to 7.7 per cent under the adverse scenario in 2012 compared to 10.2 per cent as at the end of 2010. This result incorporates the effects of measures announced and fully committed up to 30 April 2011 and the mandatory restructuring plans agreed with the EU Commission before 30 April 2011.

The EU-wide stress test requires that the results, which will be disclosed to the market, are acted on to improve the resilience of the financial system. Following completion of the EU-wide stress test, the results determine that the Group meets the capital benchmark set out for the purpose of the stress test. The Group will continue to ensure that appropriate capital is maintained.

Lloyds Banking Group has a robust capital position. At the end of March 2011, as confirmed in the Group's Q1 2011 Interim Management Statement, the Group's core tier 1 capital ratio was 10 per cent. In addition, the Group has contingent capital which was not taken into account in the EBA exercise. This would be available to absorb losses in a more severe stress.

The FSA also continues to monitor UK banks against its own stringent set of stress scenarios. The Group continues to meet comfortably the current higher capital standards introduced since the financial crisis began.

The adverse scenario designed by the EBA is more severe than the 2010 exercise conducted by the Committee of European Banking Supervisors, in terms both of deviation from the baseline scenario and the probability that it materialises. It includes a marked deterioration in the main macro-economic variables such as GDP, unemployment, commercial property and house prices. The adverse scenario also includes a specific sovereign stress in the EU, leading to further falls in the price of some EU bonds from the already stressed levels seen at the end of 2010.

As expected, the Group's core tier 1 capital, when stressed in accordance with the EBA's defined methodology, remains well above the capital benchmark required.

As noted in the disclosure templates published by the EBA, neither the baseline scenario nor the adverse scenario illustrated in the templates should in any way be construed as a forecast by individual institutions, including the Group, or directly compared to other information published by participants. The stress test does not take into account future business strategies and management actions and is not a predictor of future financial outcomes for the Group.

Please refer to the recent announcement on the Outcome of The Strategic Review for details of the bank's future business strategy and the current guidance on expected future financial performance.

#### **Further details**

Further details with respect to the Group's financial performance will be available on 4 August, when it issues its 2011 Half-Year Results.

The detailed results of the stress test in relation to all participating banks under the baseline and adverse scenarios as well as information on the banks' credit exposures and exposures to central and local governments are published on the EBA website. The disclosure tables are based on the common format provided by the EBA. The disclosure template in relation to the Group is also available on the Group's website,

[www.lloydsbankinggroup.com/investors/shareholder\\_information/stress\\_tests.asp](http://www.lloydsbankinggroup.com/investors/shareholder_information/stress_tests.asp)

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