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## **SETTLEMENTS REACHED ON LEGACY LIBOR AND BBA REPO RATE ISSUES**

Lloyds Banking Group (the Group) announces that it has reached settlements totalling £218 million to resolve with UK and US federal authorities<sup>(1)</sup> legacy issues regarding the manipulation several years ago of Group companies' submissions to the British Bankers' Association (BBA) London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) and Sterling Repo Rate.

The Group condemns the actions of the individuals responsible for the conduct in question, which it regards as totally unacceptable and unrepresentative of the cultural changes that the Group has implemented. The actions will be deplored by all employees. The manipulation of submissions covered by the settlements took place between May 2006 and 2009 and the individuals involved have either left the Group, been suspended or are subject to disciplinary proceedings. The Group's Board will now consider all the remuneration implications and potential actions available to it.

The issues subject to the settlements were restricted to a specific area of the business and were not known about or condoned by the senior management of the Group at that time. In March 2011, Lloyds Banking Group's management proactively strengthened the systems and controls governing its LIBOR submissions. The Group further supplemented these systems and controls following the publication of the Wheatley Review.

### **Lord Blackwell, Lloyds Banking Group's Chairman, said:**

"The Board regards the actions of these individuals between 2006 and 2009 as completely unacceptable. Their behaviour involved a gross breach of trust and we condemn it without reservation. I have written to the Governor of the Bank of England to make clear we have a common view on this. I am also convinced that it is entirely unrepresentative of the vast majority of our staff who are committed to delivering outstanding service and doing the right thing for customers, recognising that trust is at the core of our business."

### **António Horta-Osório, Chief Executive of Lloyds Banking Group, said:**

"The behaviours identified by these investigations are absolutely unacceptable. We take the findings of these investigations, which relate to issues from some years ago, extremely seriously. Together, the Board and the Group's management team have taken vigorous action over the last three years to prevent this kind of behaviour, through closing or reducing our legacy investment banking activities. In addition we have implemented a customer-focused, UK-centric strategy, changed our culture and values, improved systems and processes, and implemented more effective controls. Our aim is to be the best bank for our retail and commercial customers, and we are determined to make Lloyds Banking Group a company of the highest integrity and standards."

<sup>(1)</sup> In the case of the US Department of Justice, a resolution has been agreed with the Department. The agreement has not yet been reviewed and accepted by the Court, but the Group is hopeful that will occur in the very near future.

Over the last three years, the Group's management has fundamentally overhauled systems and controls across the bank including separating the key control functions such as Risk, Finance and Compliance from the business divisions in order to remove potential conflicts and provide clear independence. The Audit function has been strengthened, given an expanded remit through oversight of financial risks and controls and greater prominence with the Group Audit Director attending the Group's Executive Committee. The Group has also closed down most of its investment banking operations and reduced the Group's overseas operations from over thirty countries to fewer than ten.

On LIBOR, the Group has reached settlements with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) in the United Kingdom, the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) and the United States Department of Justice (DoJ) in relation to investigations into submissions between May 2006 and 2009 and related systems and controls failings.

The settlements in relation to LIBOR are part of an industry-wide investigation into the setting of interbank offered rates across a range of currencies. Under the settlement, the Group has agreed to pay £35 million, £62 million and £51 million to the FCA, CFTC and DoJ respectively. As part of the settlement with the DoJ, the Group has also entered into a 2-year Deferred Prosecution Agreement in relation to one count of wire fraud relating to the setting of LIBOR.

In relation to the BBA Sterling Repo Rate, the Group has reached a settlement with the FCA regarding submissions made between April 2008 and September 2009. This issue involved four individuals who the FCA has concluded manipulated BBA Repo Rate submissions to reduce fees payable under the Special Liquidity Scheme (SLS). The issue was proactively brought to the FCA's attention when it was identified by the Group as part of its internal investigation into the LIBOR issues.

The Group has agreed to pay £70 million to the FCA in connection with the resolution of the BBA Repo Rate issue and related systems and controls failings. Both the CFTC and DoJ settlements are in respect of LIBOR only and neither agency has taken action regarding the BBA Repo Rate.

The BBA Repo Rate was used by the Bank of England (BoE) to calculate the fees for the SLS. During the period that Lloyds TSB and HBOS used the SLS they paid £1,278 million in fees, just under half of all the fees payable by the industry under the Scheme. As a result of the actions of the four individuals involved, the Group has paid nearly £8 million to compensate the BoE for amounts underpaid (by Lloyds TSB and HBOS and the other banks that used the SLS).

Each of the authorities has recognised the extent of the Group's co-operation in the investigation, as part of which the Group has carried out an extensive internal review.

In addition, the FCA has noted in the Final Notice that:

"...the frequency of documented LIBOR Requests is lower than at other firms who have been the subject of disciplinary action by the Authority for LIBOR manipulation".

The DoJ has also said in the Deferred Prosecution Agreement that:

"...although the LIBOR misconduct was serious, it was limited in scope relative to certain other LIBOR panel banks and was not pervasive within LBG or its predecessor entities."

The Group will release its 2014 Half Year Results on 31 July 2014, which will include a full update on the Group's underlying trading performance, other legacy and statutory items, as well as its balance sheet and capital position and business outlook.

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