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## **LLOYDS BANKING GROUP – ENHANCED CAPITAL GUIDANCE AND DETAILED UPDATE ON CAPITAL POSITION**

Lloyds Banking Group plc (the Group) is making significant progress in further strengthening its capital position. Given our strongly capital generative strategy and the recent successful delivery of management actions, the Group now expects to report an estimated pro-forma fully loaded CRD IV core tier 1 ratio of above 9 per cent by the end of June 2013, six months ahead of its previous guidance, and approximately 10 per cent by the end of 2013, a year ahead of guidance.

As previously announced in May 2013, the Group is confident in its capital position and expects to meet the Prudential Regulation Authority's (PRA) requirement, announced today as £8.6 billion of additional capital out of £27.1 billion for the UK sector, without recourse to further equity issuance or the utilisation of additional contingent capital securities.

The PRA's review of the Group's capital position was based on the Group's five year plan, which was compiled prior to the 2012 year end, and in line with our prudent approach to planning this plan did not assume material capital accretion from non-core disposals or the benefits from other transactions already under way. Despite these conservative assumptions, the plan reflected the net generation of £1.6 billion of capital in 2013 (including the impact of changes to pension accounting (IAS 19R) introduced with effect from 1 January 2013), which we remain confident in achieving. Moreover, since the plan was compiled, we have successfully delivered additional actions, benefiting capital by a further £4.2 billion, which were part of our strategy but market dependent and therefore appropriately and conservatively not included in this plan.

This £4.2 billion capital benefit, which is in addition to the expected £1.6 billion net capital generation in the plan in 2013, includes:

- £1.4 billion related to the sale of government securities
- £1.4 billion from the sale of a US RMBS portfolio
- £1.0 billion from two placings of shares in St James's Place
- £0.4 billion from other actions including the disposal of a UK commercial real estate loan portfolio and the announced sale of the Group's stake in Sainsbury's Bank

The Group has a strongly capital generative strategy and expects to meet the remaining £2.8 billion requirement through capital generation in its core business, continued progress in executing its customer-focused strategy, further capital accretive non-core asset disposals, and other actions including the payment of dividends from the Group's insurance operations which are expected to commence before the end of the first half of 2013.

The PRA has also confirmed its intention to require banks to deduct from Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) significant investments in insurance companies above threshold allowances under its implementation of CRD IV. This is consistent with the Group's prudent planning and reporting assumptions and accordingly there is no change to previously disclosed capital ratios.

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