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## **SALE OF LLOYDS BANKING GROUP STAKE IN VISA EUROPE**

As a member and shareholder of Visa Europe Limited ('VE'), Lloyds Banking Group ('the Group') notes the announcement from Visa Inc regarding the proposed acquisition of VE to create a single global payments business under the Visa brand, and can confirm that it has agreed to sell its shareholding as part of this process.

The Group's share of the sale proceeds will comprise upfront consideration of cash and preferred stock. The preferred stock is convertible into Class A common stock, at a future date, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions. In addition the Group may be entitled to deferred consideration, contingent on a number of variable factors including performance of Visa post completion of the sale.

The Group expects to report a pre-tax gain for the upfront consideration of approximately £300 million on completion of the transaction, which is expected to occur in 2016.

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