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## RESPONSE TO FSA INTEREST RATE PROTECTION PRODUCT REVIEW

Lloyds Banking Group notes the announcement this morning from the FSA with regard to the sale of interest rate protection products to small and medium sized businesses. The Group has assisted the FSA fully in relation to its review and has agreed to work with an independent third party to carry out a thorough assessment of sales of these products to certain customers.

Interest rate derivative products are not products the Group has sold widely.

Given the limited exposure of the Group to these products the financial impact of this remediation and the associated costs are not expected to be material to the Group.

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