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## **LLOYDS BANKING GROUP ANNOUNCES INTENTION TO TRANSFER ITS HOLDINGS IN HBOS PLC TO LLOYDS TSB BANK PLC**

Lloyds Banking Group plc (“Lloyds Banking Group”) today announces its intention to adjust the Group’s corporate structure and transfer its current holding in HBOS plc (“HBOS”) to Lloyds TSB Bank plc (“Lloyds TSB”). Following this move Lloyds TSB will become the immediate parent of HBOS. Lloyds Banking Group will continue to directly own Lloyds TSB but, as a result of this transaction will own HBOS indirectly, as Lloyds TSB will be the immediate parent of HBOS.

This transfer follows a review by management of the structure of Lloyds Banking Group and a programme to develop and implement a legal entity structure that is efficient from a financial, regulatory and capital perspective. It also streamlines reporting and disclosure requirements, reduces costs and improves capital efficiencies. The capital ratios of Lloyds Banking Group will not change as a result of this restructure.

The proposed transfer of HBOS is not expected to have any impact upon staff or customers, whose relationships with the legal entities in the Lloyds Banking Group will remain unchanged as a result of this transfer. There is also no intention to alter the banking licences in operation within Lloyds Banking Group. It is the current intention that both Lloyds TSB and Bank of Scotland plc will retain their banking licences.

The proposed transfer has been approved by the Financial Services Authority, and the Group currently expects it to become effective on 1 January 2010.

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